



## European Food Banks extend their efforts

The deployment of emergency aid to Ukrainians continues whilst they assume their traditional role and help charities assisting people in need in these countries

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On 7 March the Presidents' Conference of the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) met to gather updates from the most impacted members by the crisis in Ukraine. FEBA also shared information with its members about the campaign #AllTogether4Ukraine and the actions taken.

*"We are impressed and profoundly moved by the commitment of our members and all those who are helping us."* said Jacques Vandenschrik, President of the European Food Banks Federation. *"However, we need more help. Food is needed in Ukraine and Moldova. We need non-perishable food, baby food, ready-to-eat food as well as water. We also need funds to deliver food and reinforce our logistic. We ask everyone to join our campaign #AllTogether4Ukraine."*

**All FEBA Members are mobilised while the situation is rapidly changing and becoming more dramatic, especially in Ukraine and Moldova.** The Kyiv City Charity Foundation "Food Bank" in Ukraine is still running in Kyiv and helping the hospital which is out of food. In Kyiv the last supplies of food are running out. The Food Bank has also created two temporary redistribution centres in Chernivsti and L'viv, where Toidupank, FEBA Member in Estonia, delivered 33 pallets of food. Two trucks of food will arrive in Chernivsti. Banca de Alimente in Moldova is helping refugees who are fleeing as well as redistributing food to Ukrainian charities close to Odessa. Banca pentru Alimente in Romania and Federacja Polskich Banków Żywności in Poland are providing food to refugees as well as delivering food to Ukraine in Chernivsti and L'viv.





Launched on 1 March, the [campaign #AllTogether4Ukraine](#) aims to help the people of Ukraine supporting FEBA Members in Ukraine and neighbouring countries such as Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

These are the results up to date:

- FEBA has raised **1.8 million € from corporations, foundations, organisations, FEBA Members, and private individuals**. This amount is expected to support FEBA Members affected by the crisis for one month with weekly food deliveries to ensure sufficient food but not to burden the logistical management of the food received. A first payment of 435.000 € has been earmarked to deliver food to the FEBA Member in Romania, **Federația Băncilor pentru Alimente din România (FBAR)**. FBAR will act as a **hub for FEBA to redistribute food to Ukrainian people in Chișinău in Moldova** where estimates expect the arrival of 200,000 refugees. The food will be redistributed to **Banca pentru Alimente in Bucharest, Cluj, Brasov, Oradea, and Roman in Romania**, where 95,000 refugees are present out of the 285,000 having entered the country. 190,000 refugees were in transit and proceeded to other Western European countries. **Food will also reach Chernivsti, L'viv and Odessa in Ukraine**. FEBA is also **supporting the urgent purchase of food handling equipment and financing other logistic costs** (one warehouse in Chișinău (Moldova), 6 vans, 6 electric handling equipment, temporary staff), **in Moldova and Romania** to ensure an efficient logistic of these unexpected efforts to help refugees and their normal daily activities.
- FEBA has mobilised **the food businesses, partner to FEBA, to get aid and deliver food to its members in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Poland**.

The European Food Banks Federation is calling corporations, foundations, organisations, and private citizens to join the campaign.

Learn more and donate on <https://www.eurofoodbank.org/feba-supports-ukraine>.

**#AllTogether4Ukraine**

### About the European Food Banks Federation

The European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) is a European non-profit organisation and works in collaboration with 24 Full Members and 6 Associate Members in European countries. Since 1986, FEBA mission has consisted in representing its membership at European and international level; supporting and strengthening Food Banks in Europe by providing training, sharing best practice and knowledge, and developing partnerships; and fostering the creation of new Food Banks. FEBA brings together a network of over 300 Food Banks which are committed to fight against food waste and to reduce food insecurity. In 2020, our Full Members redistributed 860,000 tonnes of food to 48,126 charitable organisations providing food assistance to 12.8 million most deprived people thanks to the professionalism of 37,016 co-workers (85% volunteers). In addition to surplus food from the food supply chain, FEBA Members also redistribute food from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) and the Fruits and Vegetables withdrawal scheme, as well as from individual and corporate food collections.