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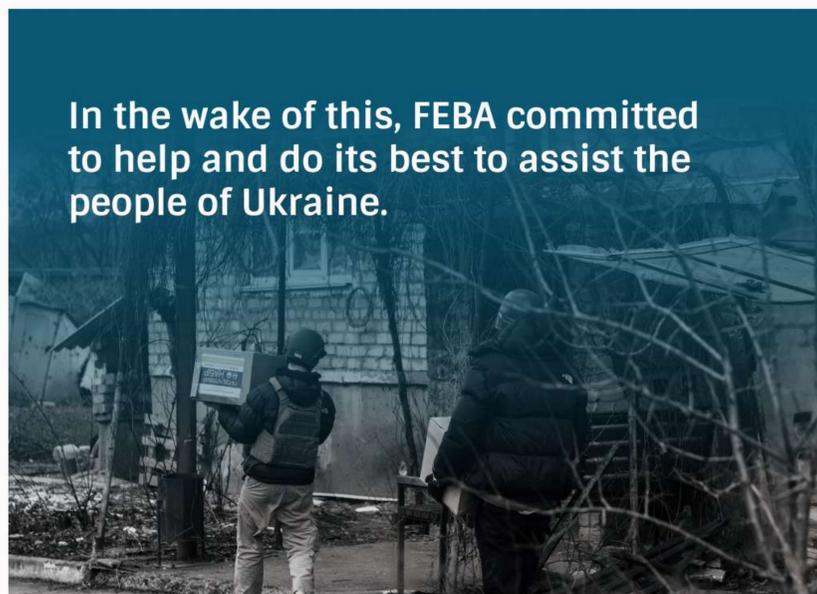
FEED PEOPLE -  
**FEED HUMANITY**



## IN FEBRUARY 2022,

the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine started, 8 years into the conflict in the Donbas region.

This devastating news was felt across the Food Bank network across Europe.



In the wake of this, FEBA committed to help and do its best to assist the people of Ukraine.

## ON 1 MARCH 2022,

the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) launched a campaign **#AllTogether4Ukraine**.

It was FEBA's reaction to the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine.



The main goal of the campaign was to support the Food Banks to help the displaced people of Ukraine, inside and outside the country.

## NOW

FEBA is launching a second campaign, **FoodAidUkraine**.

The war continues and FEBA's support will be in place as much as needed

Civilians face a two-fold challenge of the ongoing battles and shelling on the one hand and food insecurity on the other.



Not only direct issues due to the battles and shelling, but also **indirect** – **increase of food insecurity**.



# ABOUT FEBA

We are a European-wide network

# 30

countries

# 350

warehouses

# 100K

staff and volunteers

# 12 ML

people are getting food through a network of more than

# 40K

charities and community groups.

We operated in all the countries that bore the brunt of the refugee crisis but needed to scale up the operations of the foodbank in Ukraine itself, in order to cope.

FEBA has a strong role to play alongside the major international aid organisations.

Our model is to supply food to front line charitable organisations who are best placed to identify the most extremely vulnerable in their communities.

Since the war broke out, FEBA has sent staff to assess needs and operations on three different occasions.



This campaign caused an enormous wave of solidarity across Europe and all over the world.

Thanks to the generosity of FEBA's donors and Members were fundraised:

## 7.5 MILLION EURO

This is the biggest fundraising campaign in FEBA's history, which was focused on one goal:

**TO HELP THOSE CIVILIANS WHO SUFFERED THE MOST FROM THE WAR.**

During this time, all these funds were spent on the needs of Ukrainians inside the country and in neighbouring countries.



The war created displacement and migration both within and outside of Ukraine's borders.

Millions of Ukrainian refugees arrived in the neighbouring countries, resulting in



**ONE OF THE BIGGEST MIGRATION CRISES IN THE MODERN HISTORY OF EUROPE.**

**The current funding will run out in February 2024** and we are now launching a campaign

to raise the necessary funds to support the most vulnerable Ukrainians through the rest of **Winter 2024.**

# ACTIVITY TO DATE

FEBA has employed a Project Manager to provide oversight and accountability of the campaign.

Reacting to this unfolding humanitarian crisis the first move of FEBA was to assist the members in the process of **strengthening the capacity of Poland, Romania, Moldova, and Slovakia.**

They were the first to welcome

**THOUSANDS**  
OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEES.



**€1.1 MILLION**

In total, was spent to assist Ukrainian refugees by the Food Banks.



Meanwhile, other FEBA Members sent trucks of food and hygiene products to Food Banks in those countries, and directly to charitable organisations in Ukraine.



FEBA estimates that at least

**4,155 TONNES**

of food and hygiene products were sent to Ukraine.



The solidarity shown by Food Bankers all across Europe made an enormous impact. **FEBA members stood together and helped each other** to provide the best support for the people of Ukraine.

Inside the country, **FEBA provided support to the population** by installing an effective food banking system in the country.

During the development of this system, FEBA distributed food in Ukraine **with the help of the Hungarian Interchurch Aid.**

In total, FEBA spent

**€ 6,4 MILLION**

on providing support in Ukraine, out of which

**€ 5,2 MILLION**

were spent on food distribution.

Prior to the war there was one Food Bank in Kyiv which struggled to expand its services across the country due to lack of resources.

Once the situation began to stabilise, FEBA made an on-the-ground assessment to Ukraine to better understand the situation in the country and the Food Bank.

FEBA decided to support the establishment of the **Ukrainian Food Banks Federation** and set several goals for upcoming period.



## GOALS

### COMMUNITY

To reinforce and grow the food banking structure in the country.

### SUPPORT

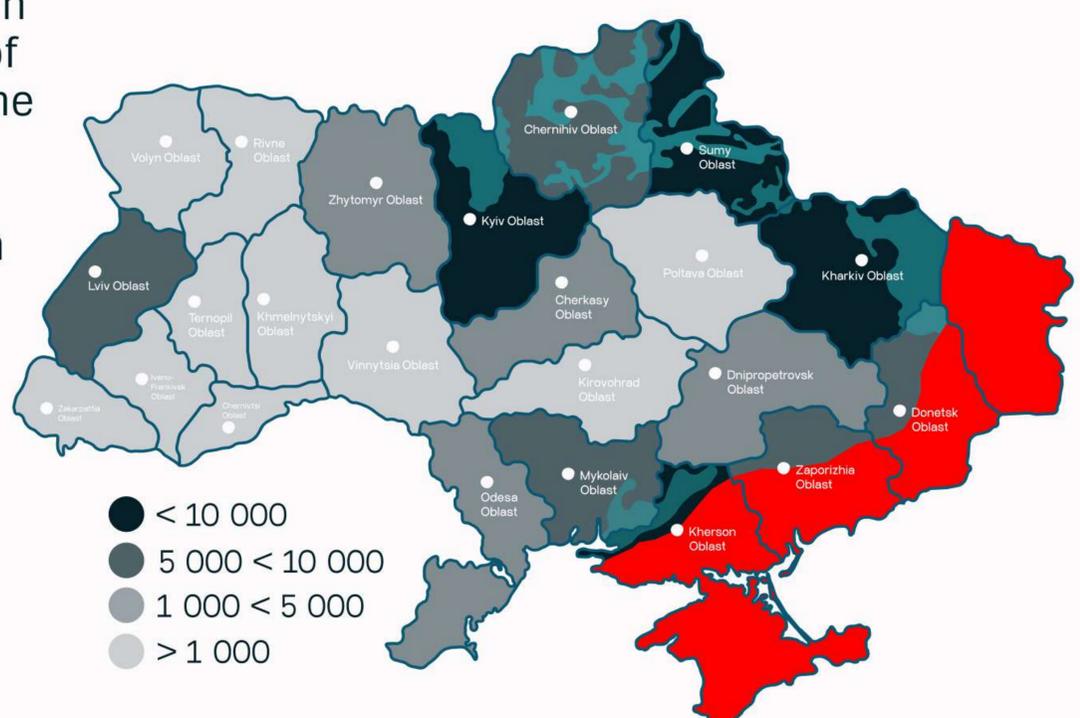
Providing essential support to the population by purchasing food and distributing it to the most affected by war.

What quickly became clear, as a result of having Ukrainians running their own operation, was that there was plenty of food in Ukraine itself, and that once the movement of people stabilised, **UFBF would be much better to procure Ukrainian food in-country** rather than importing from elsewhere in Europe.

**UFBF is purchasing food from local producers prioritising a good balance between the price and quality**, and ensuring the food is suitable for the needs of the end-beneficiaries.

This not only strengthens the work of UFBF but also has the indirect effect of supporting the local economy,

■ liberated territories ■ occupied territories



**increasing the effect of FEBA donations that were fundraised for the benefit of Ukrainian society.**

# THE UFBF FOOD KIT

Using recommendations from the Ministry of Health, **UFBF custom designed food kits for the needs of Ukrainians.** These are packaged in a practical carton boxes in order to transport and redistribute it in the most remote villages.



The cost of buying, packing and delivering each food kit to the end beneficiary is €40.



The kits consist of 27 different products, which are equal to 126 meals **for a family of three people for 14 days.**

The kits include yeast and the ability to bake bread and prepare coffee, in direct response to feedback.

The additional importance of locally sourced food is the labelling in Ukrainian language which is understandable for the majority of recipients.



The design of the food kits have at their heart solidarity and love towards those receiving them.

Ukrainian celebrity chefs have supported by creating recipes.



# MENU

## DAY 1

**Breakfast**  
pancakes, coffee/tea



**Lunch**  
porridge with meat,  
bread, tea



**Dinner**  
varenyky with liver  
pate, waffles, tea



## DAY 2

**Breakfast**  
biscuits



**Lunch**  
porridge with fish



**Dinner**  
soup with vegetables  
and pasta, bread



## DAY 3

**Breakfast**  
milk porridge, coffee/tea



**Lunch**  
buckwheat with  
meat, vegetables



**Dinner**  
pasta with liver pate



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

# 100 500

Food Kits redistributed

# 42

Charities supported



# 23

OUT OF

# 25

Oblasts served



# 360 000

End-beneficiaries supported

# 11 000 000 MEALS

REDISTRIBUTED

# 160

Volunteers of UFBF

# 2

warehouses in  
Kyiv and Lviv

# 11

Staff members  
of UFBF

# 3

vehicles

UFBF established a strong network in collaboration with 42 charities and humanitarian aid organisations all over Ukraine. These vary in terms of end-beneficiaries and structure but ensure that UFBF covers all layers of society and tailors to their needs.

Their activities are guided by three key principles of help.

## FOR THOSE WHO:

- 1** NEED  
it most
- 2** WHERE  
it is needed
- 3** WHEN  
it is needed

That is why, they focus their work on the most affected regions, such as liberated territories and areas close to front lines.

It was important to see that the charitable organisations were distributing food kits **by the prepared lists of people** and checked their passports to confirm the identity. In this way accountability and traceability is being maintained at the highest level.

UFBF signed a partnership memorandum with **the Ombudsman of Human Rights in Ukraine**. That is how they got availability to support people, especially children who were forcibly taken to Russia and currently returned to Ukraine. UFBF provides food for them during the first month of their return to the Ukraine.



UFBF provides essential support for orphanages, large families, Internally Displaced People and other groups of people.



# FACING THE CHALLENGES OF 2024

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

## FOODAIDUKRAINE

We want to reach more villages and towns in rural areas where aid is currently not being received. Voucher programmes and cash assistance do not work in remote rural areas without supermarkets.

Our assessment, based on the in-depth experience of the last year, is that we require:

**€ 15 MILLION**

This funding will enable us to operate at this higher level until the end of 2024, supporting those that need it most.



This will take the number of food kits

**9 000** per month **< 36 000** per month

as we respond to the feedback from **the 42 charities** we supply.



Even if the war stops in the near future, the need will continue.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The European Food Banks Federation takes this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the support granted by many through the #AllTogether4Ukraine campaign.

We further deeply appreciate the availability of our members in supporting this campaign in many different ways with their knowledge.

Last but not least, a **sincere thank you to the Emergency Response Committee (ERC) of FEBA** for their commitment to provide valuable insights into the implementation of this campaign. We look forward to the campaign with your support.



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