

Full-service healthcare distributors respond to invasion in Ukraine

As an association founded to promote citizens health and patients' safety, the thoughts of Europe's full-service healthcare distributors are with the Ukrainian people. We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and share their deep sorrow at all human lives lost. Our priority is to ensure immediate access to medicines for all patients in Ukraine and the neighbouring EU Member States, welcoming the millions of refugees fleeing the violence.

Professionally engaged, Personally committed

GIRP members are active on national level, engaging with Member States and Ukrainian embassies to organise the donation of medicines, with pallets of essential medical products leaving warehouses daily for dispatch across Ukraine. GIRP is also working actively at EU-level in collaboration with HERA to mobilise efforts and harmonise our support/approach for coordination to best respond to Ukrainian needs.

Different departures, same destination

Across Europe, GIRP members are working relentlessly to ensure help is met. In Germany, GIRP members have loaded several trucks and vans, loaded with medicines, bandages, medical equipment, baby and baby food as well as disinfectants, which are on their way to the Polish-Ukrainian border. They have also set up a donation fund from which all proceeds will go to organisations onsite in Ukraine.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

DG ECHO is currently coordinating at European level with the National civil protection systems. They have requested that you please contact your respective national offices (for EU Member States) to coordinate your approach and support, which can be found at the following link:

[The national disaster management system \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

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From Slovakia, Czech Republic and Poland, GIRP members donated packages full of medical and pharmaceutical assortment to Ukraine, sending trucks loaded with infant formulas, baby milks, medicines, first aid kits and respirators to the borders from where the NGOs will distribute the packages to Ukraine. They are distributing first aid kits and medicines to refugee camps on Slovakia-Ukraine borders.



In Switzerland, GIRP members coordinated action with a local transport company to ensure 27 pallets of medical supplies for Ukraine, packed directly in the distribution centre in Niederbipp reached Lviv. From there, the pallets were transported by Ukrainian authorities within the country as needed and further transports are currently in preparation.

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