

Dear Members of the European Committee of the Regions,

Like us, you are following at every moment the drama that the Ukrainian population is living. ACTED, present in the country since 2015, is more than ever mobilized to support them. In order to do so, we already benefit from the support of some international and French donors. Every gesture counts to carry out our emergency plans and support the victims of the conflict.

More generally, as the second biggest French NGO, ACTED has supported in 2021 20 million beneficiaries in 40 countries. Thanks to the involvement of our institutional and private partners, we are able provide emergency and development solutions in order to answer the most necessary needs of vulnerable populations. With our 7,000 worldwide employees as well as our 350-million- euro annual budget, ACTED develops and implements programs for the most vulnerable people , covering various themes such as emergency response plans, sustainable access to essential needs and services (food security, access to water, hygiene and sanitation, vocational training and education...), the strengthening of governance or the protection of the environment in line with ACTED's new Green Strategy (support to sustainable agriculture, water stress management, ecosystems regeneration...).

For the past 7 years, ACTED has been working in Ukraine, particularly with the victims of the conflict in Donbass. Today more than ever, our teams and partners are mobilized in the field (Ukraine, Moldavia, Poland) to support the displaced and refugee populations.

With the help of local authorities, civil society actors, humanitarian organizations, and our 200 local employees in Ukraine and neighboring countries, we have various missions:

- Rehabilitation and installation of water and sanitation infrastructures and distribution of hygiene kits.
- Distribution of food baskets and hot meals, as well as blankets in Lviv, Kharkiv, Vulhedar, Dobropilliya and Svyatohirsk.
- Multi-purpose cash assistance.
- Psychological support services.
- Training of local actors (local authorities and associations) in crisis management.
- Management of refugee centers. In Moldova, ACTED was the first NGO on the ground to respond to the crisis and the Moldovan government has entrusted us with the **management of 150 refugee centers**.
- Launch of our operation "[Humanitarian convoys for Ukraine](#)". We provide logistic convoys to Ukraine, Moldova and Poland. **45 trucks** have already left France and have brought **1 000 tons** of first emergency kit to the refugee and displaced populations.

In order to realize our emergency program **every financial support is impacting**. We propose secure donation on our [online donation platform](#) or bank transfer. This can be done individually or at the level of a community or a private group. We already received a support from many French partners (institutional, private ,international -UNHCR, WFP, USAID ...). Particularly, many French Region through our partnership agreement with the Regions de France helped us to provide first aid to the most vulnerable Ukrainian population. **Every gesture has an impact and we will be honored to receive the support of European collectivities.**

We remain at your disposal and thank you in advance for your support and help.