

MEDICINE FOR UKRAINIANS: WINTERSHALL DEA DONATES TO ACTION MEDEOR

- 350,000 Euro for so-called "emergency pharmacy of the world"
- Medical supplies for Ukrainian hospital
- Support for establishment of aid infrastructure for refugees in Moldova
- Support for cities of Kassel and Hamburg in building shelters for refugees

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The aid organisation action medeor is the first institution to receive emergency financial aid from Wintershall Dea's humanitarian donation for medical care for people in the war zone in Ukraine and in neighbouring Moldova. Wintershall Dea has made a donation of one million euros. The aid and donations are processed through the company's own non-profit Wintershall Dea Foundation.

Together with the Management Board, the Speakers' Committee and the General Works Council of Wintershall Dea, the Board of the Wintershall Dea Foundation for Democracy and Diversity has now agreed on the first emergency aid for action medeor. "In doing so, we leave the big wellknown NGOs to the others - we support existing partners and local initiatives," explains Michael Sasse, company spokesman and board member of the Wintershall Dea Foundation. "By supporting action medeor, the so-called emergency pharmacy of the world, our

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humanitarian aid directly reaches people in acute need." The company wants to help a capable and trustworthy NGO that is not so much in the spotlight but had already worked successfully with Wintershall in the past – for instance during the Arab Spring in Libya in 2011. Action medeor is part of the official alliance "Aktion Deutschland Hilft" ("initiative: Germany helps").

First aid for the world's emergency pharmacy

Since 1 March, teams from the aid organisation have been bringing medical supplies and medicine via a safe route to a partner hospital in Ternopil in western Ukraine. The contact has existed for years, reports Sid Peruvemba, board spokesman for action medeor. The hospital specialises in surgical operations and the treatment of burns. The aid organisation has also already handed over two fully equipped ambulances for rescuing injured people and bringing them to the hospital. According to action medeor, 90 percent of the hospital's patients are currently refugees.

In addition, the team wants to establish an aid infrastructure in Moldova for the care of transit refugees. Moldova is the smallest and poorest of Ukraine's western neighbours and currently hosts the largest number of refugees in relation to its own population. As a first aid measure, action medeor distributes food packages to refugee families in Moldova as part of a project alliance with the organisation IBC.



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In a first step, action medeor will receive around 350,000 euros from the Wintershall Dea Foundation for this work. This will finance up to four aid transports to Ternopil and Moldova – with supplies of antibiotics, infusion solutions, medicines for the treatment of burns and for the care of the chronically ill as well as surgical dressing for operations and other medical equipment.

"action medeor is very grateful to Wintershall Dea AG for its generous donation and support for the Ukraine emergency aid," says Sid Peruvemba. "This is a sign of solidarity with the people in Ukraine who have been affected by the war and are currently in urgent need of our help."

Aid for the construction of refugee shelters

In addition to action medeor, the cities of Hamburg and Kassel, where Wintershall Dea has its headquarters, will also be supported with funds from the company donation. "Through direct contacts in the city administrations, we can provide help in setting up refugee accommodation quickly and pragmatically," Sasse continues.

In **Kassel**, the city administration is already receiving financial support in setting up central refugee accommodation. The company's foundation spontaneously provided 50 washing machines for new refugee shelters already. According to the city, more than 1,500 refugees from Ukraine have already arrived in Kassel - more than 500 of them children. The city



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expects the numbers to jump to 4,000 to 5,000 people in the coming weeks.

In **Hamburg**, Wintershall Dea has suggested that the building at Überseering, which has been used as the company headquarters up to now, could possibly be used as central accommodation for refugee women and children. To this end, colleagues have already put the Social Welfare Office of the City of Hamburg in contact with the buyer of the property. Wintershall Dea has sold the building and will move out at the end of the year.

Just under half of the company's donation is expected to be deployed and used within the next two weeks. "At the same time, we will continue to monitor the situation and then plan the use of the remaining funds in April," Sasse says. Until then, colleagues can continue to donate online. Employees have already donated more than 50,000 euros in the first days since the appeal. "We are very proud of the solidarity and generosity of #teamwintershalldea," says Sasse: "Thanks to the great commitment of our employees, we can make a valuable contribution to supporting the people in Ukraine and the numerous refugees."

Wintershall Dea is providing a total of one million euros for emergency humanitarian aid for the war in Ukraine and is matching every employee donation that is transferred to its own Wintershall Dea Foundation for Democracy and Diversity.



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As a European gas and oil company, we support the EU's 2050 carbon neutrality target. As our contribution we have set ourselves ambitious targets: We want to be net zero across our entire upstream operations – both operated and non-operated – by 2030. This includes Scope 1 (direct) and Scope 2 (indirect) greenhouse gas emissions on an equity share basis. In addition Wintershall Dea will bring methane emissions intensity below 0.1 per cent by 2025 and maintain zero routine flaring of associated gas in its operations. The climate goals are to be achieved through portfolio optimization, emissions reduction through more energy efficiency, investments in nature-based compensation solutions and in future technologies such as hydrogen and CCS. **You can find more about this in our Sustainability Report.**

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