

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Russian Federation-led armed conflict in Ukraine that escalated on 24 February 2022 has caused the world's fastest-growing displacement crisis since World War II. It also caused widespread destruction, loss of life and suffering. Millions of people are displaced within Ukraine and abroad with Ukrainians hosted across Europe.

Located in Western Europe, Poland is the primary country of asylum for Ukrainians seeking refuge. They either remain in Poland, depart onwards to other European countries, or return and commute to Ukraine.

Moldova has seen a large influx of refugees crossing into the country from southern Ukraine. It is, however, anticipated that Moldova will remain a transit country with ongoing pendular movements, and with the cross-border movement trends tied to the evolution of the conflict in Ukraine.

## OPERATION

DRC's presence is unique in Poland and Moldova with the role of bringing quality change through localised implementation and on the basis of equitable partnership with local civil society organisations and municipalities. DRC and the local partners assist conflict- and displacement-affected people in coping with the effects of the Ukrainian crisis while ensuring timely and relevant protection as well as services, thus promoting local buy-in and ownership of programmes to bolster sustainability.

DRC arrived in Romania in March 2022 and partnered with several local organisations mainly for the implementation of protection activities. However, DRC's engagement in Romania has shifted to a more limited approach and activities are on hold.



## DRC CORE SECTORS



**PROTECTION**



**ECONOMIC RECOVERY**



**HUMANITARIAN DISARMAMENT & PEACEBUILDING**



**SHELTER & SETTLEMENTS**



**CAMP COORDINATION & CAMP MANAGEMENT**



# ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

## Community Centers and Community Based Protection

Jointly with 14 Polish NGOs, DRC is operating to enhance access to rights-based services, strengthen the resilience and social inclusion of persons affected by the war in Ukraine and other displacement-affected persons through outreach and provision of inclusive protection services delivered through Community Centres, Blue Dots and mobile outreach. Through Protection Advisory Group (PAG) and different coordination groups, DRC Moldova continues providing valuable support to key policy making and direct field response.

## Legal Aid

Responding to the increasing demand of Ukrainian refugees related to a wide spectrum of cross-border legal aid issues, DRC initiative aims to ensure a coherent and effective provision of free legal aid to displaced persons enabling informed decisions, access rights and services and pursue solutions. Timely and high-quality legal information and assistance is provided through DRC Legal Aid Platform, a virtual interface where people have access to legal information in relevant languages (Ukrainian, Polish and English).

## Protection Monitoring

In collaboration with three local organizations and the UNHCR-led Protection Monitoring Task Force, a pilot project has been launched to support two-fold crisis: the Ukrainian response in Pomorskie and Dolnoslaskie Voivodship, focusing on the hard-to-reach population living in rural areas; and the emergency at Belarus border. The Ukrainian component includes collection and data analysis in order to identify violations of rights and related protection risks, as well as to enable protection referrals and Individual Protection Assistance (IPA). DRC is also supporting the response to the humanitarian crisis at the Polish – Belarus border.

## Explosive Ordnance Risk Education

Through awareness sessions and tailored communication materials, information related to risks associated to mines and explosive remnants are disseminated primarily to displaced Ukrainian population. Sessions are specifically designed for specific targets groups, with different approaches designed for children, adolescents and adults.

## SECTOR COMPONENTS ACTIVE / NOT ACTIVE



- Child Protection
- Prevention and Response to Gender-Based Violence
- Legal Aid
- Community-Based Protection
- Protection Information Management
- Psycho-Social Support
- Protection Coordination Support



- Conflict Management
- Mine Action
- Weapons and Ammunitions Management
- Security Governance



- Site Management
- Community participation and representation
- Site environment
- Site service coordination and monitoring
- Site closure and exit planning

## Site Management Support

Building on local capacities and context-specific strengths, DRC supports site management actors (local authorities and NGOs) through capacity building activities, tailored to the needs of the participants. DRC in Moldova works to address needs of refugees residing in informal refugee asylum centers, as well among vulnerable host community members, asylum seekers and ethnic minorities. Targeted infrastructure interventions help improve safety and living conditions. These include small-scale site upgrades around critical shelter as well as water and sanitation ensure standards adapting to winterization.

## EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS

From the onset, DRC's approach has been to capitalise on the work of partners, ensure skills transfer and technical support to their reorientation towards provision of better humanitarian assistance. While the role of Polish and Moldovan authorities, CSOs, RLOs remain a central feature to support the sustainability of the response, the national and localised coordination mechanisms are further strengthened by DRC through cooperation and synergies among them.

Based out in all major hosting cities and border crossing points our local partners include: [Polish Migration Forum](#), [Ukrainian House Foundation](#), [Foundation for Freedom](#), [Homo Faber Association](#), [Nomada Association](#), [Kaleidoscope of Cultures Foundation](#), [Critical Education Association](#), [OVUM Association](#), [Immigrants Support Center](#), [Internationaler Bund Polska](#), [SALAM LAB](#), [Zustricz Foundation](#), [The Rule of Law Institute](#), [Legal Intervention Association](#).

Poland, Moldova and Romania regional map





Founded in 1956, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is Denmark's largest international NGO and a globally recognised humanitarian actor with a specific expertise in forced displacement. Based in Denmark and present in around 40 countries, DRC employs over 8,000 staff worldwide.

DRC advocates for the rights of and solutions for displacement-affected communities, and provides assistance during all stages of displacement: In acute crisis, in exile, when settling and integrating in a new place, or upon return.

The aim of DRC is to support displaced persons in becoming self-reliant and included into hosting societies. DRC works with civil society and responsible authorities to promote protection of rights and inclusion.

DRC's code of conduct sits at the core of the organisational mission that aims at the highest ethical and professional standards. DRC has been certified as meeting the highest quality standards according to the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability.

Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary is DRC's patron.  
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