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Emergency aid for Ukrainian refugees

MD 107-G

With the support of LCIF, report August 2022

This was drawn by Karina Lebedieva, 8. This girl in the picture is walking in the grain fields of Hersonis - that's where Karina and her family came to us to Äänekoski. Together with the Lions clubs, with the support of LCIF, we welcomed these small and big Ukrainian friends to us. Both the Ukrainians in their evacuated homes and the Lions who provided help were happy. LCIF's support was significant!





A. General information related to the project

This report covers the following: EMR | DPR | CMR

LCIF grant tracking number: DES21132/107-G

Grant amount US\$: \$15,000 (€13,496.77)

The grant project started in May 2022 and ended on June 30, 2022

B. Effects of Grant and Beneficiaries

500 families benefited from the grant-financed project. Emergency aid bags were distributed to Ukrainian refugee families who arrived in the area of the MD 107-G district in cooperation with the Jyväskylä and Äänekoski reception centers and the Finnish Red Cross (SPR). A total of 2,500 people benefited from the assistance. The families that received the emergency aid package were of different sizes. Some families had only one person and others had up to 8 people and several generations (in this case they received two bags). Indirectly, a huge number of people benefited from the emergency aid package, because "Welcome to Finland" cards and stories about the project and newspaper articles were published and shared on social media and e.g. Because of the emergency aid bags in Äänekoski, a long-term and hugely extensive volunteer aid group started, which is organized by the members of the local Lions club "Help for Ukrainian refugees in the Ääne region":

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/662100352177492/>

Johanna Arho-Forsblom was mainly the administrator of the Facebook group

Helvi Stolt (LC Vaajakoski/Ewe) coordinated the distribution of the bags in the Jyväskylä region and delivered the packed bags on June 7, 2022. 50 of them were delivered to the reception center to be distributed and 50 bags to the families of Salmiranna. Jyväskylä SPR helped in getting contact information and finding families. Each family got their own bag and the joy was indescribable. Helvi says that she received a lot of hugs and praise, and people were genuinely happy and grateful.

Toivo Lehtinen (LC Jämsä) coordinates aid in the Jämsä region. On June 6, 2022, they packed bags (100 pcs) to distribute to Ukrainian refugees in the Jämsä region. They were handed over on June 6 to be distributed by the local SPR.

Mauri Koskela (LC Keuruu) organized the distribution of aid bags to Keuruu. Ukrainian refugees who arrived in the village were given 100 aid bags.

Panu Kuronen (LC Pihtipudas) handled the coordination of aid bags in the northern part of District G and distributed them to refugee families with the help of local clubs. They met the families in person.

Pirkko Kokkonen and Johanna Arho-Forsblom were responsible for organizing the packing and distribution of Äänekoski aid bags (100 pcs) with the help of their own Lions club. Some were immediately distributed to families who had already arrived earlier. Some bags were distributed later. Each family was visited in the village. At the same time, friendship began and many kinds of help in their homes. In Äänekoski, bags were distributed by **LC Äänekoski / Helmi**.



C. Additional information

Russia launched a military offensive against Ukraine on the 24th. February 2022. Since then, millions of people have fled the war and sought refuge in EU countries. Refugees started coming to Finland immediately after the start of the war in Ukraine. In August 2022, approximately 40,000 Ukrainian refugees have arrived in Finland. In Finland, helping refugees is coordinated by the Immigration Office. However, help was needed from several volunteer organizations. Finnish Lions clubs played a significant role when LCIF awarded emergency grants to several Lions districts to help refugees. The grant from District G was used to collect relief bags for families. The bags contained the necessary basic supplies. The bags were distributed in five places in the G area. The distribution of the bags was carried out in cooperation with reception centers and the Finnish Red Cross (SPR). We did not reach every refugee family that moved to District G, but a large part of them. Each bag contained a card welcoming the families to us and telling them that the help came from the Lions, and the cards also had the LCIF logo. It was possible to donate several bags face to face and personally meet refugee families in their shelters. The reception centers and SPR were surprised and happy about such significant help.

The Lions movement is special in the sense that goodness, selflessness and generosity are valued as the most important traits of its leaders and all members. Thanks to the distributed aid bags, the way the Lions work became a concrete reality for the refugees moving here.

One of the challenges of the trip was reaching the refugee families of Jyväskylä, the largest city in District G. After several emails and phone calls, the partners were found. In smaller towns, Ukrainian refugees were met face-to-face and partners were easily found. Communication was successful with the help of a telephone translator and interpreters.

All the media in our region were contacted about helping Ukraine. In fact, the newspaper story only appeared in Jämsä. However, helping the lions of Area 107-G indirectly came up in many news stories, and the help group on Facebook currently has 1003 followers.

Our new Ukrainian friends thanked the Lions for their help in many ways. The pictures show El-mira Lebediva's (Äänekoski) artworks, which she brought as a thank you. We were invited to many homes for coffee or tea and dinner. We got to taste different Ukrainian delicacies and make real friends.





D. Financial Information

Statement on the use of the LCIF grant

Awarded grant \$15,000 / €13,496.77 Payment date 05/03/2022

Receipt 1 Jyskän Varastomyymälä 13.416.77 Emergency supplies paid 20.06.2022

Receipt 2 University of Jyväskylä 84.00 Emergency supplies paid on 23 June 2022

Total 13,500 77

Attachments:

1. Receipt number 1 and receipt number 2
2. Invoice number 100
3. Invoice number 101
4. and 5. Bank statement
6. Welcome card used for emergency assistance

Receipt number	The bill number	Date	Supplier of goods	Amount	Description	Commentary
1	100	20.6.2022	Jyskän Varastomyymälä, Jyväskylä	13.416.77	Emergency supplies	Amount in euros
2	101	23.6.2022	Jyväskylän Yliopistopaino	84.00	Used for emergency aid 500 greeting cards	Amount in euros
				IN TOTAL:		Overage paid from 107-G district's own money
				15.000\$ /		
				13.496.77€		
				(13.500.77)		

Jyskän Varastomyymälä was a special partner in our project. They sold all supplies at wholesale prices and gave us cloth bags to donate. The Jyskän Varastomyymälä store also added products for which no fee is charged to the donation. The value of the bag was greater than the amount paid.



The grant was used to collect everyday items necessary for personal hygiene and house cleaning, as well as something delicious (chocolate cookies). The supplies were collected in cloth bags. There were 500 of these bags and they were distributed to Ukrainian refugee families who moved to District G.



Pakolliset teinäkälyt, LC Jämsänseutu, LC Jämsä/Himola ja LC Keuruu, kokosivat ruokakauppi tableilla valmiiksi viikkotapaan. Kuvassa leijonen Erkki Mäntylä, Olli Vesanen sekä Pekka Ikonen. Mukana taloustalossa oli myös lähtökälyt.



Pictures above:

1. LC Jämsänseutu lions and ready-made auxiliary bags,
2. LC Äänekoski / Helmi at work
3. LC Keuruu distributes bags to Ukrainian refugees.



Pictures above:

LC Karstula / Sirkat have finished the job and on the right the lions of LC Pihitipudas at work.



LC Vaajakoski / Ewe lions in aid work. The supplies to be donated were collected in bags from Jyskän Varastomyymälä in Jyväskylä. LC Vaajakoski / Ewe did the most work here. Other clubs just had to pick up the pre-assembled bags and distribute them in their own locality.



LC Pihtipudas and LC Pihtipudas / Emmit welcomed the Ukrainian refugees who arrived in the village to the market event. During the spring, the Lions prepared furnished apartments for refugees, and donating bags was an important part of helping.





In Keuruu, Ukrainians gather on Sundays at the premises of the Bethania church for a coffee meeting, which also includes a devotional time. LC Keuruu participates in these events.

A separate WhatsApp group was created for Ukrainians. Through it, the distribution time of lion bags was also announced. Almost everyone showed up. For those living in Haapamäki, the bags were distributed separately at home. A few bags were left over and they were delivered to Äänekoski, because more refugees came there.

In Keuruu, Jyrki Toljander, Silja Õigus and Mauri Koskela participated in the work.

When Mauri Koskela told the Ukrainians that the donation came from the Lions, it caused confusion, but they accepted the bags with great gratitude. For many, the activities of Lions were an unknown concept. It was great to explain what else this global aid organization of ours does. LC Keuruu continued to help every week e.g. in getting an apartment, opening a bank account, doing business at the health center, studying Finnish, etc. Mauri Koskela and his spouse speak Russian.



LC Äänekoski / Helmi cooperated with the local reception center. It all started with handing out bags. During the spring and summer, a community was born, joined by 30 volunteers (not lions), and the project's Facebook page gathered more than a thousand followers, who helped in many ways. The grant is coordinated by LC Äänekoski/Helmi.

Each family received their own bag of basic supplies put together with the support of LCIF, with which we welcomed them to Finland and Äänekoski. Each family met individually. Everyone also got to ask and hear what lions are. This huge project started with these bags! We were able to help in many other ways, and the number of volunteer helpers was constantly growing. Helping Ukrainians became a popular movement in Äänekoski, which was written about



Äänekoski's aid was organized by Lion Johanna Arho-Forsblom, and her car and many others' were full of donated goods all the time - both from the donor and going to the Ukrainians.

During the summer months, we collected leftover food from the shops in Äänekoski (Mon, Wed and Fri) and distributed it to the refugees. When the reception money wasn't rolling in yet, they were also hungry. Ukrainians helped themselves, that help was distributed equally to everyone.





In the summer, together with the Ukrainians, we set up a vegetable garden for them in the yard of the apartment building. They said that in Ukraine everyone has their own vegetable garden and they were really satisfied. All supplies and seedlings were received as donations.

In front of our donation point, e.g. magician. In addition, we offered the residents coffee/tea and treats every week. The weekly coffees and buns were organized by volunteers, new people. We gave everyone a chance to help.



Ukrainians collected a lot of blueberries. We helped them by selling collected blueberries.

Lion Johanna Arho-Forsblom was in the forest with several families. Ukrainians rejoiced in the clean air and trees.

We operate both via private Messenger and Whatsapp messages and in the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/662100352177492/>





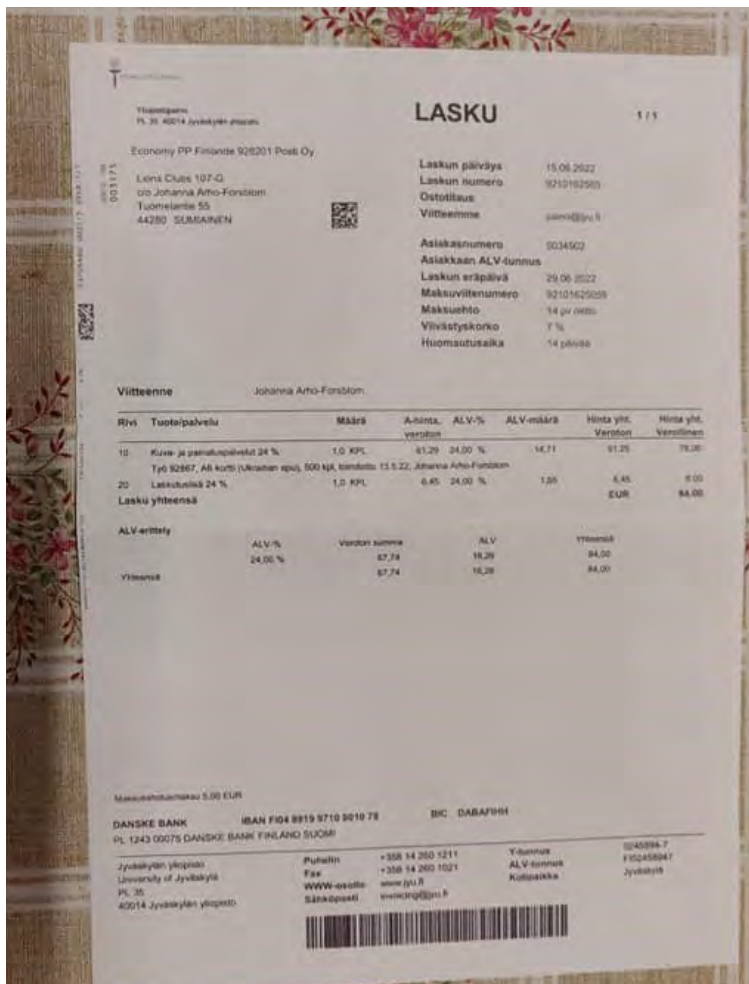
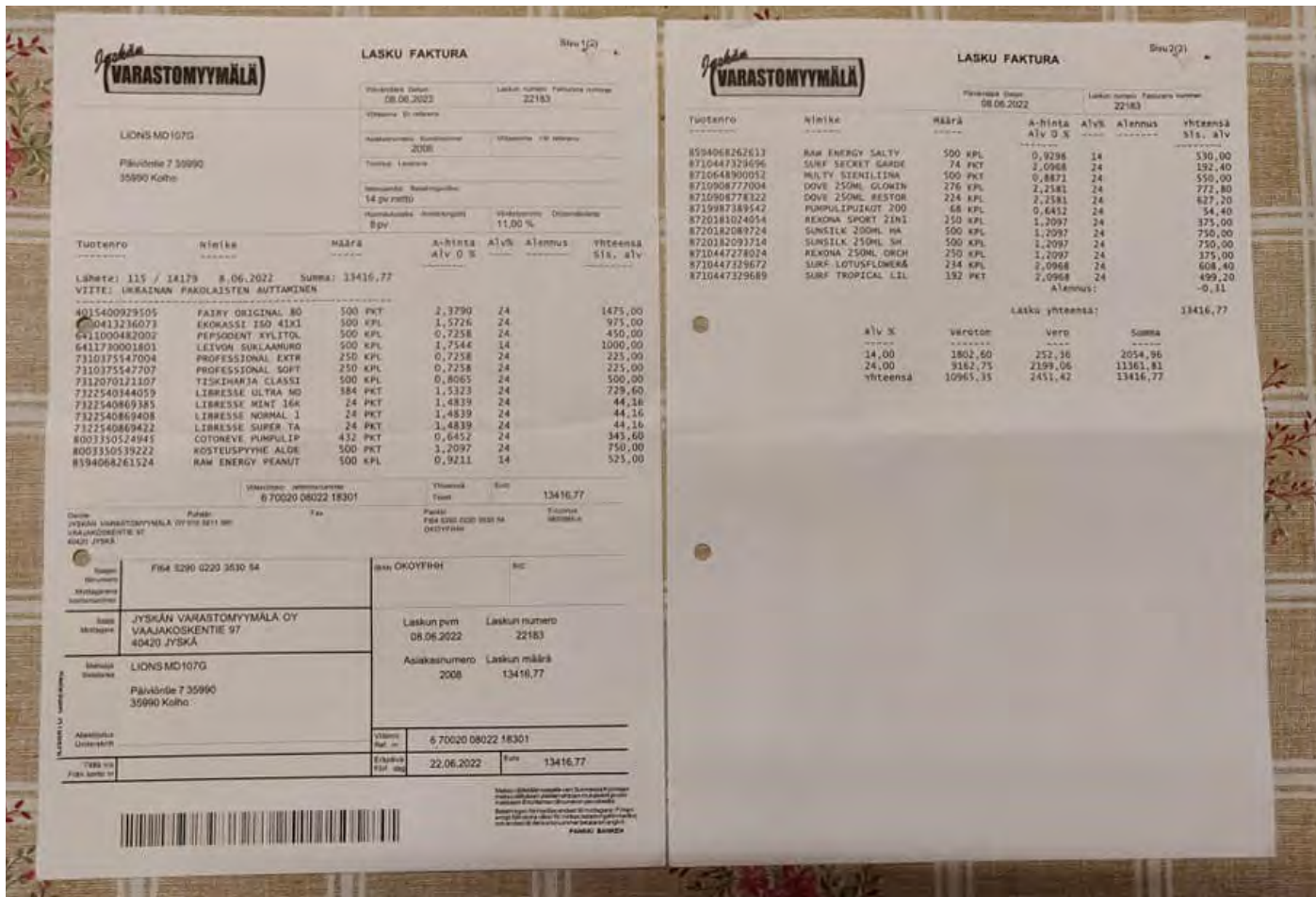
We organized several Pop Up restaurants. Ukrainian refugees were allowed to sell their baked goods. The events were successful every time! At the same time, through good food, the opinion of the residents of our community about the refugees strengthened even more. Helping coordinated by LC Äänekoski / Helmi (with the support of LCIF) brought us more and more new ways to serve and enormous joy and desire to help.



In addition to the good mood, every Lion and volunteer gained a huge number of new friends from the Ukrainians. We spent sauna evenings together, got to know our hometown, went to a concert, etc.

At first, cooperation helped them e.g. for home decoration and find all the services and needs. Then these people became important people to us, friends.





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F. Approvers of reports

MD 107-G Lions district has processed and approved this report at its meeting on August 20, 2022. Attached to the report is an extract from the minutes of the meeting, from which the matter appears.

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Where there is a need - there is a Lion!

Active and visible Lion 2022:

Thank you, LCIF, for allowing us to do something so important helping here in our own home region!