

# SLOVAK AID FOR UKRAINE

## SLOVAK AID PROTECTS LIVES IN UKRAINE

- Military and other support for Ukraine is the fastest way to end the war and avoid more lives being lost.
- The shortest way to terminate the war and achieve peace would be the departure of Russian occupants from the Ukrainian territory. It seems that the Kremlin does not consider this an option.
- Therefore the second fastest way is to provide military support to Ukraine so that it ousts these occupants from its territory as fast as possible and makes the Russian Federation end the war.
- A victory by Ukraine means the factual end to the Russian military and power expansion as well as the “containment” of Russia within its own borders where it belongs.

## AID TO UKRAINE PROTECTS OUR COMMON VALUES

- Most of the international community has stood up for Ukraine. This is also due to the fact that our values of freedom and democracy as well as international law and the UN Charter are on the side of Ukraine.
- According to Article 51 of the UN Charter, states can provide arms and other support to an unjustly attacked country so that it can defend itself.
- Especially for small countries like Slovakia it is important that international law is observed and internationally recognized borders are respected.
- Several UN resolutions attest to the fact that the world stands behind Ukraine.
  - In March 2022 at the UN, the international community strongly and clearly condemned Russian aggression against Ukraine. 141 member states (out of 193 UN member states) including Slovakia voted in favour of the resolution to condemn Russian aggression.
  - In addition to this, the world also clearly showed where it stands by voting on a resolution that condemned attempts by the Russian Federation to illegally annex 4 Ukrainian regions. This resolution got even two votes more (143) than the number of countries that condemned the Russian aggression against Ukraine in the spring.

## HELPING UKRAINE PROTECTS SLOVAKIA

- The decision to help Ukraine is a pragmatic security and economic decision from the point of view of the Slovak Republic.
- To have the Russian Federation as a neighbor would not only mean a direct threat to the security of our country, but it would also make us a less stable country and harm our economy. This would result in the departure of foreign investors mainly from the east of Slovakia.
- Another very pragmatic argument is also that military assistance to Ukraine represents an opportunity to strengthen the modernization of our armed forces and solve the problem of what to do with aging equipment and to even get something of value in return for it. Firstly, military assistance to Ukraine is reimbursed to us via the European Peace Facility and secondly, orders for military equipment bring business to our arms factories and give jobs to Slovaks.
- In other words: All in all, military support for Ukraine means the current revival of the Slovak arms industry. It is in symbiosis with our own modernization of the armed forces.

# FACTS AND FIGURES

## 110 000

Ukrainians have received temporary protection so far

## 860 tons

of materials of emergency aid since February 2022

## 370 570

generators heaters

as well as winter clothes and first-aid kits so far to support the process of winterizing.

## 10,84 mil.€

The total amount of Slovakia's (material and financial) humanitarian aid since February 2022

## 29,5 mil.€

The total development cooperation between Slovakia and Ukraine since 2014

## 2,52 mil.€

for several international humanitarian organizations (UNHCR, OHCHR, WFP, IOM, OSCE, UNICEF, UNESCO, ICRC, UNDP, UN HABITAT, OPCW and more) as well as local non-governmental organizations (e.g. Eleos, New Way, Tandem, Zakarpattia Without Orphans, Berdychiv Charitable Fund Oberig-26, Charitable organization fund of trans-border cooperation and special economic zones development, Charity fund St. Nikolai's Clinic) For their activities aimed at helping people in need

## 593 000€

for the revitalization and reconstruction of selected facilities in Ukraine – for a children's home in the municipality of Serednie (EUR 205,864), the Regional Children's House – children's healthcare institute for orphans and disabled children in the city of Svaliava (EUR 63,350).

## 7 humanitarian projects

Slovakia is currently carrying out four extensive humanitarian projects in various regions of Ukraine

in the total amount of

## 2,27 mil.€

## 672,2 mil.€

the total value of military aid up to now is EUR 672,2 million. This includes the S-300 air defense system and BOŽENA de-mining systems.

## 82,1 mil.€

Slovakia has received from the European Peace Facility so far, which can be used to modernize the AF SR.