

Ukraine

2022 - 2026



Ukraine : humanitarian corridors

Since the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the humanitarian situation has remained critical, with more than **14 million people in need of assistance (2025)**. Over **6.3 million people have fled to neighbouring countries, while 3.7 million remain internally displaced**. Regions close to the front line, particularly in the east, continue to face the most urgent needs.

Van for Life **continues its operations from its hubs in Kyiv and Kharkiv, supported by a fleet of five vehicles**. Kharkiv, heavily exposed to hostilities, remains a major reception area for displaced populations, while Kyiv plays a key role in redistributing aid to the most affected regions. In this context, **priority is given to isolated rural areas**, which are often underserved.

In 2025, due to reduced financial capacity, Van for Life focused its efforts on **transporting humanitarian aid from Norway**, through **strong partnerships** providing access to **high-quality equipment**, particularly medical and first aid supplies. **Van for Life financed and organized the transport** to its distribution hubs in Ukraine.

This **logistics chain** enables fast and targeted distribution of essential goods, **supported by local teams** and a **dedicated vehicle fleet**, facilitating access to the most vulnerable areas.

Objectives



Strengthen emergency response capacities



Support stabilization and rehabilitation centres



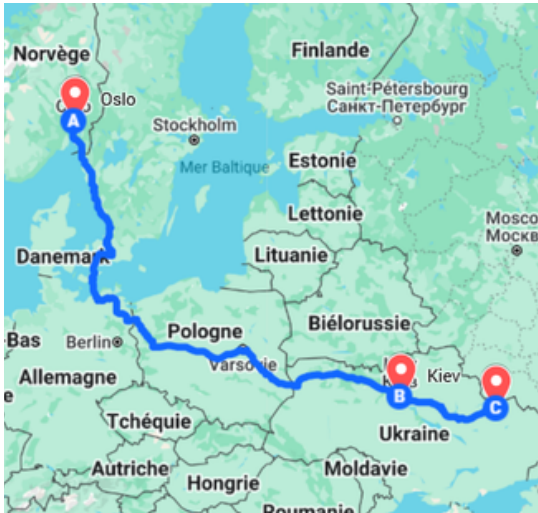
Address the essential needs of vulnerable populations



Maintain access to education and social services

Activities 2022-2024

Supply chain



Frequency : **1x** per month
Cost : **4000€**

📍 NORWAY

- Partnership with a **group of associations and government institutions.**
- **Donation and loading of humanitarian supplies:**
 - 70% medical equipment
 - 30% food and other supplies

📍 KYIV / KHARKIV / DNI PRO

- Sorting by **field teams in Van For Life warehouses.**
- **Direct distribution**, supervised and coordinated by a **Ukrainian doctor who took refuge in Geneva.**
- A total of **4 vans and 1 truck** were used to deliver aid to hospitals, rural clinics, and medical stabilization centers.

Humanitarian assistance in Ukraine



Emergency aid delivered to victims



Support for **hospitals & rural clinics**



Evacuation & civilian support in conflict areas



Demining & risk prevention



Activities 2022-2024

Humanitarian assistance in Switzerland



Evacuation & transport of refugees to Switzerland (2022), support for return to Ukraine (current)



Administrative assistance & integration (housing, education...)



Connection with **local structures & NGOs**



Demining operations

Context

Since the outbreak of the conflict, contaminated areas (mines, cluster bombs, explosive remnants, etc.) have increased dramatically, posing a **direct threat** to the civilian population. Today, **Ukraine is considered the most heavily mined country in the world**, with one-third of its territory contaminated. Every month, **hundreds of incidents involving explosive devices, many of them fatal**, are recorded. In response to this situation, Switzerland has **decided to commit to humanitarian demining**, allocating 100 million Swiss francs to this effort.

Choice of partner

The **Digger Foundation**, under its registered brand **Digger DTR**, is a Swiss organization that **designs, manufactures, and markets demining machines**. These machines significantly increase the efficiency of deminers, reduce risks, and make this technology accessible. They have already been deployed in more than **16 countries across 4 continents**, with recognized humanitarian impact and worldwide efficiency. We collaborate on demining projects in isolated rural areas in order to **improve civilian safety**.



Our collaboration

1

SFDD / The Swiss Confederation

The support provided included, in addition to the **demining machine**, a **trailer truck** as well as a **set of spare parts** for three years, for a total amount of **CHF 1.2 million**. It also supported the **training of civil authorities** in humanitarian demining.

2

The Digger Foundation

Digger's **longstanding expertise** in manufacturing demining machines helps accelerate the process thanks to **cutting-edge technologies**, while ensuring **safety**. This work is part of Switzerland's long humanitarian tradition.

3

Van For Life

The Van For Life teams handled the essential aspects of **equipment delivery and logistics**. Our permanent presence, network, and operational experience have made us a **recognized and trusted partner**



Results

2022-2024



5 vehicles in **Ukraine**
2 vehicles in **Switzerland**



Over **800.000 km**
travelled by our vans



36 humanitarian **convoys**



Over **70 volunteers**
directly involved



Over **CHF 1 million**
dedicated to fieldwork



Over **50'000** direct
beneficiaries



Over **1'000 tonnes** of
equipment distributed



2 mine clearance
machines delivered



Focus 2025

Our activities in 2025

Humanitarian assistance in Ukraine



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Support for **hospitals & rural clinics**



Civilian support in conflict areas



Demining & risk prevention

Humanitarian assistance in Switzerland



Management of **host families**



Administrative support & integration (housing, education, etc.)

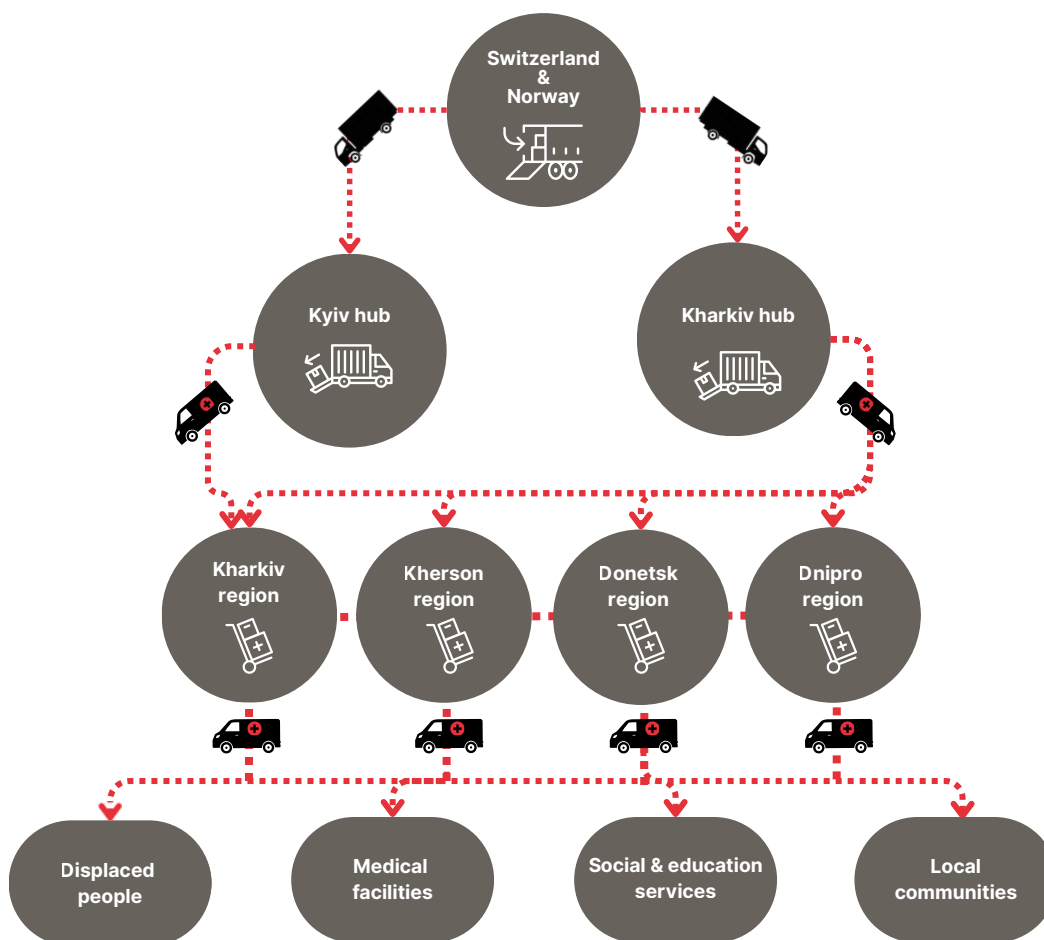


Links with **local organisations and NGOs**

Focus 2025

Supply chain

Van for Life relies on a structured logistics chain, enabling the rapid transport and redistribution of aid to the most affected areas.



4 major convoys



- Medical and hospital equipment
- Rehabilitation equipment
- Firefighting equipment
- Essential goods
- IT and communication equipment
- Water drainage and pumping equipment

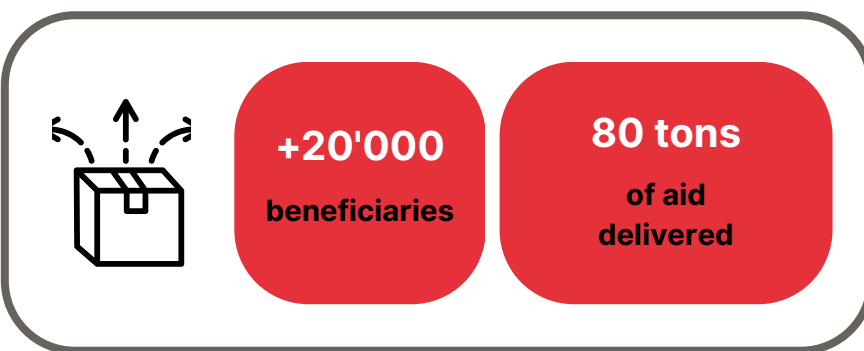


Results 2025

Despite a constrained reduction in its activities, Van for Life maintained a **strong level of intervention in 2025**, with over **80 tons of humanitarian aid delivered**, including 20 tons of firefighting equipment, thanks to a **well-established supply chain and the commitment of its volunteers**.

At the same time, the organization continued its efforts in **mine risk awareness**, building on activities carried out since 2023. **Awareness sessions** were conducted for professionals, local communities, and civilians.

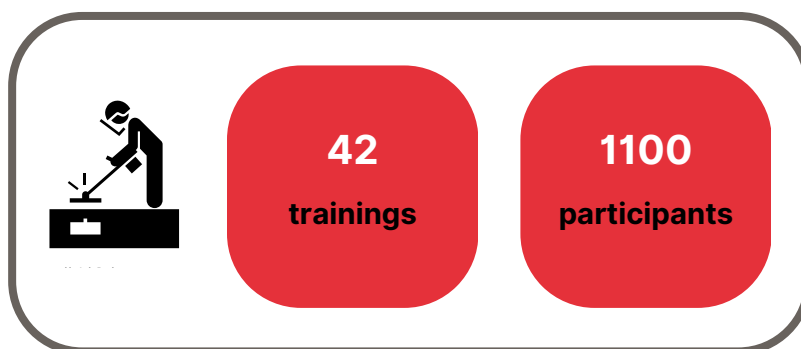
Local distributions



Thanks to our **fleet of 5 vehicles** and the **mobilization of 23 volunteers**, **177 deliveries** were carried out across 5 regions in need, representing a total of over **CHF 1 million in humanitarian aid**.

This aid was distributed to **11 stabilization centres** and **29 social and community structures**, while **12 facilities** were equipped with **firefighting equipment**.

Trainings



3 volunteers delivered training sessions across **13 regions** of the country.



Your support - Our action

Supporting Van For Life means taking real action.

Van For Life was born from a citizen movement, from women and men who **refused to remain spectators in the face of humanitarian emergencies**. Since our first convoys to Ukraine, and through all our expanding operations in other countries where people are suffering, every action has been made possible thanks to this **collective commitment**.

Your support is our strength: it allows us to act quickly, to go where others do not, and to respond where needs are greatest.

Make a donation: every contribution, no matter how small, has a direct impact on those who have lost everything.

Together, we prove that another way of taking action is possible.

We do it for them.

We do it with you.



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