



All the members of the European Food Banks Federation join forces to support the people of Ukraine

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Following the rapid escalation of events and Russia's attack on Ukraine, on 28 February 2022 the European Food Banks Federation convened an urgent meeting with all the Presidents of its members in 29 European countries and a representative of The Global FoodBanking Network from the USA.

The representatives of the Kyiv City Charity Foundation "Food Bank" testified that Kyiv is completely isolated while in other cities, where the security situation permits, the Kyiv City Charity Foundation "Food Bank" continues its activities to provide food assistance to the charitable organisations that are also hosting refugees. It is anticipated that Kyiv will be depleted of its food reserves within one month. In neighbouring countries, Food Banks recover and deliver food to refugee centres, particularly in Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. The requests for help are varied but **they ask for support in the medium and long term as their resources and strength cannot last much longer.**

The priority of the European Food Banks Federation, with unanimous approval of the meeting participants, is to assist the Kyiv City Charity Foundation "Food Bank" and the Food Banks in the neighboring countries such as Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

As a sign of concrete solidarity, the Board of Directors of the European Food Banks Federation has already allocated 300.000 € to provide immediate food aid and support. A first donation has already been transferred to the Kyiv City Charity Foundation "Food Bank".

At the end of the meeting Jacques Vandenschrik, President of the European Food Banks Federation, said: *"All 29 FEBA Members are strongly committed to solidarity in this dramatic situation. They will assist to the very best of their ability but are conscious that the present crisis may involve millions of persons in a very short time. Whilst the above funding is a concrete show of solidarity coordinated by FEBA, the need for much more help is evident to demonstrate that solidarity is not an empty word but more importantly to assist human beings in their unbearable sufferings".*

The European Food Banks Federation is calling corporations, foundations, organisations, and private citizens to join the fundraising campaign.

Learn more and donate on <https://www.eurofoodbank.org/feba-supports-ukraine>.

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About the European Food Banks Federation

The European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) is a European non-profit organisation and works in collaboration with 24 Full Members and 5 Associate Members in European countries. Since 1986, FEBA mission has consisted in representing its membership at European and international level; supporting and strengthening Food Banks in Europe by providing training, sharing best practice and knowledge, and developing partnerships; and fostering the creation of new Food Banks. FEBA brings together a network of over 300 Food Banks which are committed to fight against food waste and to reduce food insecurity. In 2020, our Full Members redistributed 860,000 tonnes of food to 48,126 charitable organisations providing food assistance to 12.8 million most deprived people thanks to the professionalism of 37,016 co-workers (85% volunteers). In addition to surplus food from the food supply chain, FEBA Members also redistribute food from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) and the Fruits and Vegetables withdrawal scheme, as well as from individual and corporate food collections.