



Summary of UCC Policy Proposals for Ukrainian Displaced Persons

It is imperative that the Government of Canada, through the department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC) recalibrate its response to the escalating humanitarian crisis arising out of Russia's war in Ukraine.

The Canadian response must be realistic, compassionate and responsive to the dire needs of primarily women and children, who have no financial resources whatsoever, and who represent the preponderance of displaced persons who have fled from Ukraine.

The UCC urges Canada to immediately implement the following:

1. Provide Federal Support for the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) Program

- Implement an orderly plan to bring displaced persons to Canada engaging government, corporate and individual donors for flights (cash, in-kind points, aircraft). The engagement of IRCC is essential to this process as only they know the identity, location and contact information of those who have been granted visas;
- Provide for and fund the 14-day quarantine period that has been mandated;
- Arrange for health care in all provinces and territories, including PTSD counselling for adults and children who have been traumatized by war;
- Arrange for access to schooling for children;
- Provide funding for childcare;
- Engage and fund settlement agencies to:
 - meet on arrival
 - transport to and support individuals during the quarantine period
 - provide orientation
 - assist with documentation for work permits and health care
 - coordinate housing provided by corporate and private donors, including screening of same
 - assist with enrollment of school aged children in local schools
 - provide access to child-care at no cost
 - arrange for access to English as a Second Language (ESL) training

- coordinate travel to settlement destinations engaging government corporate and individual donors
- Provide federal financial support for 90-days of transitional/integration support for food and shelter based on individual needs and demographics. Displaced people will not be immediately able to work due to trauma and/or language barriers.
- Develop and provide support and training for families preparing to welcome relatives from war zones, including support for PTSD-affected individuals.

2. Expand the Family Reunification Program for Ukrainians

- Expand the definition of 'family' to include the broadest range of extended family members.
- Remove caps on this program.

3. Provincial Programs

- Encourage provinces and territories to recruit and sponsor displaced persons from Ukraine

4. Develop a Distinct Refugee Program for Displaced Ukrainians

In consultation with international agencies and allies, develop and implement a distinct refugee stream for Ukrainian citizens displaced by Russia's war