

Joint appeal for donations by the BOG Bayerische Ostgesellschaft and the OWWF Bavaria

The [BOG](#) has been involved in social projects in Ukraine for many years. Your donation will go directly to where it is needed most. The OstWestWirtschaftsForum Bayern supports this appeal and asks you for help for the maltreated people of Ukraine.

On Friday, 4 March, the first transport to Ukraine could start. Ms Trübweather reports on this in the following letter.

Eberhard Sinner - Hermann Pönisch

Here is the short report in the wording:

Dear members, friends, interested parties and donors,

On the evening of 4 March our first transport left for the Slovak-Ukrainian border near Uzhgorod. Our board member, Dr. Ralph-Juergen Schoenheinz drove with Mischa, a young Ukrainian from this region who is well known to us. Today I received a message from our partner Olga around 3:30 pm that she met our people at the border as planned and that she was already able to take part of the load of almost 9 m³. She is now on her way to pick up the second part. The queues at the border are very long and you need a lot of patience.

From your donations we have bought food, medicine, bandages, nappies and other hygiene items, emergency generators and solar power banks, batteries for the municipal truck and the school bus, as well as torches and batteries. We packed 100 collected woollen blankets and bedding, a wheelchair, crutches and warm clothes for the children. We took sweets for children and stuffed animals and games to give some distraction and joy to the traumatised children in the mass shelters. There are hundreds who have arrived with or without mothers, hoping for an end to the violence in this corner of Ukraine still spared from war. Three days ago, a whole train of children arrived from the embattled areas in the east.

It is cold and there is no gas (once the cheap and common means of heating), with some large buildings still not having switched to wood, such as the Barwinok children's holiday camp, long familiar to us, which now houses wounded people and mothers with children. Likewise in the former large hospital on the mountain, which fell victim to the wave of privatisation in the health sector and stood empty. All schools and kindergartens have been closed to accommodate refugees. Many are also accommodated privately. For those poor families we usually care for, there is almost no attention left. And Corona is not stopping because of this, but is certainly being fuelled by this mass migration.

People are naturally shocked and follow the horror pictures on their mobile phones. There is great empathy with the refugees, many volunteers are on the road. "Our" Olga is coordinating the humanitarian aid for Peretschin and will ensure the right distribution. She tells us exactly what is most urgently needed and we try to buy it from your generous donations or find a sponsor for it.

For this trip, Mr. Schreiner, BOG board member, has provided us with a Sprinter from his company free of charge. We thank him very much and hope to bring the vehicle back safely. We intend to continue the help, as the situation for the people is not getting better, but more and more dramatic. Perhaps it would also be possible to get a suitable vehicle sponsored so that we can dispose of it freely.

I would like to ask you to continue to donate so that we can do a little something against this horrible misery.

As soon as Dr. Schoenheinz is back from his trip, I can report further. I will ask him to report on his experiences at the next lecture at the BOG on 21 March. The originally planned lecture will not take place because it does not fit into these times.

Let us hope that this madness will soon come to an end.

Kind regards
Iris Trübswetter

Donation account:
Bavarian Eastern Society, IBAN DE14 7015 0000 0908 2302 20.

We will gladly send you a receipt for your donation, if you please give us your address.

May the war end soon and may Ukraine survive as a democratic state.

Many thanks and greetings

Iris Trübswetter
1st Chairperson BOG"

One more note:

The BOG is a non-profit organisation because it promotes international understanding (notice dated 07.10.2021, FA Munich). You can therefore make your donation tax deductible.

For donations of up to 300 euros, a booking confirmation from the bank is sufficient, which the donor submits to the tax office as proof together with his or her tax return. The following information must be shown on this simplified donation receipt:

- Name and account number of recipient and donor