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Lions Task Force for Ukraine

This Task Force gathers GAT and Campaign 100 Area Leaders to better coordinate our communication and, most of all, our actions, as to the help we are providing to victims and refugees in and around Ukraine.

The work of all our Lions clubs, districts and MDs is outstanding and shows our commitment to serve.

At the beginning of the war, the help was mainly provided to the impacted regions directly from clubs and districts.

It very soon appeared necessary to better coordinate our actions. A small few MDs, such as MD111, have efficiently started to coordinate, but a global coordination Europe-wide, and worldwide, is missing.

A Task Force had to be established for that purpose.

What goes through LCIF - donations and grants - is perfectly assessed, monitored, and evaluated, as well as registered, giving a global comprehensive picture of what LCIF is doing to help Ukraine.

Reports and summaries are regularly updated and published on lionsclubs.org and on lcifday.eu, on dedicated Ukraine pages. Sometimes, however, with a slight delay allowing to check the numbers before they are published.

But LCIF help has - so far - only been the tip of the iceberg. Very much has happened directly.

That is changing now.

Mostly, our Lions are aware that help, be it goods or funds, being sent directly does not count for the Campaign 100. And that direct help cannot be counted retroactively, as no prior assessment has been done. Some consider it as irrelevant. What they see as most important is that we provide help.

What is however very relevant is that most help going directly from clubs - and even from Districts - without the necessary due diligence when it comes to assessing the needs, monitoring the help and evaluating the results, as well as avoiding redundancies and gaps, is less efficient.

All help is remarkable, but there can be no doubt coordinated help is the most efficient help.

Only LCIF - and a small few larger MDs - have experience and documented protocols to do that flawlessly. Besides, LCIF has processes allowing to approve grants in just a few days.

It must be emphasised how important it is, from now on, to focus on coordinated help through LCIF.

As mentioned, very much has nonetheless been sent directly. We need a global picture of everything our Lions have done. The Lions Ukraine Task Force gathers all reports, from all areas, and districts.

We want to be able to proudly tell the comprehensive story to our Lions, to the public and to the medias, showing the well coordinated NGO we are.

The role of the Task Force is to gather all information on what has been done, on what the needs are, and on what available support (Funds or goods) there is. And to match needs with available support.

And most of all, strongly encourage all Lions to trust LCIF to coordinate our actions.