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ITLS EURF INITIATIVE TO HELP ITLS UKRAINE (UPDATE)

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Dear friends and fellow colleagues,

We are really living in difficult times. Our EURF group received a call to help from our friend Jurij Kryvonos, Medical Director for the ITLS Ukrainian Chapter. <https://1aid.com.ua>

In addition to his passion for prehospital trauma care and medical education in general, he works as a Consultant Paediatrician in one of the biggest Paediatric Centres in Ukraine, the Okhmadet Children's Hospital in Kyiv.



The European Regional Forum for ITLS met for the first time in 2017 almost five years ago, and since, we have had more members joining the group. Little did we think that shortly after, we would encounter the biggest pandemic and the first major military conflict on European soil since World War II.

Our mission was and still remains to improve our communication and collaborate as fellow ITLS chapters and neighbours.

Even though there are well established international and national humanitarian aid programs running in support of the innocent Ukrainian citizens, Jurij provided us with a list of urgent needs in his healthcare system which included wound dressings, tourniquets, hemostatic agents and drugs, suture and other surgical material and equipment. The escalation in the number of severely injured patients includes children who Jurij directly cares for.

In collectively responding to this request from Jurij in a timely manner, the members felt that a single channel with a reliable chain of transport and delivery was the solution. It was agreed that the ITLS Germany chapter with a pre-existing paypal account would receive donations to buy medical goods and deliver them directly to Ukraine, care of the Ukrainian ITLS Chapter lead Jurij.



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Every donation is exclusively used to buy medical material as indicated by the needs of Jurij and will be delivered to his team at the Poland Ukraine border. Should the situation in Kyiv not make that possible, they will make sure it can be received by their group at an alternative safer location.

The response in donations from all over Europe has been overwhelming, for which we are deeply grateful.

Ukraine receives the first batch of Humanitarian medical aid from EURF ITLS

The German ITLS Chapter collaborated with its Institutional Partner @AGNF_e.v for the acquisition, logistics and transport to the Polish-Ukrainian border where the first delivery already has been received by Jurij's co-workers. Altogether 1,5 tons of surgical material, medicine for acute and emergency care, materials for bleeding control and much more arrived safely at the Okhmadet Children's Hospital in Kyiv three days ago.

Jurij was able to join in a Zoom meeting and is in continuing contact with us to keep us updated of his situation and needs. He was overwhelmed and very grateful:

"Dear Friends! Today we have received great humanitarian aid from you all! Our hospital staff was happy and confused simultaneously! It is difficult to express our gratitude and feelings, our appreciation with words! Your kind aid will help to save more human lives and prevent disability and severe pathologies! God Bless You!!!"

At this very moment, our German ITLS colleagues, together with the AGNF team, are working on the next batch for delivery. They are reviewing the needs and acquiring new material with continuing support from the donations.

The link continues to work and we ask you to please support in any way you can afford (paypal link below by link or QR code):

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/
?hosted_button_id=8W4LDRHCN6KGC](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=8W4LDRHCN6KGC)



We respectfully urge you to promote the initiative if you are willing and able to do so by whatever channel you feel appropriate.

We will be in touch with any news regarding the collaboration between ourselves as EURF members, ITLS International and the news from the ITLS Ukraine chapter.



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ITLS Germany and AGNF getting ready for first transport to the polish-ukrainian border (Fürth, Germany) and arrive on the polish-ukrainian border. Afterwards 1,5 tons of medical material is received in the Okhmadet Children's Hospital (Kyiv,Ukraine) - w/ express consent (March 14th, 2022):



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