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## **HUMANITARIAN AID FROM AUSTRIA: SUPPORTING UKRAINE DURING TIMES OF WAR**

Since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, Austria has offered large-scale humanitarian support to Ukraine. According to the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Austria ranks number one globally when it comes to humanitarian support to Ukraine in terms of GDP. We are proud to be Ukraine's partner and will continue to stand by Ukraine's side for as long as needed.

The Austrian organisation, Nachbar in Not, has implemented more than 50 projects all over Ukraine since the beginning of the war, including the reconstruction of schools and kindergartens, the construction of shelters, the supply of medical equipment as well as most basic necessities such as food and water. Austrian aid also focused on support during the winter months, supplying hundreds of generators and reconstructing windows to make apartments safe to live in during the winter season in the regions of Kherson, Kharkiv, Vinnytsia, Odesa, Mykolaiv and Chernihiv, amongst others. After the catastrophic destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam, Austria supplied over 20,000 people with fresh water. From food, water, hospital beds, emergency vehicles and medical equipment, Austria will continue to support Ukraine in fighting the humanitarian crisis caused by the Russian invasion.

Moreover, we are proud to host around 100,000 displaced Ukrainians in Austria and will offer a home, access to health insurance, the labour market, education, and basic services for as long as need be. In the first weeks of the full-scale invasion, we were able to assist with the departure of close to a hundred orphans and their caregivers, children, and cancer patients with their relatives. Austria also organised evacuation flights from Chisinau to Vienna for several thousand people, focusing on evacuating children and people in medical need. In Austria, we continue to give shelter to and care about Ukrainians. Over a year and a half since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, we have cooperated with local Ukrainian authorities to enable children from Eastern Ukraine to travel to Austria to rest and recover from the hardship they are facing at home. We will continue to support especially children, the future of Ukraine, until the end of the war and beyond.