

# Help Ukrainian Children now

**A letter from Volker Rath Chairman Cap Anamur e.V. from Novoselytsia Ukraine 27.3.2022**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Mr. Huss asked me to give you a brief activity overview of Cap Anamur, Deutsche Notärzte e.V. (German Emergency Doctors) in Ukraine.

What has happened so far: We arrived in Novoselytsia across the Romanian border on March 5th, 2022 and slept in a classroom of the high school for the first few days. We got in touch with this small town south-east of Chernowitz through a friend, a Ukrainian doctor from Berlin. We were able to establish contacts with logistics partners in Romania through our network before entering the country.

With this we estimated an approximate emergency requirement and arrived in a rented Mercedes Sprinter with about 3 tons of medication, bandages and baby food. We were welcomed very friendly on site. Already on the second day, after a conversation with the local district mayor, we were able to move into a storage room for our current logistics center and start identifying those in need and distributing to them.

We got an idea of living quarters of internally displaced persons who are housed in schools and nurses' homes. We visited the canteen that had been set up and of course the local hospital and some outpatient clinics in the area.

In the second step, we used local drivers to transport medicines and bandages to Kiev, Mariopol, Borzna, Chernikov and Vasylkiv and at the same time arranged for the necessary subsequent deliveries from Romania.

The small delivery vans up to 3.5 tons have turned out to be the best and safest means of transport because they can use smaller roads and thus better avoid the red zones. We were able to increase the frequency of the trips with an additional transporter, which only covers half of the one-day route to the east and arranges to meet up with another driver at an agreed meeting point. Here the goods are reloaded and internally displaced persons are given the opportunity to return with us. In addition to the bandages and painkillers, the demand for insulin, metformin, beta blockers and levothyroxine is very high and can only just be met. In case of insulin, there is also the problem of the cold chain because there is no stable power supply in some places.

What we plan: We are currently in process of expanding our logistics network. We plan to concentrate on supporting the children's hospital in Vinitsa, halfway to Kiev and the general hospital in Vasylkiv, a little south-west of Kiev.

Here we are already in talks with local governmental partners. We hope to be able to ship two deliveries this week. These hospitals are used to treat injured people from Kiev surroundings.

In addition, we try to organize care places at Novoselytsia area for single elderly people who are in need of care and who have had to leave their homes. We continue to provide medical treatment, baby nutrition and care to internally displaced persons on site.

We would be very happy to have your support.

Thank you! Volker Rath

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