

IsraAID Germany e. V.

INFORMS



HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWS

FROM THE LAST FEW MONTHS

Dear friends of IsraAID Germany e. V., dear readers, the year 2022 is drawing to a close. We at IsraAID Germany e. V. would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support, your interest and your friendship.

At the same time, we would like to impress upon you today that **together we can achieve even more at the end of the year and that we need your support to do so!** We are very grateful to be able to count on your support for our work and today we are pleased to present to you some selected highlights, some news, but also some additional ways for you to show your support for our work.

Winter Aid in Ukraine



The year 2022 has of course also for us been dominated by the outbreak of war in Ukraine on 24 February.

Now the pre-Christmas season has begun. While for many people this means cosy evenings by candlelight in front of the fireplace at home, **children, women, men and above all seniors in Ukraine are suffering particularly severely from the onset of winter.** To protect these people from the cold, we have organised the delivery of, among other things, heat stoves, blankets, heat packs and so-called "heat guns" (special hot air blowers). We are equipping shelters and government-run warming points so that people who are freezing can warm themselves up. **To do this, we really need your help!**

Thank you to everyone who has already supported our work with a donation. It will enable us to provide needy people in Ukraine, for example, with heat stoves and vital humanitarian supplies to protect them from the approaching onset of winter. For example, with every donation of 230 euros we can provide an additional stove for these people.

Become part of our support through a donation!



A lot has happened since the outbreak of the war: We have been able to set up a professional, experienced and, above all, largely local project team that is familiar with the local situation and which has thus been able to build up a broad partner network very quickly. We have provided **psychosocial first aid to people in shelters** during the air raids, psychosocial support to internally displaced children in so-called "children's villages", and offer a **psychosocial emergency hotline** that is staffed by our team around the clock. We have been able to **deliver aid supplies to particularly embattled areas**, thereby reaching people who were cut off from any kind of help. The initiative "Kehler schicken Hilfe (Kehl sends help)", a partner-city initiative between Kehl am Rhein, Strasbourg and Kharkiv has resulted in regular deliveries of in-kind donations by IsraAID Germany to the Ukrainian city. In October, for example, we were able to deliver two fully functional fire engines to the fire brigade, which are particularly important in fighting fires after rocket attacks and in providing humanitarian aid to the suffering population. Together with our partner organisation District One, we are also helping to **rebuild schools and kindergartens.**

You can find a chronology of events related to this project on the website of our partner, the **ZWST**. You can view our project in our **video** (please scroll to the middle of this page).

Support for Ukrainian refugees in Germany - Halloween event

Our humanitarian relief project for Ukrainian refugees in Germany has also been expanded further. IsraAID Germany supports these people in dealing with their recent traumatic experiences in their home country and also guides them through an empowerment process. This involves refugees who plan their own social activities independently in so-called participation groups and in this way become stronger in their community as well as fostering their participation in society as a whole. We would like to share with you a specific and concrete example - **our Halloween event with Ukrainian children and families in Frankfurt/Main.**



The community event was a huge success. Families with disabled children and babies were also able to participate in our event – as well as groups of refugees who feel particularly isolated. It was very important for them to participate in the event and to feel that they are part of the group.

Our integration expert Alexandra Budnitski reports from this event: "I had expected that the adults would leave their children with us and would go into the kitchen to chat over tea and coffee, but they said: "No, thank you, we want to stay here and watch the children play and laugh". For the refugees, this celebration was a rare positive experience at a time when their homeland is under constant attack."

Various participation groups took part at the event, and got to know each other. The members of the participation groups themselves helped to realise this event, for example the art therapist Elena (left side in the picture) and the educator Iryna (right side in the picture).



With such community events we help refugees to exchange, support each other and build a community. Would you like to support us to realise future community events?

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Christmas Events



Halloween is over, Christmas is approaching. Such festivities are always a welcome opportunity for intercultural exchange in our projects, where people come together from the most diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. In Greece, for example, unaccompanied refugee children and young people bake biscuits, and in Ukraine internally displaced persons carve Christmas decorations. Community Christmas celebrations are organised for refugees in Berlin and Frankfurt/Main. The participants help to organise the celebrations themselves. The principle that the participants should become active and take on the role of helpers themselves is an integral part of our work. "This makes our helpers feel important, helpful and that they are part of a group that aims to help other people. In this way they can do something good for others through their help. Having common goals and realising them in a group creates a bond and a sense of belonging, i.e. participation," says Leonie, who oversees part of IsraAID Germany's activities in Frankfurt/Main. Here, refugees bake biscuits together with volunteers from the Ada canteen for homeless people living in the city.

Enes (in the picture above) loves coming to our events. "I'm here because I like cooking and baking and actually I love meeting new people and trying new cuisines. And I think activities like this are very valuable because it allows us to work better together and explore our cultures. Thank you to those who have offered these opportunities."

With this in mind, we would also like to thank you again for your support and wish you all the best for the coming year!

Of course, we look forward to your support in the future as well. To show you how we can help with your donations, we have selected a few examples.

Donate 20 euros. We can use this, for example, to provide materials for five-months of art therapy for a child in a refugee shelter, for example.

Donate 50 euros. With his money we can, for example, organise a community event for refugees in Germany.

Donate 80 euros. For this amount, we can distribute, for example, a winter survival kit for one person (including cold medication, first aid kit, sleeping bag, sleeping mat, thermos flask and a cooking set).

Donate 230 euros. This will enable us, for example, to supply a warming stove for people in Ukraine who are suffering from exposure to the freezing temperatures.

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