

Aide Memoire — Russia/Ukraine: humanitarian assistance

- This paper sets out the process by which Aotearoa New Zealand would consider assistance for Ukraine in the event of a humanitarian crisis.

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EU and US partners are projecting that anywhere between one and five million people could be displaced should an invasion occur and humanitarian need within Ukraine could be very high.

- Aotearoa New Zealand's Humanitarian Action Policy guides our prioritisation of humanitarian support outside of the Pacific and South East Asia. When recommending a humanitarian contribution, officials consider a range of factors, including the severity and scale of humanitarian impact, the emergence of significant protection threats, New Zealand presence and engagement in the country and significant and sustained New Zealand public interest in the crisis.
- As per normal practice, in the event of a humanitarian crisis, officials would be in contact with humanitarian partners, including the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to seek up to date information from those on the ground. Needs assessments and information on partners' responses would inform a potential monetary contribution to humanitarian relief efforts.
- A contribution would likely be approved within MFAT's delegation, with provision of advice being provided to your office on any such support.

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- In terms of other assistance, a small consular team has been relocated to our Warsaw post (accredited to Ukraine) to support New Zealand citizens in Ukraine.

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