



Updated on Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Dear Community,

The events unfolding in Ukraine are heart wrenching. We are following the situation closely and are in contact with our national agency HIAS, who is providing us with updates as they receive them. We know many of you have family in Ukraine and are seeking information on how you can assist your family; please see below for details. We will continue to update the information on this site as we receive it. We offer our emotional support to the local families, who are worried and frightened for their family and friends affected by this crisis.

We want to reiterate that JFS stands ready to once again welcome refugees from Ukraine *if and* when the time comes. JFS is partnering with local groups to create a petition advocating for immediate initiation of a Ukrainian Resettlement Program through the US government. **This petition will be available on the JFS website shortly.**

To learn more about how you can support the humanitarian efforts on the ground in Ukraine and also obtain more information, we recommend the following organizations:

- **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC):** [JDC's Ukraine Response | JDC](#)
- **Jewish Federations of North America:** [Crisis in Ukraine | The Jewish Federations of North America](#)
- **RCUSA's** full remarks on their [website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).
- **HIAS** maintains on their website a page dedicated to Ukraine and it has an FAQ document [here](#).
- **HIAS Ukraine** humanitarian assistance action alert [TAKE ACTION | HIAS](#).
- **The State Department** website now includes: [United with Ukraine - United States Department of State](#).

FOR THOSE SEEKING TO REUNITE WITH FAMILY

PLEASE NOTE: HIAS cannot consult on general immigration questions or immigration options, nor consult or file for visas or work permits.

Refugee Case Processing:

1. JFS is not able to advise individuals on whether they should/how to evacuate Ukraine.
2. Ukrainians who were living in the United States prior to March 1st have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) allowing them to remain in the US for 18 months. Please see HIAS' statement [here](#).

3. [Lautenberg](#) cases which were being processed in Ukraine and have changed location should write to Resettlement Support Center (RSC) Eurasia at icc@iom.int and inform the RSC if they have updates, including new documents, new address, phone number or email, or questions about their case. If the cases are ready for departure and in a location where IOM can organize their departure at the time, they will be informed by the RSC of the next steps. As the volume of inquiries is high, please expect delays in responses and we kindly ask for your patience in addressing non-urgent matters.

JFS will continue to update this page as we receive more information.