

Philippines

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Topic: *Potential Resources for the Problem of the Refugees Crisis in Ukraine*

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It has long been a tradition of the Philippines to extend friendship and assistance to foreign nations whenever they need it. The ongoing crisis of the Russian invasion of Ukraine has adversely affected Ukraine's livelihood and economic infrastructure, as well as a basic need for food, shelter, and psychological safety. This is one of the most challenging crises Europe has seen since the Second World War. Nine waves of refugees have found shelter in the nation in the past, including the first wave of "White Russians" who fled persecution by "Red Russians" in 1917 at the close of the First World War. In August 2021, we welcomed Afghan refugees who had been violently uprooted from their homeland.

An Executive Order signed by the President on February 28th formalized the organization of the protection and security for refugees, displaced people, and asylum seekers. The institute is composed of 20 government organizations and is overseen by the Department of Justice through its Refugee and Stateless Persons Protection Unit, which provides refugees access to government-funded services including housing and healthcare services.

There has been a longstanding relationship between Ukraine and the Philippines. Since 1992, we have been working together. We welcome everyone with open arms and will do anything in our power to help them in any way possible, in their best interest. We plan to help the refugees stay in touch with their loved ones who aren't with them. We also wish to assist all people who have suffered psychologically by providing a safe atmosphere to heal in, as well as proper welfare assistance and also organizing events regarding education and skills for the youth. We also plan to arrange a student exchange program for the younger generation to be well informed.

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