

Nordic SOS Ukraine



Assistance to help refugees from Ukraine to Norway

- Nordic SOS Ukraine was founded right after the start of the war in Ukraine (March 2022).
- In March and April 2022, we were involved in helping Ukrainian refugees get to Norway.
- Our aim is to help more refugees from Ukraine in the future so they can travel to a safe country.



Helping individual families from Ukraine to safety in Norway

- In March 2022, our board members Joon and Kim André helped transport a small family from Ukraine to Norway. This was a family with mother and child. The son in the family is dependent on a wheelchair, and measures were taken to get the family first by car out of Ukraine and then by plane from Poland to Norway – an operation that was successful.





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Anastasia reunited with her mother and little sister in Bergen in Norway

- In September 2022, Kathrine Jølle Wathne of Nordic SOS Ukraine was contacted with a request to assist a 17-year-old girl in Ukraine so that she could get from Ukraine to Bergen. Her war-wounded mother and war-wounded little sister of 6 years had already been helped to Bergen by volunteers four months earlier. Both of them stayed in hospital in Bergen, due to extensive war injuries.
- In cooperation with the organisation [Operation Aid](#), a small "rescue operation" was launched, allowing 17-year-old Anastasia to be transported across the border from Ukraine to Poland by volunteers working for Operation Aid. Kathrine Jølle Wathne from Stavanger and Nordic SOS Ukraine travelled to Poland and picked up Anastasia there. Together they flew back to Norway, first to Stavanger and then on to Bergen. Anastasia was reunited with her mother and little sister of 6 years. The family has now been well taken care of by Bergen municipality in Norway, and will in the future be living there.



Cooperation with the Ukrainian Association in Rogaland

- **Collection of school bags for the newly arriving schoolchildren from Ukraine**
- Kathrine Jølle Wathne from Nordic SOS Ukraine has collected around 50 school bags through fundraising and the purchase of bags posted on Finn (a Norwegian online service for selling and buying), as well as from donations from private individuals.
- Bookstore Norli at Jærhagen shopping center took the initiative to collect school bags by setting up a collection box outside its store after a request from our organization to donate bags. These bags were then passed on from Nordic SOS Ukraine to [the Ukrainian Association in Rogaland](#), which ensured that several Ukrainian schoolchildren received donated school bags.



Collection of hygiene products for Ukrainian refugee women at refugee reception centres in Rogaland

- The Norwegian authorities have been slow in helping the refugees from Ukraine, and the refugees have had to spend many months in refugee reception centres in Norway. The refugees barely have any money, and it quickly became apparent that there was and is a particular shortage of hygiene products for women. Most of the refugees are women, as the men are left in Ukraine to fight. In connection with this, Nordic SOS Ukraine in Stavanger has taken the private initiative to collect products that were distributed to the women who needed it. Nordic SOS Ukraine and involved volunteers were responsible for the fundraising, and [the Ukrainian Association in Rogaland](#) was responsible for distribution to those who needed this most. Funds for purchases were donated via private friends and acquaintances.



Assistance in the distribution of clothing to refugees from Ukraine in Stavanger

- We have helped [the Ukrainian Association in Rogaland](#) with the collection of clothes, as well as help to clean up the "clothing store" that was created to be able to provide free clothes to refugees who arrived in Rogaland. This warehouse was established in Stavanger so that refugees could find clothes on arrival at Norway. The refugees wore only what they wore when they fled Ukraine. We at Nordic SOS Ukraine took several initiatives to collect clothes and equipment, and this was donated to the "clothing store". Several volunteers were involved in getting clothes delivered and getting them in place in the "free store".
- We have also collected clothes, strollers and food that has been delivered to [Ukrainahjelpen v/ Klippen Sandnes](#) who has regular transport of equipment that is driven down to Ukraine.



Assistance in finding housing for refugees in Stavanger, Norway



- **Assistance in finding housing for refugees in Stavanger**

Nordic SOS Ukraine has helped refugees find housing in Stavanger. The municipality has a programme called "agreed self-settlement" - that is, the refugees who had received confirmation of settlement in Stavanger municipality through IMDI could find housing and have this approved through the Refugee Service in Stavanger municipality. It is not easy for Ukrainians to do this job on their own, as they do not know the Norwegian language, do not know about the use of places like Finn (an online service for finding properties for rent) and the like – as well as a general lack of knowledge about laws and regulations for refugees in Norway. We have therefore assisted in the process of finding relevant homes on Finn, going to view properties, having contact with the homeowner, helping to fill out the paperwork that is necessary and coordinating contact with the municipality to speed up the process of getting the settlement in place.

- 5 families have so far been settled in Stavanger with assistance from Nordic SOS Ukraine.

Our upcoming projects



- Load minibus with equipment and drive this to Ukraine:
 - Joon in our organization has on his own expense taken the drivers license for bus and bought his own minibus!
 - We presently work with a private individual and company in Oslo to collect sleeping bags to transport to Ukraine.
 - We will pick up a power generator donated by a company in Kristiansand in Norway and transport it to Ukraine.
 - We will bring refugees back to Norway.
 - We hope to implement this in January 2023, as soon as fundings are in place.
 - This work is done in collaboration with the organization **Voluntary Support Norway**.

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