

## Helping Ukraine: The Disinfection of Ambulances in Poland

### *Humanosh Med Evacuation Poland*

The year 2022 saw an appalling event, bringing an exceptional humanitarian disaster: the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Many Polish NGOs dedicated their activities to help its victims, as Poland had by far the largest number of refugees seeking to escape their war-torn country.



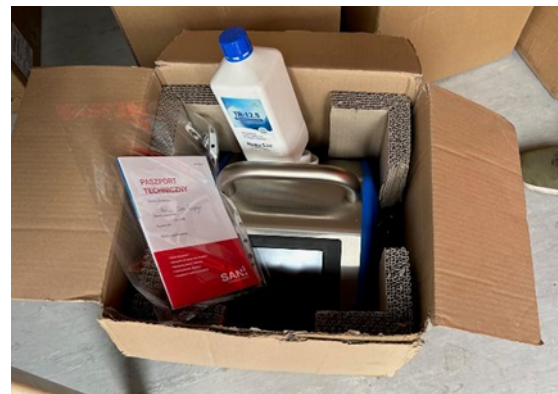
The Humanosh Foundation has created HUMANOSH MED EVACUATION POLAND, which started as a small group of enthusiastic doctors, who felt they should immediately provide specialised sanitary transport from affected areas. Now they are working with 120 volunteers – emergency medicine doctors, intensive care nurses, paramedics, and rescuers, all of them experienced in their field. Up to 1500 patients were evacuated to Polish hospitals. Humanosh have provided support when nobody else was able to. Out of their 30 ambulances, 10 are dedicated to this mission. The patients who they transport have often been wounded or burned because of bomb explosions, but help is also provided for other medical emergencies, such as oncological patients with suppressed immune systems or those who suffer from other diseases, who cannot receive appropriate medical care in Ukraine.

In the coming months the workload will only increase, and Humanosh is asking for as much help as possible. One of the problems is disinfection of ambulances after missions. Strict sanitary conditions are an absolute must, both for the patients and for the assisting medical staff. The usual process takes more than 24 hours, involving

cleaning by hand and time to dry the ambulance after disinfection, putting the vehicle in question out of use for this period of time.

The Med Evacuation Poland has asked Association Femmes d'Europe to finance a NASA technology sanitising device – DISINFECTANT NEBULIZER. This device produces fog which contains microscopic droplets with disinfectant that can coat any object or surface, penetrate hard-to-get-to areas, and disinfect spaces with an effectiveness rate of 99%, disabling or neutralising viruses, bacteria, allergens, and other contaminants. The Nebulizer is easy to operate and fast. After each use, the ambulance can be disinfected within a couple of minutes, saving time and work of rescuers and paramedics.

We have provided the funds and Humanosh Med Evacuation Poland was able to purchase the Nebulizer immediately. Since October 2022 volunteers have been able to save time and to provide a shorter response time to emergencies, thus helping more victims to be brought to safety and receive adequate care.



Humanosh Med Evacuation Poland was delighted to receive our donation and our member, who introduced the project, was even able to assist in the hand-over of the instrument.

We believe that small organisations with few administrative overheads and small projects of the kind that Association Femmes d'Europe supports, can make a difference to the lives of many people.

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