

Letter N3

Let's just focus on the tasks

Yesterday I called our villages that are now near hotspots. They said they did not know how long they could keep up. But they needed a cooking pot and a portable gas stove.

Someone commented under one of my posts that volunteering was a nice hideaway. But I am telling you it is the same service as army service. Men without skills and experience are not needed at the front, I will be more useful and effective here than wherever at the checkpoint holding a gun.

As at yesterday, we received more than 10 thousand euros of donations. We now have 70 locations. Around 1000 people have been sheltered. It would not be really effective to manage such a mass of people from a checkpoint.

Yesterday was only Saturday

I realised it only in the evening while talking to my brother. We need to do a lot of talking, part of which is really hard emotionally. Some people have lost their homes, some are prepared to leave at any moment. One ecovillage has lost a family with children. The father bottled himself up, he keeps telling that his family simply got lost and is still missing. But we can't reach out to them for a fortnight already.

I do not want to write about sad stuff.

It is better to shift attention onto tasks. They are everywhere and they keep coming. We need to filter them according to their effectiveness and priorities. Which should come first and which can wait.

Because now we are fighting the fires... Let's start a refugee project with growing plants on the community land. Let's start projects of quick eco houses, recycling and psychological support.

Sure, but let's do that after the victory. At the moment we have some tactical tasks to deal with. To help at least the already existing number of refugees meet their needs.



Mattresses and boots

We need them and we cannot find them anywhere. The search continues. Lots of different combinations, we can buy and bring them from, say, Chisinau or elsewhere.

— We have a lot of this stuff! — Camilla from Denmark says.

That sounds great, but we need them not in Denmark, not in Chisinau or even Odesa. We need them in 70 locations spread across 1200 km and unfortunately our wonderful Nova Poshta (* Ukrainian postal company) is not capable of working in all locations. They were needed yesterday and they will be needed tomorrow.

There are also problems with evacuation, humanitarian corridors, gas, transport, getting to the location. We do not dare to provide such help. We simply do not have resources for that.

— You know! They shelled Frankivsk and Lviv region.

I do not know. That is not crucial now. I do not know news except for the ones considering our locations and our people's migrations. We are waiting for a new wave of people to come. We are preparing the houses. Each new bomb creates a new flow of people. We just need to do our job and be as productive as we can.

— The bombing is so loud. There will be no Kharkiv left soon, — Ira says as we are making the payments spreadsheet.

The bombing is so loud but we have got our own things to do. Let's focus on the tasks. Everything will be Ukraine.

