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Hear the stories of lives transformed through your support



Images: Alla came to Poland, seeking safety from the war in Ukraine. She now works at a Humanitarian Aid Centre run by All We Can's partner, MedAir, providing psychological support to other refugees.

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Every
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UKRAINIAN REFUGEE, NOW MEDAIR
EMPLOYEE, POLAND

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, 13.5 million people have been forced to leave their homes either as refugees to neighbouring countries or displaced within Ukraine. All We Can traces its roots back to the 1930s, when Methodist minister Henry Carter felt the church had a responsibility to respond to the refugee crisis in Europe. Since then, All We Can has remained firm in its commitment to support refugee communities.

When the war in Ukraine broke out last February, Alla made the incredibly tough decision to travel 30 hours to Poland to keep her and her daughter safe.

'All the rest of my family – my parents and grandparents – are still in (Ukraine),' Alla says, 'It was a really hard decision to come here. I didn't want to leave my family but it was very unsafe for my child... I miss my home. We never thought we would be away for so long, living out of a bag. You just pack a few things and you don't know what will happen next.'



MedAir, All We Can's humanitarian aid partner, set up Humanitarian Aid Centres across Poland and it was at one of these that Alla and her daughter were able to rest and recover whilst they went about starting their new life.

'At the beginning it was very hard to find work here,' explains Alla, 'I was walking on the street, going from one place to another... After 30 hours of travel we needed a safe place to rest and collect our thoughts... There was plenty of food and we just needed time to prepare our documents and fill out forms. Even without financial assistance, we were supported in many ways.'

Thanks to your support, All We Can's humanitarian aid partners, like MedAir, have been able to respond quickly to the critical need of those affected by emergencies, such as the war in Ukraine. For individuals like Alla, this support has been vital. In the chaos of conflict, finding security in her new community has been essential for her potential to be fulfilled.



Alla is now working with MedAir, providing psychological help to other refugees who are going through the same situation, as well as helping them with information to find housing and employment.

'I didn't expect to be welcomed so warmly here,' Alla explains, 'In the beginning it was difficult but being welcomed made it easier. Now I'm happy to be here... From the very beginning I got a job – I wanted to be financially independent as soon as possible. I wanted to make my own decisions and to be as free as possible. It makes sense to have a job where I can help people who are going through the same situation I went through – to give psychological help to refugees, to give them information as to how they can move forwards. I'm very happy to be in this position... Three days ago I bought an apartment... I'm very happy about that.'

