

STAND WITH UKRAINE

Every day as we watch the news we feel a sense of despair, we think **the West doesn't get it, Russia doesn't play by international rules – it deals in long term subversion, the West deals in short term newsbites.** Without doubt something is wrong in European security thinking when Germany feels sending 5,000 helmets will make Putin think twice – just ask any Ukrainian or Swede or Estonian right now, how they sleep at night.

But outrage and complaints do not help the people on the ground in Ukraine today, Now is a time for action!

The question on the minds of millions of Ukrainian families is "what do we do if there is an escalation". It's a very different proposition from dealing with it as a daily reality over there, rather than discussing it hypothetically over here.

In Ukraine today many people are preparing to defend their homeland. We in Australia must be ready to stand in their corner, to support them as we have been doing since 2015 with the *ukrainecrisisappeal.org*. Working together with Rotary in Australia and Caritas in Ukraine, this fund has assisted refugees fleeing the war in Donbas and provides support to war affected veterans and their families.

"The readiness of the Ukrainian diaspora in Australia to support this project is an example for all of us in how to help those who suffer defending their homeland"

Andriy Waskovycz – President to 2021, Caritas Ukraine

Now is the time to act. A war has been going on since 2014. The threat of further military intervention compounded by pandemic economic stress is aggravating an already difficult situation. Further destabilisation gets Putin closer to his goal of subjugation of a sovereign Ukraine. **Make a donation today so that Caritas can keep vital assistance programs going and can step up as required.** Send your tax deductible donation to https://www.ukrainecrisisappeal.org/

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