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Best practice:

First-minute help for war refugees in Šamorín

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Best practice summary

- ▶ First refugees arrived at the end of February 2022, peaking at around 500
- ▶ Help from Ukrainian-born Local resident
- ▶ Local emergency committee mobilized NGOs and Citizens
- ▶ The local library became an information centre for Ukrainian refugees + the place of their meetings
- ▶ Municipality offered food and necessities from its budget, active organizing role



Role of town

- Active organizing, mobilizing and leading role – crisis committee
- Active financing
- Immediate help / place to stay was out of town



Results after 18 months

- Around 500 refugees helped in various ways (cumulative no.)
- Around 30 children taking part in activities and workshops (cumulative)
- Communication tools established via FB pages – Ukrajinci v Šamoríne a na okoli (389 followers)





Methods of funding

- ▶ Voluntary work – NGOs, volunteers
- ▶ Active role of municipality – 7200 Eur spent till June 22
- ▶ Community help, public gathering
- ▶ NGO grants – especially national-level organizations

Excellent elements

- ▶ Greatly effective crisis committee of town
- ▶ Volunteers involved
- ▶ Public place used for gatherings
- ▶ Communication: FB page Ukrajinci v Šamoríne a na okolí (bilingual)

Activities

- Workshops for children and their families
- Infopoint (Library)
- Language courses
- State help (schooling, accommodation)
- Currently 136 persons registered in town - integrated

