

17 January 2026

## EMERGENCY PLAN KYIV

### DECISION TEMPLATE

Coordinating organisation: Life Bridge Ukraine gGmbH [www.life-bridge-ukraine.com](http://www.life-bridge-ukraine.com)

Cooperation partner: Kyiv City Administration (Mayor Vitalii Klitschko)

Logistics partner EU: Blue and Yellow Cross (purchasing & transport for procurement via Germany)

Status: 17 January 2026

### 1) Problem



Kyiv is in a state of acute humanitarian emergency as a result of continued Russian attacks on civilian energy and heating infrastructure. The attacks are explicitly targeting the city's energy supply. Local temperatures are falling to around -18 °C or colder.

According to the Kyiv city administration, around 50 apartment blocks are currently without functioning heating. With an average size of around 100 flats per apartment block, as stated by the city, this means that at least around

5,000 flats are currently affected without heating. WDR correspondent Vassili Golod reported in parallel that up to 300 multi-storey residential buildings are without heating, which describes a possible scenario of up to around 30,000 affected flats.



After the massive Russian air strike on 9 January 2026, around 6,000 residential buildings were temporarily without district heating (about half of Kyiv's housing stock). A quick resolution is not expected, as the heating and house connection pipes in the apartments have broken or are breaking again due to persistent frost. At the same time, the power supply remains unstable; in many parts of the city, electricity is only available for a few hours at a time. Electric heating solutions are therefore not an option for the majority of households. Russia continues to attack Ukraine's energy infrastructure; temperatures are forecast to remain low.

## 2) Solution (emergency aid)

Life Bridge Ukraine is planning, in close coordination with the Kyiv city administration and Mayor Vitalii Klitschko, the immediate distribution of **\*\*3,000 emergency kits\*\*** to particularly affected residential buildings.

Each kit consists of:

- a small gas camping stove (for short-term water heating only)
- Hot water bottle(s) for safe heat storage
- gas cartridges for multiple heating processes
- brief safety and usage instructions (UA/RU)

The heat is mainly provided by hot water bottles, not by the continuous operation of open flames. On 17 January 2026, the Kyiv city administration confirmed to Life Bridge Ukraine that this form of decentralised emergency aid is effective in the current situation and would provide concrete help.

## 3) Budget (target: 3,000 sets)

Estimate:

Cost per set (including cartridges) when procured in Ukraine (preferred): approx. €42–50

Total budget for 3,000 sets (including logistics and distribution): €150,000. €30,000 has already been donated, with €120,000 still needed.

Preference is given to procurement or short-term production locally in Ukraine (time savings, lower costs, local availability). If necessary, Blau-Gelbes Kreuz will take care of purchasing and logistics for procurement via Germany.

## 4) Safety (brief assessment)

The stoves are used exclusively for short-term water heating. Mandatory safety measures: tested stoves and cartridges, clear instructions for use (ventilation required, no unattended operation, no operation while sleeping), brief instruction upon distribution. Compared to improvised heating methods (candles, charcoal, open fires), this concept is significantly less risky when used correctly.

## 5) Support needed and appeal

In addition to the necessary funding (100% of donations will be used for the emergency aid kits), support with logistics and procurement is also helpful.

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