



## ***Targeted Village Distributions (TVD)***



**TVD Pilot Project Report  
Dec. 2023 - Jan. 2024**

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## Executive Summary

In November 2023, during its successful fall fundraising drive, Dignity Aid volunteers formulated a plan to visit one village for every \$1,000 raised. With \$4,500 raised over two weeks, the team identified three rural communities in need, coordinated with local representatives and partners, and executed the following activities:

- √ Distributions in following locations (see also map on page 4)—
  - **Luch, Mykolaiv Oblast:** 35 food/hygiene packs for families + 7 boxes winter clothing
  - **Soshe-Ostrivs'ke, Odesa Oblast:** 40 food/hygiene packs for families, 30 for elderly
  - **Zapovit, Kherson Oblast:** ~\$50 emergency cash help to 14 families + winter clothing
  
- √ Partnerships with the following local organizations. Learn more about these organizations on their social media accounts and websites!
  - **Manifest Charity Foundation:** Beneficiary recommendation + van and fuel for 2 deliveries
    - <https://www.manifestmira.org/>
  - **Plich-o-plich Charity Foundation:** Provided 7 boxes of winter clothing for Luch
    - <https://plich-o-plich.org.ua/>
  - **Food For Life Odesa:** Delivered 7 boxes of clothing to Luch on route to Kherson
    - <https://www.food4life.com.ua/food-for-life/>
  - **Human Front Aid** (Switzerland): Donated emergency cash help for Zapovit
    - <https://humanfrontaid.org/>
  
- √ Delivery of more than 4,000 lbs. of much-needed humanitarian assistance to rural villages in southern Ukraine affected by war and poverty
  
- √ Crucial contacts with local representatives and organizations
  
- √ An innovative assessment and distribution system to promote dignity for beneficiaries and flexibility for volunteers, and accountability for donors

## The TVD Pilot Team



**Nika Kyianytsia (center), Project Coordinator**

BA, Faculty of Philology: Journalism

2+ of experience managing humanitarian logistics and projects in Ukraine and Romania

**Alexander Bezimov (right), Driver & Logistics Coordinator**

20+ years as as a warehouse and logistics manager in Mariupol, Ukraine

Moved to Odesa because of war

Large vehicle driving certification in Ukraine

**Abe Collier (left), Ukraine Response Coordinator**

BA, Philosophy; MS, International Public Management

Former humanitarian volunteer in Greece, Bangladesh, Nepal, Lebanon, Moldova

## Narrative Project Description

Ukraine, long the borderland of empires, has a large rural population which has been often overlooked by both government and civil society in terms of infrastructure, employment, and development. After one year in Ukraine, Dignity Aid volunteers determined that it would be most useful to devote funds from the 2023 Fall Fundraising Drive to organize targeted village distributions in rural areas of southern Ukraine.

**Reasons for Beneficiary Selection:** Dignity Aid volunteers collaborated with local partners in southern Ukraine who had sent deliveries of humanitarian aid across the region. Staff at Manifest Charity Foundation had performed an ongoing needs assessment process across southern Ukraine, with hundreds of local contacts, and were particularly helpful in identifying potential locations and contact information of local representatives. Using this list of potential locations, Dignity Aid volunteers then contacted each village, assessed needs by phone, and met to determine target locations for each trip based on the security situation in potential locations along with other relevant factors.

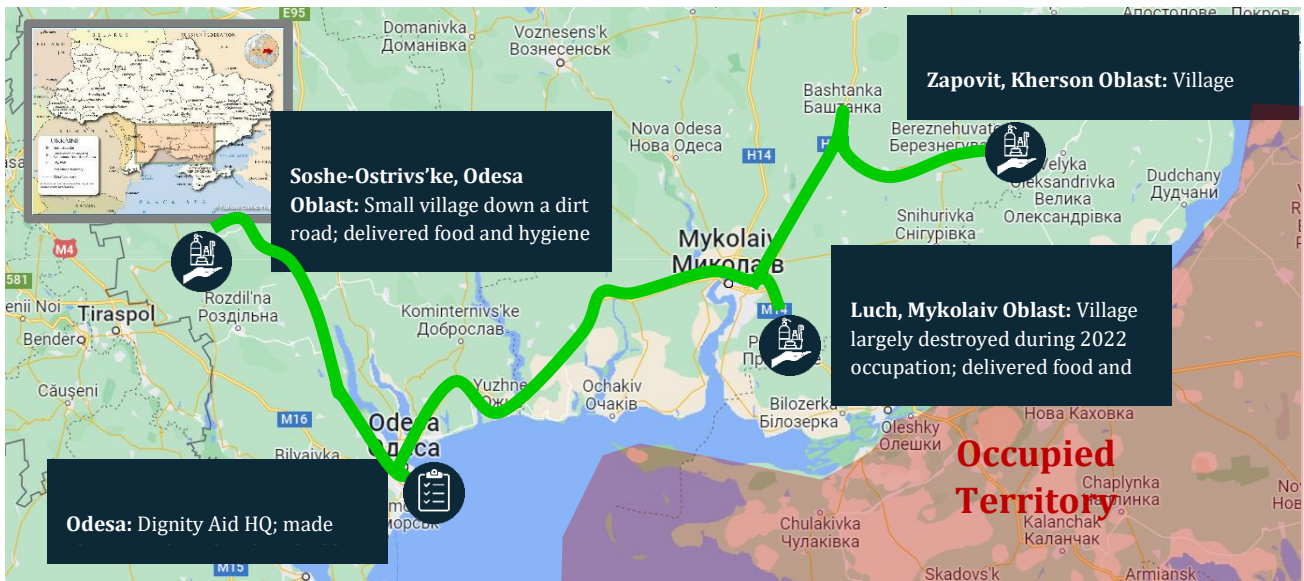


*A wintry Ukrainian landscape on the road to Soshe-Ostrivs'ke, January 2024*

**Innovative Aspects of Project Execution:** The TVD Pilot Project employed several innovative aspects in its design and execution. The first was its assessment form process, which integrated the flexibility of a “free shop” model (like that implemented by Dignity Aid in Muzykivka, where beneficiaries can choose which items they want to receive rather than receiving a pre-packed box) in a rural context. For example, inhabitants of Luch (in which every building was damaged during fighting in 2022) overwhelmingly chose to receive screws and nails in the needs assessment process, rather than pasta which had been a common delivery of humanitarian organizations in the area previously. By contrast, in the village of Soshe-Ostrivs'ke (where there had been no direct damage to houses but a lack of support from regional government), inhabitants overwhelmingly requested basic necessities such as flour and buckwheat. In addition, Dignity Aid's collaboration to deliver emergency cash help from Human Front Aid was an effort to contribute to continuing efforts in the humanitarian space to transition to cash aid wherever possible; our team continues to learn from these varied experiences and improve our processes.

**Response of Beneficiaries and Partners:** Local representatives and beneficiaries expressed sincere gratitude for the efforts of Dignity Aid donors and volunteers to provide much-needed humanitarian help to their regions. Local partners have also commented on the efficiency and reach of the Dignity Aid team, particularly given the limited resources of the small organization, and encouraged the organization to continue its work in a similar vein as much as possible.

## Map of TVD Operations



### Notes:

- Dignity Aid International is based in Odesa and operates primarily in the south of Ukraine— Odesa, Mykolaiv, and Kherson regions (oblasts), some of which are still temporarily and partially occupied, as shown in the map above
- Dignity Aid projects typically take place 30+ km (20+ miles) from front-line fighting to minimize security risks, particularly from regular artillery shelling in those areas
- Luch and Zapovit were identified as villages previously occupied by hostile military forces and as having been in touch with local partners about severe humanitarian needs
- Soshe-Ostrivs'ke (leftmost marker on map) was chosen to test humanitarian needs in areas not occupied by military force in 2022 and as an area previously identified by local partners
- All planning, purchasing, and packing occurred in Odesa (DAI HQ)
- Communication with local representatives in villages was primarily conducted by Ukrainian team members by telephone and messaging applications
- Priority in the purchasing process was given to local (Ukrainian) products, manufacturers, and retailers in order to help sustain the local economy



## Financial Report

*Note: Receipts for project expenses are on Google Drive at the following link:*

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1TZfggZ2dNAkAyNKxKwkKiRT0-VouVg7C>

### TVD Project Expenses: \$2,145.30 (USD)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,145.30</b>	
2		<b>Expense No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount (UAH)</b>	<b>Amount (USD)</b>	<b>Receipt</b>
3		TVD-LU1-01	29 Nov 2023	Targeted kits for Luch Visit #1 (LU1, Assessment)	35814.06	\$984.99	TVD-LU1-01.pdf
4		TVD-LU1-02	21 Nov 2023	Fuel for LU1	1921.43	\$53.31	TVD-LU1-02.pdf
5		TVD-SO1-01	15 Dec 2023	Targeted kits for Soshe-Ostrivske Visit #1	21434.05	\$579.46	TVD-SO-01.pdf
6		TVD-SO2-01	4 Jan 2024	Standardized kits for Soshe-Ostrivske Visit #2	16613.67	\$437.20	TVD-SO-02.pdf
7		TVD-ZA1-01	19 Jan 2024	Fuel and Snacks for Zapovit Visit #1	1898.8	\$50.37	TVD-ZA1-01.pdf
8		TVD-ZA1-02	25 Jan	Diapers and Snacks for Zapovit Visit #2	1507.08	\$39.98	TVD-ZA1-02.pdf
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10							
11							
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13							
14							

### TVD Administrative Expenses: \$525.25

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$525.25</b>	
2		<b>Expense No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount (UAH)</b>	<b>Amount (USD)</b>	<b>Receipt</b>
3		TVD-LU1-AD	29 Nov 2023	Administrative Expenses & Stipends for LU1	6500	\$178.69	N
4		TVD-SO1-AD	15 Dec 2023	Administrative Expenses & Stipends for SO1	6000	\$161.83	N
5		TVD-SO2-AD	4 Jan 2024	Administrative Expenses & Stipends for SO2	4500	\$118.42	N
6		TVD-ZA1-01-AD	19 Jan 2024	Administrative Expenses for ZA1	2500	\$66.31	N
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10							
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13							
14							

Subtotal TVD Pilot Project & Admin Expenses	\$2,670.55
DAI Administrative Costs (10%)	\$267
<b>Total TVD Pilot Costs</b>	<b>\$2,937.55</b>

## Photo Report

### Luch, Mykolaiv Oblast



*(clockwise from left)*

- Nika and the team help citizens of Luch fill out assessment forms;
- local representative Svetlana poses with team member Abe;
- the van of local partner Manifest Foundation at the delivery point in Luch;
- Alexander and the team help beneficiaries find their humanitarian assistance

### Soshe-Ostrivs'ke, Odesa Oblast

*(clockwise from left)*

- Nika helps local representatives prepare bags for distribution;
- Alexander works with a supermarket employee to purchase items;
- the team poses with local representatives;
- a sample humanitarian pack for Soshe-Ostrivs'ke



### Zapovit, Kherson Oblast



*(clockwise from top left)*

- the team registers citizens of the village for aid;
- all households of Zapovit gathered for our delivery
- the small town during our first assessment visit;
- a house destroyed by military action on the road to Zapovit



## Future Objectives

### **1. Collect donations for further village distributions in February 2024**

Dignity Aid International is currently running a fundraiser for further village distributions, with plans to follow the template laid out in this report and visit 1 village for every \$1,000 raised. Crowdfunding options are available on Fundly and PayPal—links in social media bios and on website at <https://dignityaidinternational.org>.

### **2. Continue visiting at least 2 villages per month from March-June 2024**

With donations from crowdfunding (and hopefully, with US registration ongoing, soon from more permanent funding sources such as monthly donors and grants), Dignity Aid volunteers have the goal of visiting at least 2 villages every month for the first half of 2024. Potential target locations include the villages of Tuzli and Kalynivka in Odesa Oblast, the village of Ochakiv in Mykolaiv Oblast, and the villages of Oleksandrivka and Dar'ivka in Kherson Oblast; precise plans will depend on conversations with local representatives and partners as well as funding levels.

### **3. Fund and organize a full-time team managing village distributions**

In the future, Dignity Aid International envisions the possibility of a full-time team dedicated to village distributions in the style of this TVD pilot project. The team could include both international and local volunteers, as well as one or more full-time staff member dedicated to the project; it would also require regular access to a delivery vehicle. Dignity Aid team members are currently working on building their capacity and network to handle this kind of large-scale project.

## Thank You



*Thank you from Milka the cat in Luch, to all our donors, staff, volunteers, and to everyone who makes Dignity Aid International!*


### Gratitude to our Dignity Aid donors including...

*Abbie  
Alina  
Angela  
Ann  
AnnaLen  
April  
AriAnn  
Barbara  
Ben  
Brad  
Brandt  
Brian  
Chantelle  
Clayton  
Cynthia  
Dan  
Dave  
David  
Eric  
Gary*

*Gayle  
Holly  
James  
Jane  
Jason  
Joann  
Jon  
Jonathan  
Jolene  
Joseph  
Julia  
Karsten  
Kelly  
Kim  
Laura  
Lauren  
Leanne  
Lindsey  
Liz  
Maddy*

*Matthew  
Michael  
Morgan  
Nathan  
Paul  
Robert  
Rodney  
Sarah  
Sergii  
Shelby  
Sophie  
Steve  
Terri  
The Crall Amicitia Fund  
Victor*

## Appendix 1: Sample TVD Assessment Form



### Needs Assessment Form for Targeted Village Distribution

*January 2024 - Zapovit, Kherson Oblast/Заповіт, Херсонська область*

<b>Family Details</b>	Head of Household Name: ПІБ	
Контактні дані родини	Phone Number: Номер телефону:	

<b>Permissions</b>	I give permission to Dignity Aid to use my photo and data for fundraising and reports to donors (Y/N): Я дозволяю Dignity Aid <b>використовувати моє фото та дані</b> для збору коштів і звітів донорам.	<b>Так / Ні</b>
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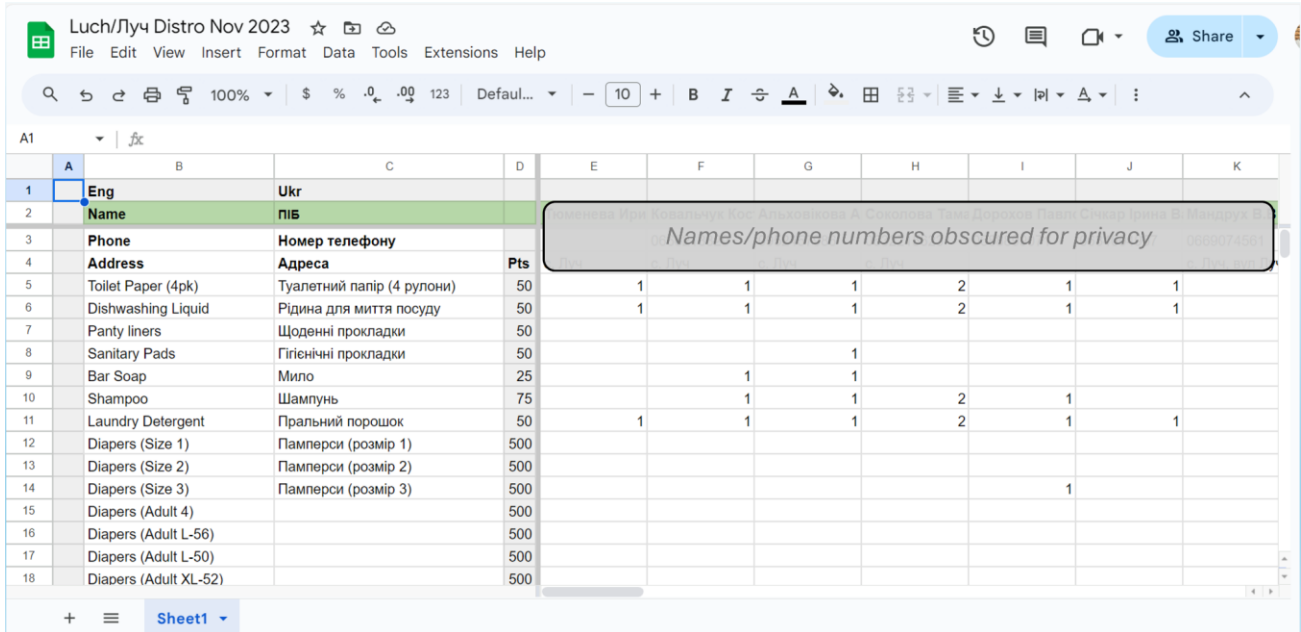
*ПРИМІТКА. Гуманітарні волонтери намагатимуться придбати те, що найбільше відповідає Вашому вказаному запити, але не можуть обіцяти точної відповідності.*

Total should be ~1000 UAH per family/Загальний бюджет ~1000 грн на родину				
Category/ Категорія	Item	Назва	Cost/ Вартість	Quantity/ Кількість
<b>Hygiene</b> Гігієна	Toilet Paper (4pk)	Туалетний папір (4 рулони)	50	
	Dishwashing Liquid	Рідина для миття посуду	50	
	Sanitary Pads	Гігієнічні прокладки	50	
	Bar Soap	Мило	25	
	Shampoo	Шампунь	75	
	Laundry Detergent	Пральний порошок	50	
<b>Babies</b> Немовлята	Baby Wipes	Дитячі вологі серветки	50	
	Canned Baby Food	Консервоване дитяче харчування	50	
<b>Pets</b> Домашні тварини	Dry cat food (800g)	Сухий корм для котів (400 г)	75	
	Dry dog food (1.0kg)	Сухий корм для собак (1кг)	150	
<b>Food</b> Їжа	Drinking water (5L)	Питна вода (5 л)	25	
	Flour (1kg)	Борошно (1 кг)	25	
	Pasta (1kg)	Макарони (1 кг)	25	
	Buckwheat (800 g)	Гречка (800 г)	50	
	Sunflower Oil (0.85L)	Олія соняшникова (0,85 л)	50	
	Canned Tomatoes (0.5kg)	Консервовані помідори (0,5 кг)	50	
	Black tea	Чай чорний (25 пакетиків)	50	
	Sugar (1kg)	Цукор (1кг)	25	
<b>Household Items</b> Товари для дому	Candles (4)	Свічки господарські (4шт)	50	
	1 box nails (90 mm, 1kg)	Цвяхи коробка (90 мм, 1 кг)	100	
	1 box screws (70 mm, 1kg)	Гвинти коробка (70 мм, 1 кг)	100	
	Light bulb (E27)	Лампочка (E27)	50	
<b>Other</b> Інше	List here/Напишіть тут:			

<b>Other Questions</b>	Is there any <b>clothing</b> you need for the coming months? Чи є <b>одяг</b> , який вам потрібен на найближчі місяці?	( )
Інші запитання	Do you need any adult or children's <b>diapers</b> ? If so, <b>list size</b> : Якщо Ви маєте потребу у <b>підгузках</b> для дітей або дорослих, вкажіть розмір тут:	( )

## Appendix 2: Sample Shopping Lists

### Sample Spreadsheet to compile data from needs assessment forms (Luch):



Eng	Ukr	Pts	Names/phone numbers obscured for privacy					
Name	ПІБ							
Toilet Paper (4pk)	Туалетний папір (4 рулони)	50	1	1	1	2	1	1
Dishwashing Liquid	Рідина для миття посуду	50	1	1	1	2	1	1
Panty liners	Щоденні прокладки	50						
Sanitary Pads	Гігієнічні прокладки	50			1			
Bar Soap	Мило	25		1	1			
Shampoo	Шампунь	75		1	1	2	1	
Laundry Detergent	Пральний порошок	50	1	1	1	2	1	1
Diapers (Size 1)	Памперси (розмір 1)	500						
Diapers (Size 2)	Памперси (розмір 2)	500						
Diapers (Size 3)	Памперси (розмір 3)	500					1	
Diapers (Adult 4)		500						
Diapers (Adult L-56)		500						
Diapers (Adult L-50)		500						
Diapers (Adult XL-52)		500						

### Sample Shopping List (Soshe-Ostrivs'ke):

Shopping List - Soshe Ostrivske - Dec 2023

Eng	Ukr	Pts	Subtotal
Toilet Paper (4pk)	Туалетний папір (4 рулони)	50	35
Dishwashing Liquid	Рідина для миття посуду	50	42
Sanitary Pads	Гігієнічні прокладки	50	28
Panty Liners	Щоденні прокладки	50	0
Bar Soap	Мило	25	57
Shampoo	Шампунь	75	53
Laundry Detergent	Пральний порошок	50	74
Baby Wipes	Дитячі вологі серветки	50	11
Canned Baby Food	Консервоване дитяче харчування	50	3
Dry cat food (800g)	Сухий корм для котів (800 г)	100	0
Dry dog food (1.5kg)	Сухий корм для собак (1,5 кг)	200	0
Bottles of drinking water (5L)	Питна вода (5 л)	25	0
Flour (1kg)	Борошно (1 кг)	25	145
Buckwheat (800 g)	Гречка (800 г)	50	63
Sunflower Oil (0.85L)	Олія соняшникова (0,85 л)	50	65
Canned Tomatoes (0.5kg)	Консервовані помідори (0.5 кг)	50	3
Black tea	Чай чорний (25 пакетиків)	75	49
Sugar (1kg)	Цукор (1кг)	50	98
Candles (5)	Свічки господарські (5шт)	50	25
Light bulbs (E27)	Лампочки (E27)	50	35
Light bulbs (E14)	Лампочки (E14)	50	0
Baby powder	Присипка дитяча	50	2
Diapers size m	Памперси розмір m	400	3
Diapers size 4	Памперси 4	400	1
Diapers size 6	Памперси розмір 6	400	2
Cold medicine	Ліки від застуди	250?	2