



Information on the Ukraine crisis and potential implications for Isle of Man registered charities

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the ongoing conflict has shocked the world. The Charities Administration Team has received enquiries regarding charitable support for those impacted by the conflict, and charities registered on the Island.

The Isle of Man Government is donating half a million pounds to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) for their Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The donated funds are to be given to those already operating in Ukraine, and neighbouring countries who are providing immediate support for those escaping the conflict brought on by the Russian invasion.

Should you wish to support humanitarian efforts, the Isle of Man Government has recommended that donations are made to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, further details can be found on the Isle of Man response to Ukraine webpage here: www.gov.im/ukraine.

As charities regulator on the Isle of Man, we remind the public that donations should be to registered charities which are established for the purpose of providing humanitarian aid in challenging environments. Charities in the Isle of Man are subject to regulation in terms of monies that they collect and donate, and guidance is set out on our webpage at www.gov.im/charities. Charities, like any other sector, may be at risk of breaching financial sanctions, particularly if engaged in international activities.

It is the charitable organisation's responsibility to ensure compliance with international sanctions. Attention is drawn to an open letter published by the Isle of Man Financial services Authority regarding sanctions: www.iomfsa.im/fsa-news/2022/mar/letter-from-the-financial-services-authority-regarding-sanctions/. We are not aware of any charities in the Island who operate in Russia, however we urge trustees of charities to consider all aspects of their operations to identify if any partners, contractors or financial institutions appear on the sanctions list, or are owned or controlled by any listed persons. All charities should be aware of the source of donations and are urged to carefully consider whether or not to accept donations in the context of the ongoing conflict.

The [Office of Cyber Security and Information Assurance](#) can be contacted for advice in relation to potential cyber security risks related to links to Russia.

There may well be other implications for charities due to the current conflict, and we will continue to monitor events as they unfold elsewhere in the world for consequences that we are not yet able to predict.

We encourage all charities to visit our webpage regularly at www.gov.im/charities for any updates.