

FW: From the Mayor of Tartu, Mr. Urmas Klaas

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Subject: From the Mayor of Tartu, Mr. Urmas Klaas

Dear Colleague,

Being Mayors of Twin Cities, we know and appreciate the value of friendship both in good times as well as in times of trouble. Tartu has, in our most difficult times, received support from the twin cities, partner cities and also from the kind-hearted citizens. We value highly all the good deeds done for our cities and citizens years and decades ago. Now the time has come when Estonia, Tartu and our citizens can notice and care about our neighbours and friends – no matter how far from us they live.

Estonia and Tartu care about the situation in eastern Ukraine, where there is a warfare going on and where peaceful civilians are killed, families lose their homes or are forced to leave them, children homes are in conflict zones and thousands of families are suffering from hunger and deprivation every day. There are hospitals, but there is lack of medicines and medical supplies needed to treat the sick and the wounded.

This is why the City of Tartu decided to help alleviate the situation there and sent monetary aid to Mariupol in eastern Ukraine, for buying medicines and medical supplies there. The citizens of Tartu are also, within their means, providing assistance for the people in need in the Ukraine.

Since sending medical supplies, medicines and food supplies to the Ukraine is complicated, we have chosen a non-profit organisation that operates in Tartu and is well-informed of the situation in the Ukraine, Eesti Pagulasabi ([Estonian Refugee Council](#)), to mediate our aid directly to those in need.

Our aid comes from the heart, in the hope that we can help alleviate the trauma of the wounded and deprived Ukrainians living in the midst of this inhumane war in the heart of Europe at the beginning of the 21st century.

Dear colleague, I hereby turn to you as the Mayor of our twin city, with a request to join our initiative, should you have the will and means to do it. I am glad I could share our concerns with you.

Yours sincerely,

Urmas Klaas
Mayor of Tartu

Further information:

MTÜ Eesti Pagulasabi ([Estonian Refugee Council](#))

<http://www.ukrainaheaks.ee/en/supporting-refugees-in-zaporizhia-oblast>

The non-profit association MTÜ Eesti Pagulasabi ([Estonian Refugee Council](#)) concludes financing agreements with legal persons and presents reports on the use of the donations.

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