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Canada's PPE Manufacturers aid struggling refugees

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CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO: Canada's PPE manufacturers have stepped forward to help provide relief to Ukrainian refugees fleeing brutal attacks by Russia.

Thousands of Canadian CA-N95 respirators and medical masks were sent with the Canadian Medical Assistance Teams bound for the Polish-Ukrainian Border where Canadian health care practitioners will be providing primary care to refugees escaping the fighting.

Ontario MPP, and registered nurse, Natalia Kusendova is among the medical professionals assisting in the mission. MPP Kusendova is no stranger to helping. Last year she also made headlines when she left her job at Queen's Park to assist hospital staff in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic.

When asked to help, CAPPEM President Barry Hunt immediately reached out to local PPE manufacturers and within hours over 10,000 surgical masks and CA-N95s were confirmed on their way to the mission. "We are so pleased to be of assistance and will help the effort in Ukraine any way that we can," says Barry Hunt, President of the Canadian Association of PPE Manufacturers (CAPPEM) which represents over 30 major manufacturers across Canada.

"CAPPEM members stepped up in 2020 when Canada faced shortages of critical PPE. We helped out when the people of St. Vincent suffered through a major volcanic eruption. We sent masks and respirators to seven countries in sub-Saharan Africa. And we've donated countless masks and respirators to those in need here in Canada. It's our intention to continue to help Ukrainians overseas wherever we can find a willing partner. Ukraine is, despite overwhelming odds, defending their country and the free world. They deserve all the help we can give them," adds Mr. Hunt.

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