



Hats for Ukrainian Babies (HUB)

Together with Kangaroo Mother Care this would be a life-saver for some new-borns

An appeal to Rotarians and friends

MORE DETAILS

CAN YOU KNIT a small woolly hat for a vulnerable little newborn - or do you know anyone who can?

We are aiming to supply as many baby hats as possible to our colleagues in Ukraine.

Dr Doug McMillan, Canadian Neonatologist who is leading on this says: 'A hat for a newborn baby combined with skin to skin care with the mother or other family members (often known as Kangaroo Mother Care- KMC) may be life-saving.'

This, '**Hats for Ukrainian Babies (HUB)**' project will supplement our programmes to supply 'baby carriers' (Kangaroo Mother Care) and our programme to improve the quality of antenatal care.

Our focus is on saving the lives of innocent babies.

For more information and how to get involved:

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OFTEN CONSIDERED AN adornment, hats for newborn babies may be life- saving.

Their heads are relatively larger than their bodies compared to adults. Uncovered heads of babies are a large source of heat loss which could result in decreased body temperature and increased chance of death.

In addition to providing warmth, KMC has been shown to improve feeding and growth, decrease infection and improve survival of small babies. Mothers have less depression and improved confidence in care of their baby.

With the recent episodes of loss of electricity and other services in Ukraine, the need for hats for newborn babies has prompted Rotary to seek assistance from parents and grandparents throughout the world.

Hats are often knitted, especially but not exclusively by grandmothers, sometimes along with booties and mittens which are also useful.

We call on Rotarians to start knitting or reach out to friends and family to knit for babies in Ukraine.

Dr Doug McMillan (Canada)

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The Fellowship coordinates medical aid to Ukraine from Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland and beyond. We do so in a selective manner, ensuring that our aid is focused, meets priority needs and achieves value for money.

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Designed to reduce maternal and neonatal complications

With the help of the Association of Neonatologists and Association of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, in Ukraine, and the Canadian Neonatal Foundation and a UK charity, Maternal and Child Health Advocacy International (MCAI), we have agreed a protocol for a programme in 37 hospitals in Ukraine to help create a safe environment for pregnant women to give birth and for the new-borns to have the best chance of survival.

We remain ready to support other maternity hospitals to provide improved care for pregnant women and new-born babies.

Two destinations for your hats!

We've set up two 'hubs' to collect the hats and bay wraps

Frankfurt Airport (Germany)
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Heathrow Airport (United Kingdom)
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IMPORTANT:

We would be happy to receive supplies of baby hats and wraps - but please contact one of us **BEFORE** you decide to send them.



This baby carrier, designed by Laerdal, is proven to provide warmth for low weight babies and save lives. Laerdal has given permission for us to use the design and manufacture them in large numbers so that we could supply them to the mums in Ukraine.

We are currently considering opportunities to make these wraps in Poland and Moldova.

**THIS FELLOWSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.
TOGETHER, WE COULD HELP MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.
PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR MORE DETAILS**

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