

# **WICTU4 – Winter Is Coming to Ukraine**

## **Generators as Lions Support for Ukraine**

### **1. Background and Rationale**

Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, and as the war continues, attacks have increasingly targeted the country's critical energy infrastructure, particularly electricity generation and distribution systems. As a result:

- Large areas of Ukraine experience regular or permanent power outages
- Electricity supply is rationed nationwide
- Hospitals, schools, kindergartens, public services, and emergency response systems are at risk
- Winter conditions significantly increase energy demand and humanitarian needs

The Government of Ukraine, together with national authorities, the European Union, and the European Commission, has appealed to the international community to provide generators to help mitigate the growing electricity shortage.

### **2. Project Name and Continuity**

#### **WICTU4 – Winter Is Coming to Ukraine 4**

This project continues the earlier WICTU initiatives and builds on a proven and trusted operational model characterized by:

- Lion-led humanitarian action
- Strong international cooperation
- Reliable, transparent delivery to Ukraine
- Close coordination with Ukrainian Lions District SD 134

### **3. Main Objective**

The primary objective of WICTU4 is to deliver generators to Ukraine to secure electricity supply for critical functions during the winter period and in the near future.

The project aims to:

- Support civilians and local communities
- Strengthen the operational capacity of authorities and essential services
- Ensure continuity of vital societal functions

### **4. Target Beneficiaries**

Generators will primarily be allocated to:

- Hospitals and healthcare facilities
- Schools and kindergartens

- Public authorities and municipalities
- Critical infrastructure facilities
- Community centers and emergency shelters

Final allocation decisions will be made in cooperation with local authorities through Ukrainian Lions District SD 134.

## 5. Implementation Model

### National and International Cooperation

The project is implemented in cooperation with:

- Lions District SD 134 (Ukraine)
- SD 134 District Governor and District Cabinet
- Constitutional Area 4 (Europe)
- European Lions districts and clubs

### Project Leadership

The project is led by the **WICTU Project Group**, as in previous years, and is responsible for coordination, communication, monitoring, and reporting.

Key roles include:

- **Project Lead:** PDG Björn Hägerstrand (Project Executive Group)
- **SD 134 Representative:** DG Aleksandr Osinsky
- **LCIF Liaison:** PCC Ursina Boulgaris
- **Marketing & Social Media:** Lion Marco Kleijnendorst
- **Project Coordinator & LCIF Liaison:** Lion Jyri Kurki (Project Executive Group)

Project leadership, roles, and responsibilities may be adjusted, and additional members included as required by the situation and project needs.

## 6. Key Project Activities

- Fundraising and donation management
- Procurement of generators
- Transportation and logistics to Ukraine
- Reception and distribution by Lions District SD 134
- Documentation, monitoring, and reporting to donors

## 7. Distribution Planning and Local Implementation

With regard to distribution planning, the project currently has **provisional agreements with Lions Clubs that have established contacts and close collaboration with local communities** in the following regions:

- Chernihiv
- Kyiv

- Poltava
- Cherkasy
- Lviv
- Ternopil
- Kharkiv

These Lions Clubs are prepared to support the distribution of **15–500 kVA generators** and have indicated that **needs remain substantial** in their respective areas. As a preliminary estimate, the clubs have indicated readiness to allocate **approximately 50 or more generator units in total**.

The exact locations and recipient facilities will be confirmed at the next stage of the project. Detailed information will be requested from the relevant local authorities and the respective Lions Clubs in order to finalize the distribution plan, beneficiary documentation, and reporting requirements.

## 8. Role of Lions

The project is firmly based on Lions values:

- Service without personal gain
- International solidarity
- Transparency and accountability
- Cooperation with authorities and partner organizations

WICTU4 strengthens European Lions cooperation and highlights the Lions' humanitarian role in times of crisis.

## 9. Expected Impact

The project is expected to achieve:

- Improved electricity availability in critical locations
- Increased safety and operational reliability
- Better preparedness for winter conditions
- Strengthened resilience of Ukrainian society
- Concrete, traceable aid delivered where it is most needed

## 10. Communication and Reporting

- Regular situation updates to LCIF, donors, districts, and Lions
- Reports on fundraising, procurement, delivery, and distribution
- Photo and written documentation
- Final summary report on results and impact

## 11. Summary

**WICTU4 – Winter Is Coming to Ukraine** is:

- A timely and necessary humanitarian initiative
- A joint effort of European Lions

- A continuation of successful previous WICTU projects
- An effective way to support the people of Ukraine during a difficult winter

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