

# Minibus for Blood Collection: Kherson Lifeline

This initiative is implemented by the Charitable organization "**Community Foundation of Kherson "Zakhyst"** in response to an official appeal for help from the **Kherson Blood Center**.

Our organization was established in 2003. All this time we have been solving national humanitarian, social and cultural problems of our community and the Kherson region as a whole. In 2022, from the first days of the full-scale war in Ukraine, we are increasing the number of victims of military operations, supporting Kherson residents, contributing to the resilience and restoration of the frontline community of the Kherson region.

That is why our foundation launched this project, responding to the call of the Kherson Blood Center. In conditions of war and economic crisis, when there is a catastrophic lack of budget funds, we hope for the support of benefactors from all over the world and sincerely thank each of you.

Kherson region is a frontline region, whose residents are exposed to shelling and attacks every day. In the first 1,000 days of the full-scale war in Kherson region alone, more than 3,000 civilians were injured, making the region one of the most affected in Ukraine.

To save the lives of the wounded and seriously ill, a continuous supply of donor blood is needed. The Kherson Regional Blood Service Center is the only institution that provides such a resource.

**And today, the Blood Center needs our help.**

**1)** Kherson region is a frontline region, whose residents are exposed to shelling and attacks every day.



**2)** To save the seriously ill and wounded from constant shelling, Kherson residents need a constant supply of donor blood.



**3)** To replenish the supplies of donor blood, the mobile team of the Kherson Blood Center, risking their lives, regularly travels to remote communities on the frontline.



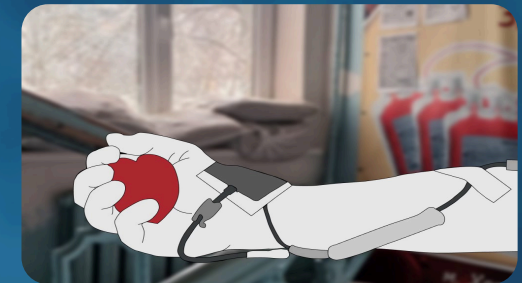
**4)** A mobile team of 10 people travels in a minibus, which is absolutely not adapted to transport a large group of people on off-road and shell-damaged roads. As a result, the car often breaks down. This exposes the members of the mobile team to additional safety and causes the risk of untimely delivery and spoilage of donated blood.



**5)** For high-quality work and replenishment of blood supplies, a reliable minibus adapted to transport a large group of people and the necessary equipment on bad roads is needed.



**6)** The purchase of a minibus will help in the timely replenishment of donor blood, in saving Kherson residents and reducing risks for doctors - members of the mobile team of the Blood Center.



Thanks to donations from benefactors, a reliable minibus will be purchased, adapted for trips on bad roads, capable of transporting a large group (10 people) of mobile brigade members and all-terrain equipment.

It is planned to purchase a used minibus in a reliable car dealership, but in good technical condition. The approximate cost of such a car on the secondary market is 30,000 USD.

First of all, the Ford Transit (passenger) Kombi 2.2 TDCI MT F31 model is being considered.

Other models with similar technical characteristics (for example, Renault Trafic III 2.0dm3 or Volkswagen Caravelle 2.0dm3) may also be considered.

The purchase of the car will be officially transferred to the balance of the Kherson Blood Center and will serve to save Kherson residents.