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Keep Ukraine Connected

February 24, 2022

This was the day everything began. War started in Ukraine.

Dark days for Ukrainian people, but also for Internet Service Providers in the region. Our IT / Tech Community is one big family. We don't think in colors, we don't think in races or genders, we don't think in borders.





The beginning...

When Russia invaded Ukraine, our chair René Fichtmüller didn't want to stand idly by. He first got together with his friend Patrick, and helped organise two truck's worth of relief, which they dropped off at the Ukrainian border in the second week of March 2022.

However, of course, this was not enough.

The first challenge:

- 1. Drive from Berlin to Ukraine. (11 hrs + 2 hrs sleep)
- 2. Meet strangers in a country where war is raging and unload all humanitarian goods from truck to truck and drive back as fast as possible. (2 hrs)
- 3. Then very quickly through local contacts, through gates that suddenly opened, back to the Polish side of the border. (3 hrs sleep)
- 4. Driving back home to Berlin again (13 hrs)
- 5. Done!
- 6. Or was it...





The next day...

At the Global NOG Alliance Board Meeting

Rene shared his thoughts on the next steps, and we all agreed that it was time to do exactly what the Global NOG Alliance was founded to do. Help Network Operators.

We called this task force:

Keep Ukraine Connected





Our vision & mission

We wanted to be the facilitator linking the Disaster Region and the global community.

We have contacts in the community and with the manufacturers. We wanted to use these contacts to do good things.



Strategy Development

We received many offers for donations and also many requests for equipment.

In order to be able to map this properly, we implemented a custom-made Supply & Demand Database.



From a simple idea, to supply chain managers...

The GNA **Supply & Demand Database** works very well. Anyone who wants to donate equipment can get a login from us, and can specify what they want to donate.

Using this database, we can manage which donations we've received. This makes it easier for us to keep track of everything, and means we can show people from Ukraine who need equipment what we have in the system.



Supply & Demand Tool

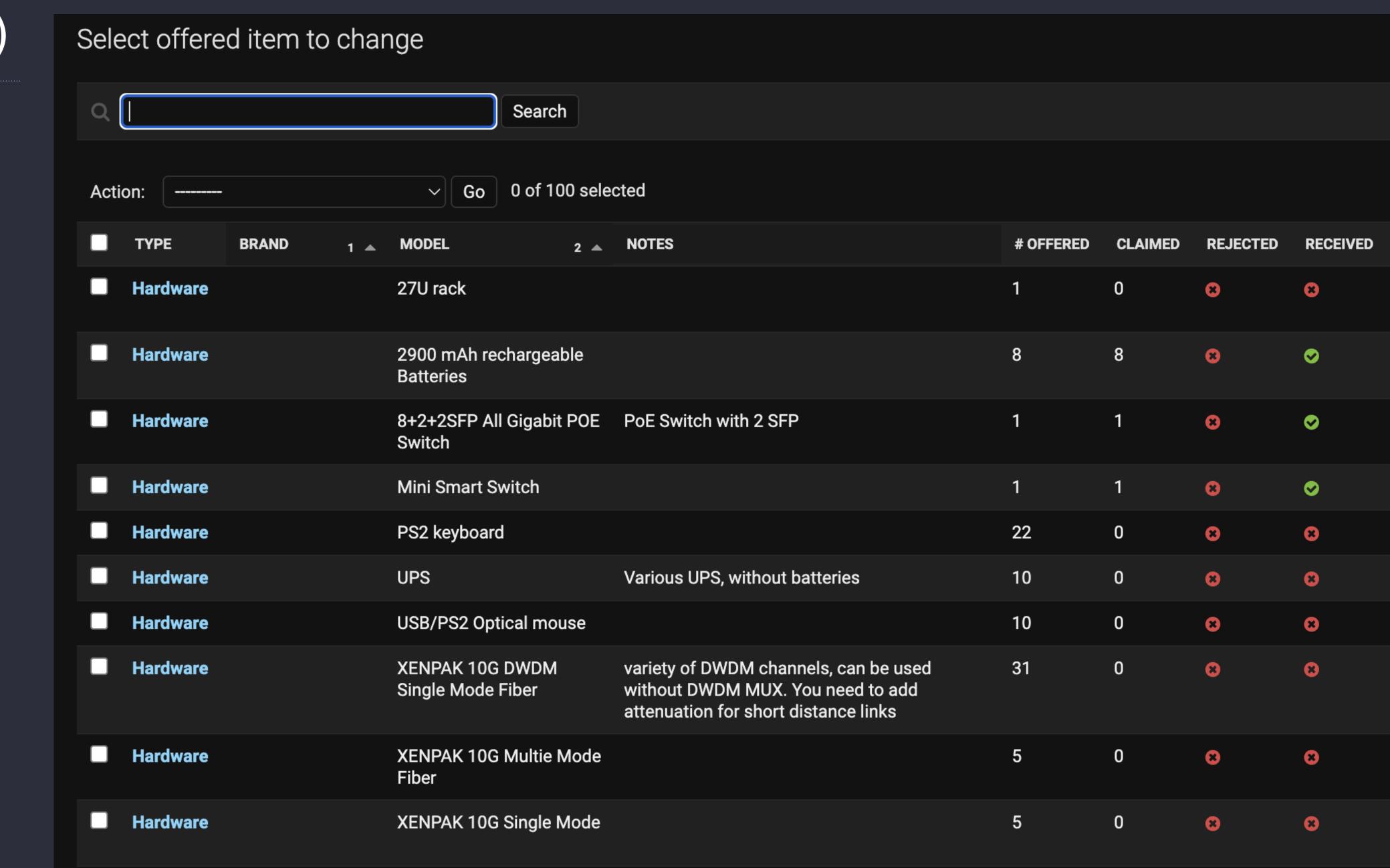
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Supply & Demand Tool

(Donor View)

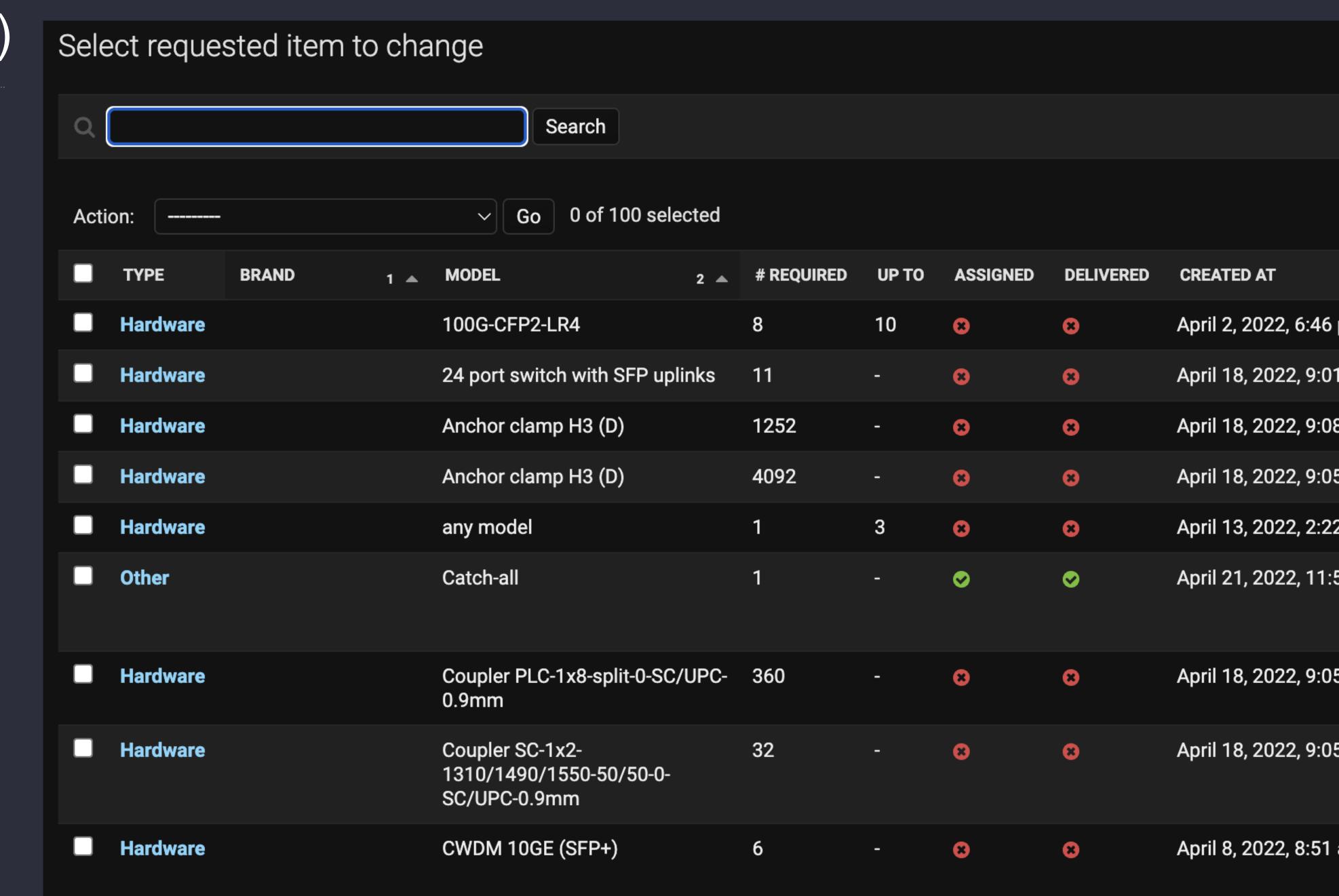
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Supply & Demand Tool

(Requester View)

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Our Friends & Partners in Ukraine

We are currently working with the organisations listed below. They are helping us with paperwork, permits, and local distribution of the donated equipment.



Ministry of Digital Transformation



DEPS (local distribution)



Ukrainian Internet Association

...so why are we doing this?



Why is the internet important in Ukraine right now?

85% of Ukraine >15 years old had access to the Internet in January 2021

Encrypted communication has exploded since 24 February 2022

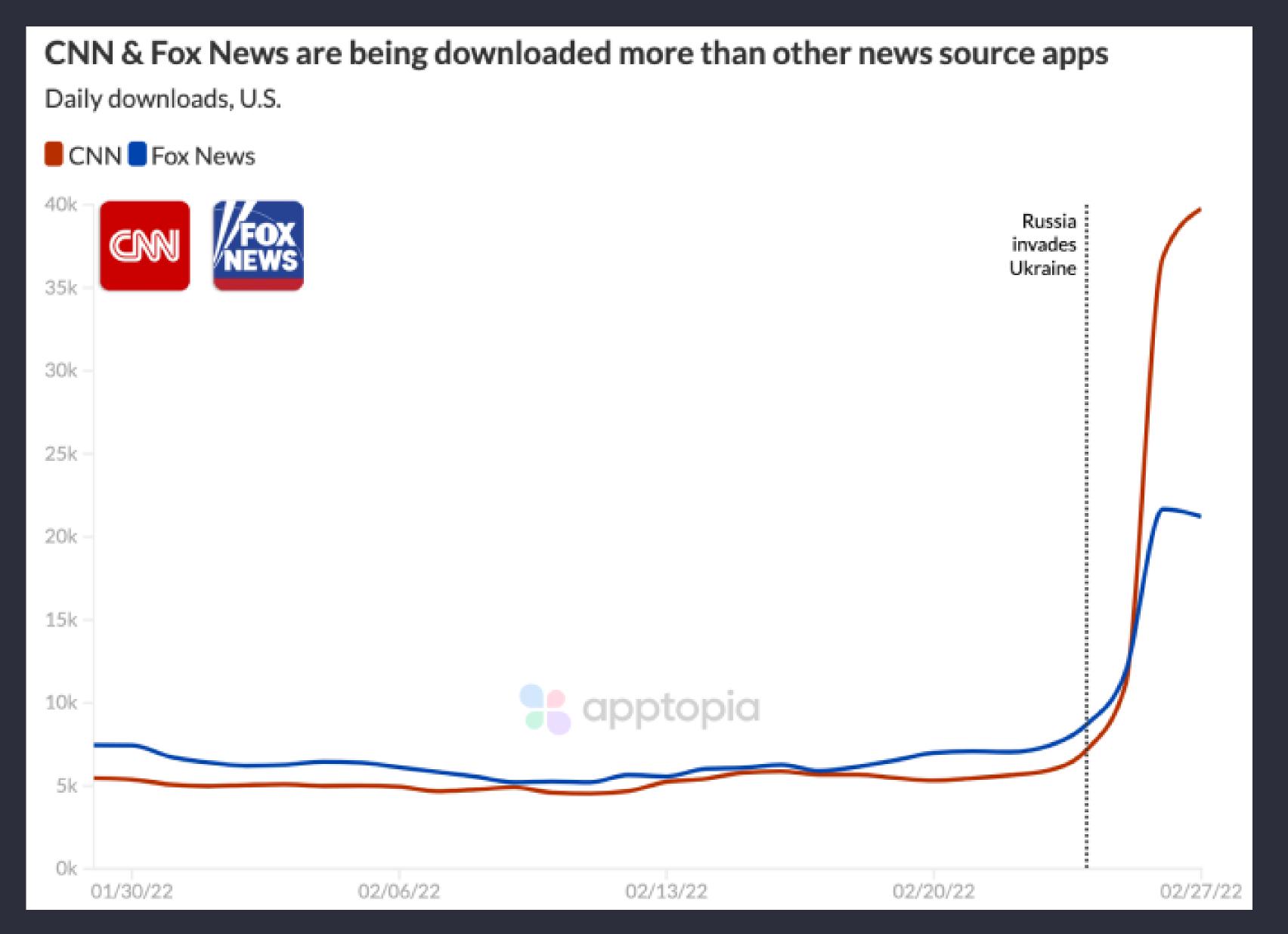
Telegram topped the charts with 54,200 new installs (+25%)

Bridgefy increased from 591 to 28,550 (+4,730%)

Zello grew downloads from 12,540 to 24,990 (199,3%)

Signal grew downloads 20,6%

Accessing international news is reliant on the Internet



















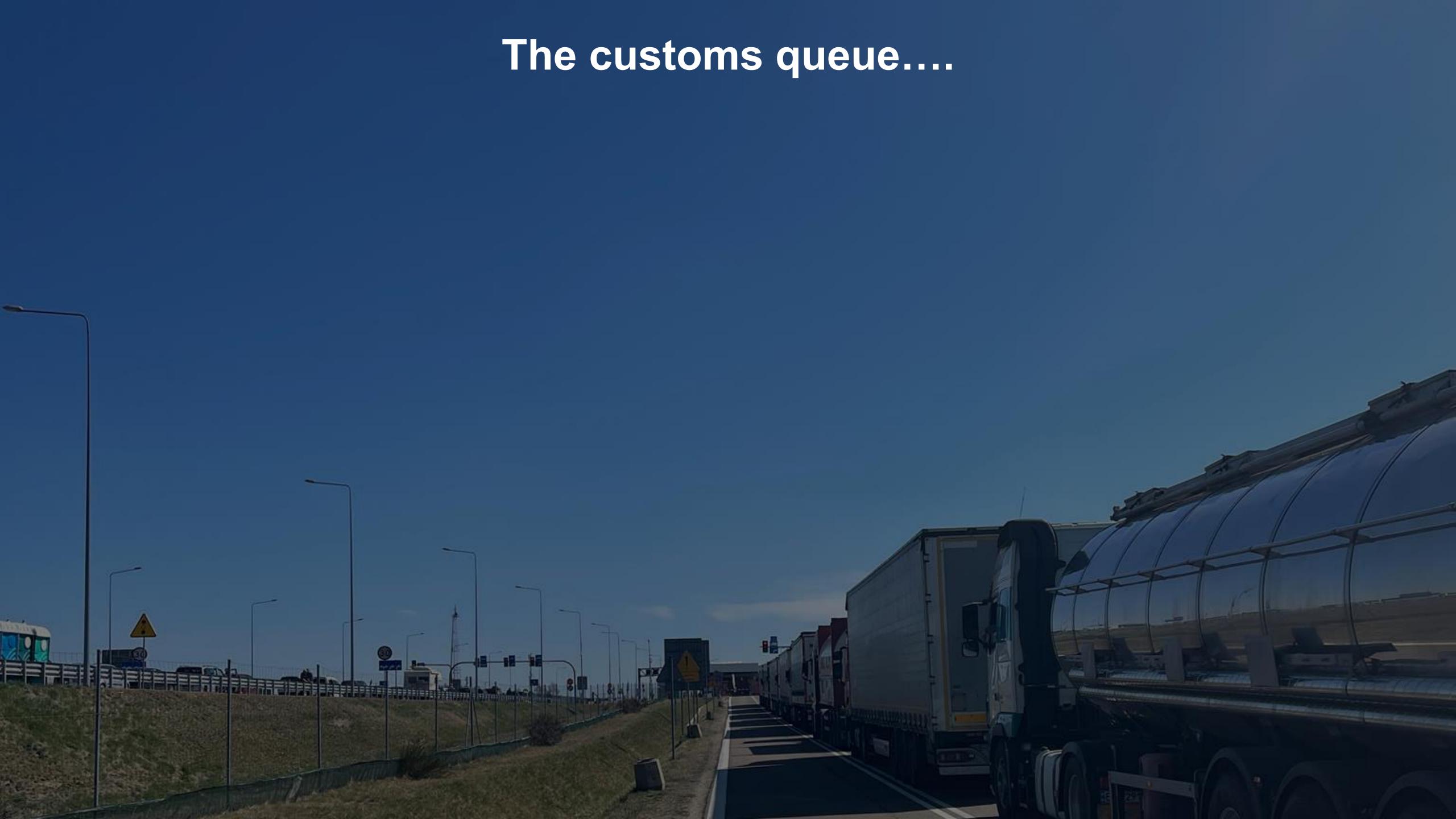
First run to Ukraine



Loading a donated splicer!

Fully loaded with 14 pallets of equipment and a weight of around 2 tons



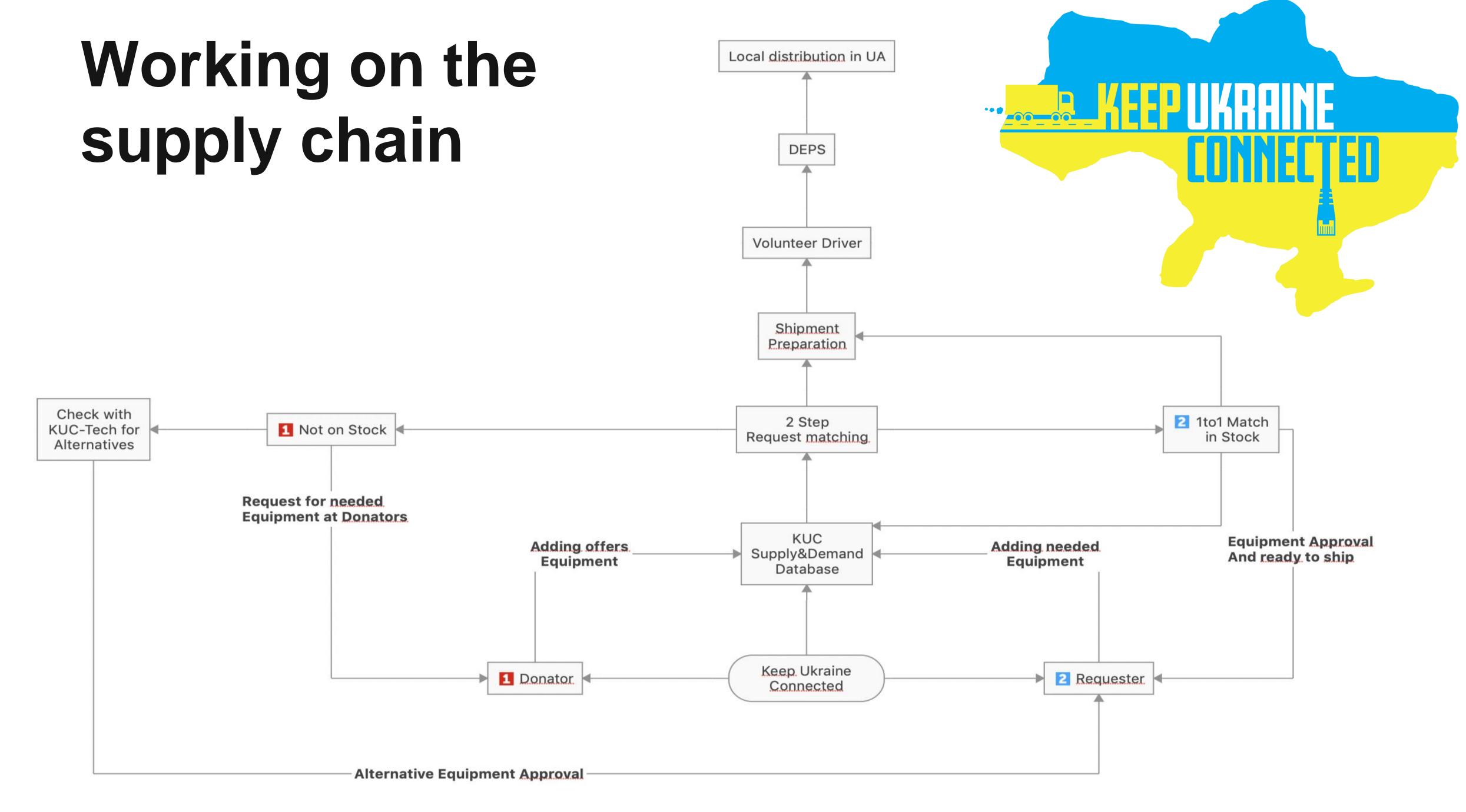




Done! The first of many.



What happens next?



Working on the supply chain

PROCESSES IN UKRAINE





WAREHOUSE AND PROCUREMENT TEAMS



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PROCESSES IN UKRAINE



3) STICKERING AND CODING 4) PACKING

WAREHOUSE AND PROCUREMENT TEAMS

LVIV WAREHOUSE

DELIVERING FROM THE BORDER

DELIVERING TO THE KYIV



Continuing conversations with:

- Donors
- Partners
- Governments

Poland, Ukraine, EU, customs and more.

And trying to fit in our real jobs and family too...

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Thanks also goes to our wider KUC team...

Natalya Klitna (APPK)

Bogdana Piven (Regulatory Authority – NCEK)

Dmitry Knyazev and everyone at DEPS

Team at Ukraine Internet Association

Team @ Ukraine Minstry for Digital Transformation

Julia Troyan

Big thanks to all of you that donated hardware and/or funds!



...and also to all of you who are considering helping in the future ©

Help us get more splicers!

Fiber optic splicers are our most requested tool. We send them to areas where repairs are most needed. Please donate if you can.

How much a decent splicer costs

€2636.67

How much we've raised for the next splicer

8/20

Number of splicers purchased*

The current needs of ISP providers

1. Optical splicers

For trunk optical lines

Inno Instrument - View 5, 7, 8

- FSM-60, 70, 80, 86S, 41S Fujikura

- T-57, TYPE-72C, 81C Sumitomo

- S-177, 178, 179 Fitel

Current quantity needed 20 pcs

For subscribers, FTTH, last mile networks

Inno Instrument - View 1, 3, M7

Fujikura - FSM- 19S, 22S, 23S, 36S Sumitomo - TYPE-71BS, T-400S, 502S

Fitel - S- 153A

Current quantity needed 40 pcs

Thank you!

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