Humanitarian needs

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<td>4 million more refugees are expected to arrive in the coming months</td>
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Crisis overview

- Rapidly escalating conflict in Ukraine is causing a humanitarian catastrophe; there is a massive movement of people fleeing to neighbouring countries—mainly women and children.
- Temperatures are below zero; all available facilities are being used to temporarily house refugees but local communities are overwhelmed.
- Access to fuel for generators and vehicles is scarce; power and online outages hinder the ability for people to access information hotlines and their own banking systems.
- Damage to health care infrastructure and the high number of trauma cases is creating difficulty for functioning clinics.

Humanitarian aid

- This crisis is changing rapidly; coordination is key to ensuring people have access to the help they need.
- The pace of the crisis is increasing; from daily numbers of 100,000 people crossing borders to now more than 200,000 crossings per day.
- The United Nations response has received generous international support which will help in the future, but there are critical needs now which need immediate funding and response.

“This crisis is moving incredibly quickly, and people are being pushed to their limit—their lives are changing by the hour. It is critical that we are there for them quickly.”

—James McDowell, Head of Programme, Global Emergency Response Team.
Our priorities

We have launched a major response to this crisis and continue to scale up as funding becomes available. Our Global Emergency Response Team is intervening within our core specialties of health, water and sanitation, and distribution of critical relief items.

People need protection from the elements, basic household and hygiene supplies, access to cash and primary health care. Together with humanitarian partners, we have identified critical gaps in access to essential medicines, and the need for mental health and psychosocial support.

Unique to this crisis is the availability of grassroots local partners. We will come alongside organisations to strengthen and build capacity for informal initiatives, for example reception centres for refugees or displaced people in Ukraine, but also host families in Poland and Ukraine who need support to keep continue housing refugees.

Based on what our teams are already seeing on the ground, we are prioritising support to eight transition centres in the region. These are our anticipated core activities for the next ten months:

1. Providing refugees fleeing from the conflict with essential items like blankets, personal hygiene kits, and emergency shelter based on their needs. This includes access to cash transfers and support to host families.
2. Initial health screenings at border points, psychosocial support, and assistance to clinics including providing medical supplies, and medical equipment where necessary.
3. Negotiating, facilitating and coordinating humanitarian access and support to families in under-served and hard-to-reach locations.
The timing and scope of our programme will adapt to the needs and the capacity we have to respond. Our project can potentially last longer than 10 months.

Urgent: £1.2 million

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Projected: £3.2 million

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We bring more than 30 years of specialised experience in responding to complex humanitarian crises like the one we are seeing in Ukraine.

We have a proven track record of providing emergency relief to families affected by violence and displacement in places like Afghanistan, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, and the Democratic Republic Congo. When it comes to responding to crisis, we have the knowledge, skills and expertise to deliver rapid and effective support to people who have lost everything.

We promise to use your donation wisely and efficiently in response to the crisis in Ukraine. All donations support our mission to relieve human suffering.

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