



***“We are witnessing a vast humanitarian crisis unfold. With every hour that passes, more and more people are fleeing Ukraine, desperately seeking safety and refuge.”***

**On Feb 24 2022 Russia launched a major military operation against Ukraine. The humanitarian need in Ukraine is dramatically increasing.**

The UN is reporting hundreds of thousands of people on the move trying to leave the country. They are predicting as many as 12 million people may need humanitarian assistance, including 4 million refugees as a result of this crisis. As of this morning, more than 660,000 people have already fled Ukraine into neighbouring countries. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees said ***“I have worked in refugee crises for almost 40 years and I have rarely seen such an incredibly fast rising exodus of people.”***

**We stand with the UN in calling for peace and protection of civilians affected by the crisis. People leaving must be able to do so safely. Humanitarian access must also be maintained throughout the conflict affected areas so that the people who need support can find it.**

**This is an unprecedented and rapidly changing situation, but we are committed to supporting Ukrainian families affected by this crisis, as we continue to support families in Yemen, Ethiopia, Cameroon, and elsewhere.**

ShelterBox is sending a team to Eastern Europe in response to this crisis. We are working to understand what type of emergency items people fleeing Ukraine need, if our aid will be suitable, and where we are most needed. We are coordinating with local authorities, Rotary, and other aid organizations to make sure as many people as possible will receive the help they need.

By donating to ShelterBox, you ensure that whenever and wherever disaster strikes, ShelterBox can be there to understand how best to support communities and when required, provide the emergency shelter and aid items families need to self-recover.

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