

AID PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE 2022 NIGHT OF THE REFUGEE

By participating in the Night of the Refugee, you can help refugees by asking people to sponsor you. The more money you collect, the more emergency aid we can provide. Did you know that in previous editions, each participant has helped 15 refugees?

Emergency aid

Emergency aid is temporary and life-saving aid, just after a disaster or violent conflict. The Refugee Foundation can save lives and protect victims by providing shelter, medical care, food, drinking water and sanitation. Every year the money that is collected goes to various emergency aid projects of Stichting Vluchteling. This year, for the first time, we will share these projects with you prior to the Night. This way you know exactly for which refugees you will be walking the Night! With these projects, we can help about 65.000 people in need.

MALI: BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS AND FOOD FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

In Mali, people are suffering from persistent violence and structural food insecurity. Since its independence in 1960, Mali has been constantly affected by droughts, water shortages, civil wars and coups. The current drought and sudden floods are a major threat to food production in the country, leading to food shortages and malnutrition. Food insecurity affects more than 21 million Malinese.



How we help

Together with our partner Intersos, we improve the living conditions of displaced persons and local people in the Mopti region. We offer them cash aid, in the form of a personal chip card, which allows them to buy foods such as grains, legumes and oil. We hand out emergency packages including cooking pots and cutlery and raise awareness about nutrition. In addition, we provide people with help packages for better hygiene, with e.g. soap and washing powder.

SYRIÄ: HEALTH CARE FOR VULNERABLE REFUGEES

Syria enters the second decade of the civil war. In the north-east and west of the country, the fighting is increasing and people are fleeing violence once again. After years of conflict, economic instability and severe drought, the food insecurity in Syria has also increased dramatically. Hundreds of thousands of people do not have enough to eat. The country's health system also has major defects, which have only become worse because of the Covid-19 pandemic. People have to travel long distances to get medical care and there is a great lack of staff, medical equipment and medication.



How we help

Together with our partner, Intersos, we set up three mobile clinics in the Hama province, so that more people can access medical care. The mobile clinics mainly drive in areas that are difficult to reach, where people have little access to health care. Special attention is given to care for children and pregnant women.

SOMALIÄ: LIVELIHOOD, CASH AID AND WATER FOR DISPLACED PERSONS AFFECTED BY DROUGHT

Somalia has been in the grip of violent conflicts for more than three decades. Due to the constant violence, basic facilities such as medical care and sanitation are absent or of very poor quality. There is currently a serious, prolonged drought in Somalia, due to the absence of three consecutive rainy seasons. The government has declared a state of emergency. The drought causes loss of livestock, rising food prices, serious water shortages and land that becomes unsuitable for agriculture and livestock farming. Almost 170.000 people have been driven out of their homes in search of food, water and grassland for their cattle.



How we help

Together with our partner WASDA, we provide access to life-saving water and sanitation in the Kismayo district. We restore two shallow wells so that nearly 800 displaced persons and local residents have access to clean and safe water. We also build 30 latrines with handwash station and raise awareness on hygiene.

Secondly, we provide immediate access to food by providing emergency cash aid for displaced persons and host families. We also help people with their livelihoods: 45 households who have lost cattle because of the current drought receive 5 goats each and 40 households get a donkey with donkey cart. In this way they are able to earn their own income.

AFGHANISTAN: HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCY FOOD IN KABUL

For already 20 years a humanitarian crisis has been unfolding in Afghanistan. Persistent conflict, a major shortage of medical care, clean drinking water and shelter and food insecurity, make every new day more difficult than the previous one. In addition, the Taliban took over control of the country in August 2021. Large numbers of people have fled. Also in the province of Kabul people suffer from major shortages of basic services, such as medical care and food. Care for mothers, newborns and children is insufficient or does not even exist at all. The lack of hygiene causes diseases to spread and puts public health under pressure.



How we help

In Kabul, together with our partner Intersos, we help refugees by improving access to and quality of health care. We do this by setting up health care posts. People get access to basic health care, such as the treatment of diseases and prenatal and postnatal care. We also provide medical help in cases of malnutrition and help with screening. We combat malnutrition by handing out the calorie-rich peanut paste Plumpy' utility to seriously undernourished children up to 5 years of age.

BOSNIÄ AND HERZEGOVINA: EMERGENCY AID, PROTECTION AND MEDICAL CARE FOR REFUGEES

In search of a better future and security, thousands of refugees and migrants travel through Bosnia and Herzegovina to reach the European Union. They come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Pakistan. Many live in a permanent state of insecurity, spending days and nights passing through the dark forests that connect the country's borders and are confronted by illegal and violent pushbacks by police and border guards. Due to the lack of food and shelter, they are faced with dehydration, hypothermia, exhaustion, malnutrition, diseases and their mental health is also under severe pressure.



How we help

Since 2022, we have launched three projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina to provide emergency assistance to refugees. Together with our local partners Rahma, INTERGreat and 'No Name Kitchen' we ensure that they have access to food, clothing, sleeping bags, backpacks and hygienic articles. We also provide safe shelter and medical and psychological care. Furthermore, we provide legal support for their procedures and help them to integrate, so that they can regain their vision of the future.

POLAND: FOOD AID FOR VULNERABLE UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

On 24 February 2022, Russian troops began a broad military offensive against Ukraine. Millions of Ukrainians have fled the war and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries such as Poland, Hungary and Moldova. At this rate, the situation seems to become the biggest refugee crisis in Europe this century, according to the UN Refugee Organization. More than 3 million refugees have entered Poland. They urgently need humanitarian aid. There is a huge shortage of everything: from food and medical care to drinking water and shelters.



How we help

With our local partner Mudita, we offer emergency aid to refugees from Ukraine in Poland, with special attention to those with a disability or chronic illness. The standard reception points for refugees do not take sufficient account of the specific needs of people with disabilities, which sometimes prevents families from fleeing the war.

We support two reception points in Warsaw and Krakow, specially designed for refugees with disabilities. Together with our partner, we ensure that the refugees staying here are supplied with food.