



In 13 days almost 2 million people have fled their homes to escape war in Ukraine



18 million - people projected to become affected by the conflict 5 million - people expected to be displaced due to the conflict

The war in Ukraine is threating people's lives and livelihoods across the country. Families have been separated. People have been injured. Lives have been lost.

Homes have been destroyed or are unsafe to live in. Critical infrastructure such as health facilities, water supplies and school have also been damaged or destroyed.



At Ukraine's borders with Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova, huge numbers of people are arriving with only what they can carry. As a result of the massive numbers, there are often long queues to cross and temperatures drop below freezing overnight.









RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Where are people fleeing to?

The UN says more than 1.7 million people, mostly women and children, fled Ukraine since Russia invaded. Most sought refuge in neighbouring countries.





Regulators urge safe giving to support Ukraine



The Charity Commission and Fundraising Regulator have urged the public to 'give safely' to registered charities as people make generous donations to organisations which help to support and protect people affected by the invasion of Ukraine.

It is vital that charitable donations of goods and money reach their intended causes.

Our own WFA Fundraising, is going directly to the <u>Disasters Emergency</u> <u>Committee</u>, a coalition of 15 leading UK charities. The members of the DEC are already effectively working in Ukraine and in the neighbouring countries who are taking the refugees by providing emergency aid and rapid relief to civilians.

Many other <u>registered charities</u> are also helping to provide vital life-saving services, like water, food and healthcare.



Before making any charity donation:

- check the charity's name and registration number at www.gov.uk/checkcharity. Most charities with an annual income of £5,000 or more must be registered, and you can use the advanced search function to identify charities working in specific regions and countries
- make sure the charity is genuine before giving any financial information
- be careful when responding to emails or clicking on links within them
- contact or find out more online about the charity that you're seeking to donate to or work with to understand how they are spending their funds
- look out for the Fundraising Badge, this is the logo which shows that a charity has committed to fundraise in line with the Code of Fundraising Practice





DEC - Disasters Emergency Committee



The DEC brings together 15 leading UK Aid Charites to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas

Member charities

The DEC is made-up of 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialize in different areas of disaster response. They come together to speak in one voice, so makes fundraising more efficient when an appeal is launched.

15 Member **Charities include: OXFAM Save The Children Action Aid Tearfund British Red Cross** International

Rescue Committee



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What is happening and what can you do?



This Friday, money donations can be made in your Form Tutor Groups, and then our whole school donation will go directly to the DEC.

Sixth Form students will deliver a donations' envelope to your Form Tutor before this Friday and collect it on Monday 14th March.

We are asking that you consider donating one day's worth of snack money, or even volunteer to give up your phone or social media use for an evening - if someone at home will sponsor you to do that. You may have other simple ideas that involve a direct commitment from you.

In other words, this appeal is not about MUFTI or cake sales, let's make a difference, by actually feeling a difference in our normal daily expectations.

Whatever you choose to do, it will be truly valued by someone in unimaginably difficult circumstances. Thank you.



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