



In response to the conflict in Ukraine, the pupil School Council at St Faith's have decided that our school will be making a donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). This brings together 15 leading UK aid charities, raising funds to respond quickly and effectively to overseas disasters.

The work of DEC charities includes:

- **Age International** is responding inside Ukraine via local partners and in neighbouring countries to support older people. The charity aims to reach 400,000 people, providing emergency food and water kits, medical, hygiene and dignity kits and support in response to trauma that so many older people will be experiencing.
- **Ukrainian Red Cross** volunteers are providing first aid, warm clothes, and support in shelters and metro stations. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is working to restore water supplies, provide support to medical facilities, and provide food and shelter to those affected by the fighting. In neighbouring countries, the Red Cross is helping those fleeing Ukraine.
- **CARE International** has partnered with a local partner to distribute urgently needed emergency supplies such as food, water, hygiene kits and cash to cover daily needs.
- **CAFOD** through its international partner Caritas has 19 centres across Ukraine: they are running warm and safe 'collective centres' with beds, food, washing facilities and safe spaces for children; providing transport, up-to-date information and psychosocial support. They are organising child-friendly spaces where children can play sports and do arts and crafts as a means of coping with their experiences.
- **The International Rescue Committee** is rapidly scaling up resources and mobilizing partners to assist civilians who have been forced to flee their homes. The charity is meeting with partners and local civil society organizations in Poland and speaking to partners in Ukraine to meet the humanitarian needs that arise as conflict forces people to flee to neighbouring countries and inside Ukraine itself.
- **Save the Children** is working in neighbouring countries to help provide children and families with immediate aid: food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, cash assistance.
- **World Vision** is working through partners in Ukraine and neighbouring countries to help provide fleeing children and families with hygiene kits, protection and psychosocial support including child-friendly spaces.

DEC charities are in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, working together to meet the urgent needs of people affected by the conflict.

If you would like to contribute directly to this appeal, please use the following link:
<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

Kind regards,

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