

-Press release-

Humanitarian convoys for Ukraine!

The unprecedented humanitarian disaster faced by the Ukrainians is taking a dramatic turn, with millions of people thrown on the roads. ACTED is fully mobilised in Ukraine to support them and needs your help!

Paris, March 3rd, **2022** - In the face of the conflict in Ukraine, our priority has been to provide financial assistance to those directly affected in conflict hotspots, as we have been doing for the past 7 years thanks to the commitment of our 150 staff and partners on the ground. Many separated families had to leave their homes in a hurry. Hundreds of thousands had to flee towards Central European countries. ACTED is now offering hot meals to people who sometimes wait 48 hours at the border in freezing temperatures and snow. Finally, we also participate in the general mobilization effort to support refugees in Poland, Romania and Moldova.

The crisis is taking on a new dimension as the major cities are now affected and populations will increasingly flee the cities in the coming days. We are prepared to support them thanks to the mobilisation of self-help groups that have spontaneously formed throughout Ukraine.

One of the main problems will be the shortage of basic necessities.

To date, 850,000 people have already crossed into a neighbouring country. Our director in Ukraine says: "In the last few days I have seen tens of kilometres of traffic jams at the Polish border. People waited for days in their cars. Some decided to leave their cars and finish the journey on foot in the cold and snow. While their situation improves once they cross the border, the despair of displaced people and residents of major cities currently under shelling is of particular concern. They are mostly women, children and elderly people without resources. They need emergency assistance to meet their basic needs."

ACTED is therefore appealing for donations to support the "Humanitarian Convoys for Ukraine!" operation.

The money and goods collected will be transported to Ukraine, in the most affected areas and as close as possible to the beneficiaries, in order to provide them with tents, blankets, small heating equipment, baby and hygiene kits.

Your donations will allow us to act quickly. Support the victims of the conflict in Ukraine <u>by clicking here</u>.

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About ACTED

Since 1993, French NGO ACTED has been working with the world's most vulnerable, reaching 20 million beneficiaries in 2020. ACTED implements emergency, rehabilitation and development projects in 40 of some of the world's most vulnerable countries affected by conflicts, disasters or socio-economic hardship. Independent, private and not for profit, ACTED respects a strict political and religious impartiality. ACTED's vision is a 3Zero world: Zero Exclusion... because nobody should be left behind; Zero Carbon... because we only have one planet; Zero Poverty... because poverty should not hold back potential.

We go the last mile. ACTED's mission is to save lives and support people in meeting their needs in hard-to-reach areas through programmes and approaches that look beyond the immediate emergency towards opportunities for longer term livelihood reconstruction and sustainable development. Founded in Afghanistan against the backdrop of a forgotten crisis, ACTED pursues a dual mandate of emergency response and development interventions. We promote the relief, stabilisation and recovery of crisis-affected people in fragile areas by putting local territories at the centre, supported and guided by local knowledge, structures and capacities. We provide tailored support to local needs by breaking down silos through an area-based approach and the complementary use of different aid instruments. By acting and advocating for a Zero Exclusion, Zero Carbon, Zero Poverty world, ACTED contributes to reaching the Global Goals, driving for an integrated, decompartmentalized approach to humanitarian action, for co-construction and global partnerships towards the sustainable development of territories to achieve greater impact.

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