



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Dear District Governors and LCIF District Coordinators,

An international refugee crisis is currently unfolding. Due to recent conflicts in the Middle East and other areas, millions have been displaced from their homes and are seeking safety and new opportunities in other countries, or suffering internal displacement at home. Many of these refugees are traveling with very little and need immediate assistance in acquiring food, shelter, warm clothing and other necessary items. As Lions, we cannot ignore this need.

While you may or may not live in countries affected by this crisis, there are many Lions responding to the basic humanitarian needs within their community. A Refugee Steering Committee has been formed to assess local needs, current Lions actions, and potential response opportunities. Lions Clubs International will use this information to develop guidance and resources for Lions support and service. Lions Clubs International Foundation is currently collecting donations through our Disaster Relief Fund to assist those affected by this crisis. These funds will go toward grants to Lions clubs and districts that are working to support the immediate needs of refugees. If funding allows, longer-term, large-scale projects may also be considered.

We encourage the Lions and clubs within your district to consider making a donation to these efforts. Please visit www.lcif.org to make a gift to the Disaster Relief Fund, or click [here](#) to learn how to donate by check or wire transfer. The need is vast, but together, we can provide help and hope to those who are suffering.

Sincerely,

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