

ReliefAid About Us

WHY DOES RELIEFAID EXIST?

- To save the lives of people affected by armed conflict and natural disasters through independent and impartial humanitarian action.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- We save lives and alleviate suffering in war zones and areas affected by natural disasters through the delivery of emergency humanitarian aid.
- Our current projects are focused on providing shelter, education, medical equipment and food support in Syria, Ukraine and Afghanistan.

WHY WAR ZONES?

- Despite fewer wars being experienced globally an intensification of violence has led to a larger number of people being displaced from their homes.
- It has been estimated that over 100 million people are currently displaced due to conflict, with civilian populations overwhelmingly paying the price.
- Those displaced are often isolated, vulnerable and without the services required for basic life support.
- Support from the international community has in some cases provided relief but needs greatly outstrip the support being provided.

WHY ARE WE SUCCESSFUL?

- **Proven experience in warzones** Our team has successfully distributed shelter, food and medical aid to displacement camps and hard to reach areas in Syria, Ukraine, and Afghanistan. We were among the first to deliver vital aid to 'hot-spot' locations in Ukraine, including Bucha and Irpin.
- **Responsive to immediate and long-term needs** We have the organisational capability to respond to immediate needs; we were operating in Ukraine within three weeks of the start of the conflict. In Syria, where 6.7 people remain in displacement camps, we have been operational since 2015 and continue to provide lifesaving aid, including shelter interventions, stove distributions, and an education programme.

- **Existing networks** We have the ability to immediately mobilise on-ground networks to reach those inaccessible to other aid organisations.
- **Direct support** We are directly involved in overseeing all operations.
- **Mutually beneficial partnerships** We have developed partnerships that allow us to do more with less. Our partners, such as ShelterBox and Escea, provide the materials, allowing us to concentrate on delivering aid to those most in need. Additionally, our internship and mentoring programme with the University of Auckland is developing the next generation of aid workers.

ABOUT US

- ReliefAid is an independent, international humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflicts and natural disasters.
- We were founded in late 2014 by New Zealander Mike Seawright following a decade of experience in conflict affected countries such as South Sudan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.
- ReliefAid's actions are driven by the principle of independence and impartiality. Our independent humanitarian action is provided on the basis of need irrespective of religious or political beliefs, race or gender.
- ReliefAid does not receive any direct or indirect funding from governmental sources and is a registered charity with the New Zealand Charities Commission (www.charities.govt.nz - CC51254).
- For further information on ReliefAid or our activities contact us at communications@reliefaid.org.nz or visit us at www.reliefaid.org.nz