

International Response

United Kingdom:

The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom has offered to commit personnel, funds and property to assist in the continuing crisis.

France:

The Salvation Army is providing space for 275 migrants in various centres and is offering meals to 60-80 migrants in Marseille.

Belgium:

Nearly 100 refugees - including families and very small children - are being accommodated in a special Salvation Army centre in Brussels. A further 20 men are being provided with shelter and meals at a Salvation Army hostel in the capital. Belgian corps are distributing food and clothing to refugees.

Switzerland:

The Salvation Army in Switzerland is currently hosting 2,500 people arriving from war-torn regions. Other support includes the provision of food, healthcare, childcare, assistance with access to education language courses and support in finding job opportunities. Swiss Salvationists are determined not just to provide immediate assistance but also to offer long-term support.

The Netherlands:

The Salvation Army has doubled its capacity for hosting refugees from 75 to 150 beds, with additional beds in crisis centres for the most marginalised. Refugees living in other shelters are being provided with clothing.

Germany:

In several centres in Germany The Salvation Army is working together with other organisations and local authorities to provide shelter and other support, including language lessons and clothing. Plans to scale up the response and support are currently being put in place.

Denmark:

In Copenhagen, 20 beds are provided for migrants by The Salvation Army.

Sweden:

For many years The Salvation Army in Jönköping has been running a hostel for unaccompanied minors. This year it has increased capacity from 23 to 26 and is providing support through the asylum process. In addition, seven minors who have already gained asylum are being supported as they work towards independence. In other locations across the country, shelter and other support is also offered to refugees. Two additional properties are currently being prepared to house young migrants. A Salvation Army team has been welcoming refugees at the border city of Malmö.

Finland:

In several places in Finland The Salvation Army has started communications with the Red Cross and other organisations who are running reception centres for asylum seekers to discuss possible co-ordination and support.

Hungary:

The Salvation Army is handing out clothes, shoes, hygiene articles, sleeping bags, blankets, water and food to refugees who have gathered at rail stations.



Romania:

Although Romania has not seen a huge increase in refugees over recent days, Salvation Army team members report that several migrants have needed assistance through ongoing homeless support, especially during colder weather.

Italy:

A Salvation Army centre in Rome has hosted 21 Eritrean asylum seekers since May this year, providing accommodation and food along with legal support in the process of gaining refugee status. Conversations are currently taking place with local authorities in Salerno about hosting 50 to 60 people there.

Greece:

The Salvation Army is working at the port of Piraeus in Athens to provide food and non-food items to refugees from Syria and north African countries arriving via the islands of Kos, Lesbos and others. Plans are under way to scale up this support and to provide additional support in Thessaloniki.

Russia:

The Salvation Army is providing asylum seekers with blankets, food and clothing.

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