

# 2021

## WINTER REPORT



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# Lebanon Winter Emergency

Beirut, Lebanon  
November 2020 - present

**What We're Doing**  
We are providing 1,300 food packs and hygiene kits, 2,000 heaters, and 1,000 covers to families who have lost their source of income, refugees living in distress, and unhomed families who are in need of food.

**Why We're Doing It**  
Families are facing an economic collapse that has only been worsened by the explosion that took place on August 4, 2020. Layered with an ongoing global health crisis, this winter could be the most difficult that Lebanese communities have ever had to endure.



Emergency Team Distributing Essentials in Aleppo, Syria



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# Syria Winter Emergency

Idleb Governorate, Syria  
November 2020 - present

**What We're Doing**  
We're providing 500 beneficiaries across 100 households with heaters, heating fuel, and winterization kits including thick blankets, fleece-lined thermal underwear, wool socks, wool scarves, winter jackets, and warm pajamas.

**Why We're Doing It**  
Over 11 million people are still in need of humanitarian assistance according to the 2020 Syria Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO). During the brutal winter months, citizens in North-West Syria require immediate aid to protect them against the bitterly cold conditions, which regularly reach below 32 degrees. According to the UNHCR, an estimated 1.4 million people are in need of substantial assistance in preparation for the winter.

# Palestine Winter Emergency

Oraiba and Shoke (Rafah), Wasta (Middle Area) Palestine  
October 2020 - present

**What We're Doing**  
We're providing plastic sheets for shelter roof renovation for 329 households to protect their homes from water leakages. Over 350 households will receive winter blankets and hygiene kits to protect them from harsh winter conditions and to reduce the spread of viruses and diseases, including COVID-19.

**Why We're Doing It**  
Of the 2.1 million individuals in the Gaza Strip, about 50% are unemployed and 53% are living in poverty. These numbers are expected to increase significantly due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The winter season brings more challenges and harsh winter conditions, worsened by climate change. Vulnerable households in Gaza are not prepared to face winter conditions as it brings with it the threat of displacement, loss of property, and health risks due to flooding and poor housing. Additionally, The Ministry of Social Development in the Gaza Strip estimates that 70% of the population is food insecure, while 33.8% are living under the extreme poverty line.

# Pakistan Winter Emergency

District Swat, Tehsil Barain, and Gabral Village Utror, Pakistan  
October 2020 - present

**What We're Doing**  
We're ensuring that Pakistani families in need have access to winter essentials including warm clothes, blankets, shawls, sweaters, and tarpaulin sheets for shelter.

**Why We're Doing It**  
Climate change, frequent disasters, and the COVID-19 pandemic have posed serious threats to Pakistanis living in the most remote areas. The valley of Swat in the north of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province is enclosed by mountains. In the winter season, heavy snowfall often forms into glaciers, which have previously become an obstacle for transportation. Sometimes, snow is 5-10 feet deep, confining residents to their homes. While most people migrate in the winter season, underserved communities have no choice but to stay and fight the harsh winter cold. They have no alternative shelter options, lack of access to warm clothing, and no resources to purchase items necessary for coping with harsh weather conditions.



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## Kashmir Winter Emergency

📍 District Neelum, Thesil Sharda, Union Council Dudinal, Sharda, Kel, and Gurez, Kashmir

📅 October 2020 - present

### What We're Doing

We're providing 190 extremely vulnerable families with winter packs and tarpaulin sheets for shelter to help them cope with the harsh weather conditions in Neelum Valley of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK).

### Why We're Doing It

In District Neelum, shifting weather patterns endanger food production and cause unpredictable rain and snowfall that increases the risk of catastrophic avalanches, flooding, and more severe winters often affecting the most vulnerable communities. Similarly, with COVID-19 spreading rapidly, alongside ongoing conflicts, and climate change challenges, many villages and communities are at risk of facing an emergency within an emergency. In January 2020, avalanches were triggered by heavy snowfall in the Neelum Valley, taking the lives of 77 people, injuring 56 people, and damaging 841 homes. This catastrophic incident has affected 4,047 people in Thesil Sharda of District Neelum.

## Yemen Winter Emergency

📍 Yemen

📅 November 2020 - present

### What We're Doing

We're keeping 312 children from impoverished families warm from the harsh winter temperatures with winter clothing and blankets. These families will also receive over 5 gallons of fuel.

### Why We're Doing It

As Yemen continues to face a humanitarian crisis with civil war and famine, coupled with COVID-19, winter brings even more challenges as those who struggled to find food, clean water, and shelter will also fight to get warm.



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