

# SITUATION REPORT

## BELARUS REFUGEE CRISIS

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### SITUATION

Since the beginning of November, refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria have been stuck at the Belarus-Poland border. To retaliate against European Union sanctions, Belarus is granting refugees seven-day visas, then forcing the refugees into other countries, such as Poland. Polish soldiers aren't letting the migrants into the country, leaving them in limbo at the border. They are experiencing a lack of food, medical supplies and shelter and are facing winter weather with no place to go.



### RESPONSE

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belarus is providing assistance to refugees by distributing warm clothes, food and other essential items. There are also volunteers who speak Arabic and other languages to help communicate with the refugees. Further support from Lutheran Disaster Response will allow the church to provide mattresses, bedding, warm clothes, food and hygiene items to over 1,000 migrants.



*Photo: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belarus*

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### Pray

Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the refugee crisis in Belarus. May God's healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

#### Give

Contribute to Lutheran Disaster Response (Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis).

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