The Situation

- 750,000 people affected
- Nearly 150 people dead
- Neighbourhoods reduced to rubble
- 300,000 people homeless
- Hospitals damaged or destroyed
- Stores holding 85% of the country's grain damaged or destroyed

Actions Being Taken

- Commitment to providing 500 meals per day for the first month.
- Distributing food, water, hygiene and disinfection materials as well as clothes, mattresses, and blankets.
- Helping affected households to access medicine and health services.
- Mobilising volunteers to remove rubble in the places most damaged by the explosion.
- Referring families to temporary shelters and providing minor repairs for homes including carpentry and electrical fixes.

Support Needed

- £6/€6.50 could buy a hygiene kit containing items such as soap, disinfectant and cleaning supplies.
- £10/€11 could buy a prepared hot meal and water for a family of 5.
- £25/€27.50 could buy a food parcel containing basic essentials: rice, sugar, oil, beans, lentils and tea.
- £40/€44 could buy a mattress and bedding in a shelter for people who have lost their homes.

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