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Dear AmCham Norway,

On behalf of our staff and the people we help, I would like to thank you for the generous donation the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) received in relation to your annual Thanksgiving Charity Dinner. With your support, we are able to reach more of the world's most vulnerable people.

There are more people fleeing their homes than ever before. Around the world, over 100 million people have been forced to flee because of violence, conflict or persecution. For more than 75 years, NRC has worked tirelessly to protect displaced people and support them as they build a new future for themselves.

Each year, we assist millions of people and provide help where the need is greatest. NRC provides assistance to meet immediate humanitarian needs, prevent further displacement and contribute to durable solutions across more than 40 countries. We provide access to education, food, legal aid, shelter and clean water and we advocate for displaced people all over the world under challenging and sometimes dangerous circumstances.

Donations from the private sector is a crucial source of flexible funding for NRC and receiving donations like this one allows us to set our own priorities based on humanitarian needs in the field. The funds raised by AmCham Norway and your member companies from this year's event will contribute to NRC's response in Ukraine and in countries negatively affected by the war in Ukraine.

The war in Ukraine has forced over 14 million people from their homes. Plummeting winter temperatures, a shortage of homes and rising fuel costs are likely to worsen already existing vulnerabilities amongst people affected by this conflict. Targeting and destruction of vital civilian infrastructure needed for water, electricity and heating in Ukraine will also accelerate displacement as winter approaches, as people seek warm and safe shelter.

Since the escalation of the international armed conflict in Ukraine in February, NRC has been responding to the increasing humanitarian needs. Through our country offices in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Poland, we are providing assistance to people in need both directly and through national partner organisations. Ahead of the expected brutally cold winter, we are racing against the clock to help provide food, fuel, water and shelter to thousands of people displaced by the ongoing conflict.

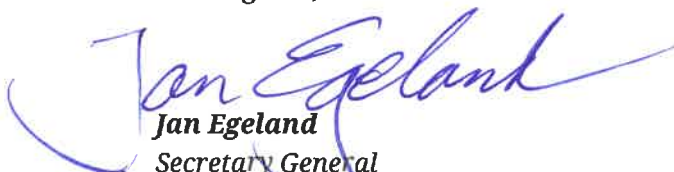


A family receiving a monthly food package and a household hygiene package from our teams, in cooperation with local partners, in Ukrainian city Myrnohrad. Photo: Christian Jepsen/NRC

We also provide cash in areas where the local markets are functional, so people can make their own decisions on purchases, based on their needs, while also supporting the local economy.

Supporters like AmCham Norway and your members are essential to the work we do in this region, and I want to offer my biggest gratitude to AmCham Norway for contributing to the important work that we do for people who are forced to flee. Thank you!

Best regards,


Jan Egeland
Secretary General
Norwegian Refugee Council