## **SUGGESTED minimum CONTENTS**

All items need to be as good as new, preferably new! Each child's box should be suitable for both genders. All items of clothing should be appropriate size for age group. For everyone the suggested clothing would be socks, hat, gloves, scarf. IN CHILDREN'S BOXES PLEASE PUT TIN OF FOOD USE BY DATE 2025.

NO WAR RELATED TOYS OR ITEMS THAT COULD BE USED AS WEAPONS

<u>Child 3-6:</u> 3 toys: soft toy & maybe car & ball. <u>Toothbrush & Toothpaste & small soap</u> <u>Writing materials:</u> paper, pencil, wax crayons. <u>Clothing</u>: 2 or 3 items <u>TIN.of food</u>

<u>Child 6-11:</u> 2 Fun items: possibly ball, toy car. <u>Writing materials</u> paper, pencils, rubber, sharpener, pens, crayons or felt pens. <u>Toothbrush & Toothpaste & small soap.</u> <u>Clothing:</u> 2 or 3 items. <u>TIN of Food</u>

Young person 12-16: Writing materials: notebook, pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, coloring pencils. Toiletries: Toothbrush & toothpaste, soap & selection of small toiletry items. 1 or 2 <u>Useful items</u> torch & batteries, & further 1 or 2 items to bring enjoyment. <u>Clothing</u>: 2 or 3 items <u>TIN of Food</u>

# **Adult Boxes**

3 items of tinned food dated 2025 or later.

Toiletries 2 or 3 standard size items (liquids well sealed). 2 Useful items: (torch, umbrella, string, scissors, small tool set, etc)

Clothing 2 or 3 items

### **REPLY SLIP**

<b>Total donation</b>	£
Please pack ······. shoebox for me @ £23 per box	£
I give an extra donation to be used where most needed (pack extra boxes, purchase food, bread, winter fuel, help with medical needs, etc)	£
I have packed shoeboxes @ £2 for transport per box	£

I have made my donation by BACS to 40/25/41 71135333

OR I enclose Cash \*\*

OR I enclose Cheque

\*\* if cash please help us & place in sealed envelope, not loose in or on the box.

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St Peter, Jersey JE3 7EJ.
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# PLEASE PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX



Help Mustard Seed Jersey bring joy to Ukraine & Romania for Christmas 2023

# Please read this carefully even if you always pack boxes - there are some major changes!

This year we plan 2 shipments – one to Ukraine and one to Romania.

If you want your shoebox to go to **Ukraine** then we need to have received your shoebox by **October 12**<sup>th</sup>

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Romania) shipment the closing date is <u>October 27<sup>th</sup></u>

## <u>IT'S MORE THAN SHOEBOXES</u>

Only the poorest and neediest receive one of our shoeboxes, often they genuinely face the risk of death by starvation or freezing. We invite you to give money for our BREAD & FOOD & WINTER FUEL APPEALS. We purchase the food and fuel in the country with the donated money. We distribute to those most in need. We also help with MEDICAL NEEDS.

We trust there will be no delays, but if the unforeseen happens Mustard Seed commits to getting the shoeboxes to those in need as quickly as it is safe and possible to do so.

In 2022 we sent 3046 Christmas shoeboxes from Jersey to Romania & over half went on to Ukraine & Ukrainian refugees. How many we can send this year depends on you.

For us to send the Christmas shoeboxes is increasingly costly. Due to bank charges, if at all possible we ask you to please make the donation online direct to our bank account:

Mustard Seed Jersey Appeal Sort Code 40/25/41 Account No: 71135333

## Please add the reference CHRISTMAS.

Out of the moneys donated we will pay the shoebox transport and distribution costs, pack extra boxes as needed, buy extra items if missing in boxes; we will provide food parcels / bread and help with winter fuel and medical needs for those in the greatest need. We will understand that the money paid into that account at this time is to be used for our Christmas appeal and it will be allocated to the priority needs..

If you want your donation used for something specific (eg Bread or packing a shoebox) then you need to ensure the reference makes that clear.

If not using BACS and your donation is under £20 then please use cash. Cheques must be written in BLACK ink and made payable to Mustard Seed Jersey.

If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter by post, then please supply a stamped addressed envelope with the word "newsletter" written on the back & we will use that to send a copy of the newsletter.

## **How To Pack A Shoebox**

DECIDE on age group. Our age groups are: Child 3-6 or Child 6-11 or Young Person 12-16 or for Adults:; Man or Woman PURCHASE CONTENTS: Please refer to

our list of suggested contents.

GET A SHOEBOX: max size shoe size 9 / 43 please

DECORATE the base and top separately (maybe with Christmas paper).

Arrange contents in shoebox.

YOUR REPLY SLIP should be placed inside the box on top of the contents.

Sort out your TRANSPORT DONATION either using BACS or included in an envelope with the reply slip on top of shoebox contents.

Put LABEL on lid to indicate intended recipient. Labels should read 3-6 or 6-11 or 12-16 or Man or Woman

<u>SECURE box with rubber band or string -</u> <u>this is really important</u> - please do not seal.

DELIVER TO COLLECTION POINT - the Parish Halls & Les Quennevais Sports Centre – if in doubt check with us or the collection place.

If you want to hear about the distribution of the shoeboxes and food parcels in Ukraine and Romania, please look on our website for our newsletter. <a href="www.mustardseed.org.je">www.mustardseed.org.je</a> We hope to have it online by mid January 2024.

We hope you will consider supporting this appeal:

Closing date for Ukraine: Oct 12th

General Closing date: Oct 27th