



**EMERGENCY CARE PACKAGE PROJECT**

## FAQs

**We hope you find these answered FAQs helpful. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via email at [partnerships@tlg.org.uk](mailto:partnerships@tlg.org.uk) or call 07523 906761**

### **Who is this for?**

Box of Hope is for children and families who are struggling and facing food insecurity. It's open to families of all faiths and none.

### **What should we put in the boxes?**

The boxes contain food and household supplies. We want to be meeting the emotional and mental needs of children in this time and so boxes of hope should also contain activities for children to complete. We will supply some of these activity ideas but would encourage churches to be creative too. Alternatively, you could operate on a collection/pick up basis if that works for your community and venue.

### **Do TLG provide boxes?**

We provide many resources to equip you in reaching your community but we don't send boxes to you. There is no need to use a specific box; you can use bags or boxes and these can be acquired from most supermarkets.

### **How do we get in touch with people who need this support?**

You may be aware of needs within your own congregation. TLG recommends getting in touch with your local school. Some schools will be happy to share addresses where parcels can be delivered to, but if not, schools may be willing to distribute parcels themselves once church has provided them. There are currently churches operating Boxes of Hope with both these strategies.

### **What is the £200 for?**

The £200 is one off starting up funding at the beginning of your Box of Hope project. It could be used for the first shop to get you going.

### **What is the cost per each box?**

This depends on what you put in and what supplies you receive as donations. We would estimate that a parcel for a family of four for three days, containing both food and activities, would cost around £20.

## **Aren't children on Free School Meals receiving support?**

There are currently over 4.6 million children living in poverty in the UK. While free school meals are often provided there are currently only 1.5 million children entitled to free school meal provision. Clearly the need is huge and the gap is wide. For any family facing food insecurity, a Box of Hope has a holistic impact with food, household supplies, activities and an opportunity to connect with someone who cares from their own local community.

## **Who should we approach for donations?**

Your own church family is a great place to start for support and donations. Additionally, asking local supermarkets for donations is an excellent thing to do – TLG will provide you with a letter that you can share with them as part of the resources you receive.

## **Can we invite families to church?**

Yes! So long as there is no implication that receiving the parcels is conditional upon a family attending church. We think that it is a great idea to let families know about how to connect with the wider church community whether that be in person or online.

## **How do we measure our impact?**

As part of the resources we send you after we receive the agreement, we provide you with access to a webpage where you measure the impact of 'Boxes of Hope' over the project's duration.

## **Is Box of Hope open to any church in the UK?**

Yes, churches across the U.K are welcome to sign up and you'll be able to join us up until the end of Feb.

## **Is Box of Hope specifically for churches or projects?**

The project is specifically for churches \*or for a charity or outreach group (e.g. an Eden team) that are explicitly linked to a church\*.

## **When can we start?**

As soon as you're ready! We'll send over the £200 start up funding on the last day of the working week in which we receive your partnership agreement .

