



# Tatiana's Story



In March 2022, Russian soldiers killed 73 innocent civilians in the city of Bucha. One of them was Tatiana's husband.

Tatiana, a 43-year-old school teacher, is currently safe in southern Poland with her two daughters, receiving support from All We Can's local partner. Her story is a testament to why financial and psychological support for those fleeing war is so crucial.

As soon as Russian soldiers started descending on her city Tatiana wanted to flee with her family, but since the Russians had destroyed three crucial bridges, escape was difficult. They made it to a nearby village, but soon a large group of soldiers arrived. It was at this point that Tatiana's husband was shot 4 times as he stood in front of a tank, trying to stop the soldiers from destroying the house his family were gathered in. The family buried him in their neighbour's garden.

*'We didn't expect such cruel behaviour from people we thought of as our brothers.'*

Tatiana and her daughters escaped with their neighbours, often sitting on each other's laps since there was 8 of them in one car, and desperately trying to find information on safe humanitarian corridors which evaded Russian fire.

They reached the Polish border on 13th March and have lived in Bielsko-Biala ever since. It took a whole year before Tatiana felt able to share her story.

## Questions for Discussion

- How does this story make you feel?
- Has the passage of time desensitised us to this crisis?
- What does hope look like in this situation?

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