

SHOEBOX APPEAL - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I find empty boxes?

Non decorated boxes can be shoeboxes or Amazon-like boxes. If not found at home, some shoe stores might have some as well as supermarkets (e.g. Supercor) on their delivery days. Your box doesn't have to be an exact shoebox size, however it needs to fit all 4 items. Also, please avoid using a box that is too big – we don't want it to feel like the box is empty when a child opens it.

What if I don't have time to decorate a box?

Alternatively, you can purchase a decorated or colored box in some supermarkets (Auchan, Continente for example), Leroy Merlin or most Chinese shops. They come in various sizes.

Why does the lid and box have to be wrapped separately and I can't seal my box?

It is important that when your shoebox is wrapped, the lid can still be lifted off the top of the box. Also, no items are allowed to be individually wrapped within the shoebox. The school and charities **HAVE** to check all the shoeboxes (safety requirement) to ensure no unauthorized items have been included. For example, if sweets / chocolates were put in the shoebox as a treat, this will be taken out and given to our partner charities separately.

My children are in Elementary school and I have been allocated boxes for 7 year old boy but also a 16 year old girl. How is the allocation made and can I change it?

Our partner charities communicates with us the age/gender of the children in need in Sintra and our priority is to ensure that we provide age-appropriate presents for them. In this context, you might be allocated boxes different from your children's age group but don't worry, below are ideas for WOW items for all ages!

I would love to get involved but don't have time to make individual shoeboxes

Another way you can support this campaign is to donate bulk items and we will make up the shoeboxes

For example:

- **WRITE** items: 20 boxes of colour pencils, 30 notepads
- **WASH** items: 30 toothbrushes, 20 shampoos and conditioners, 20 toothpaste for kids different age ranges, 30 shower gels
- **WEAR** items: 10 to 20 wear items of various ages (zip up fleece, jumpers, raincoats)
- **WOW** items: 10 back packs, 20 led lights to decorate bedroom, 10 wireless speakers

Please check out the next page for ideas for our WOW items

I would like to volunteer and help with the Shoebox Appeal

Please join our Community WhatsApp group via the link below

[WhatsApp Group Invite](#)

Alternatively, you can email us tpacs@tasisportugal.org

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

More to donate? Want to get involved?
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I don't have ideas for a WOW item for the age I am preparing shoebox for, how can I choose an age appropriate item? Here are some examples;

6 to 10 Years

Toys
Books
Backpacks
Board/card games
Art supplies
Educational toys
Art and craft kits
Remote control toys
Colorful rain boots
Kids' wristwatches
Puzzle games
Coloring books
Fidget toys
Hair ties/headbands

11 to 13 Years

Led to decorate bedrooms
Make-up organizers
Wireless universal speakers
Wireless universal headphones
Universal phone chargers
Backpacks
Travel games (e.g. chess, backgammon)
Desk accessories
Novelty lighting
Stationery sets
Sports equipment
Graphic novels
Books in Portuguese
Collectible figures
Rubik's Cube or other brain games

14 to 17 Years

Universal phone chargers
Desk organizers
Room decor
Inspirational books
Fashion accessories
Gadgets and tech accessories
Sewing/crocheting supplies
Fitness gear
Bags

Most items can be found at Auchan, Continente, Worten, Decathlon, Chinese shops

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