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## Call for donations in support of the survivors of the earthquake

You all have seen the reports and pictures of the devastating earthquake damage in southern Turkey and northern Syria. Numerous NGOs and relief organizations have rushed to help, but so far the aid is only sparsely reaching the affected Syrian regions.

We can and must help those who have lost relatives and friends buried under the rubble of collapsed buildings, who have lost their belongings and who are now desperately looking for protection from hunger and cold. Many seek refuge in churches and parish buildings. The foundation "Korbgemeinschaft – Hilfe für Syrien" can help quickly and unbureaucratically in cooperation with the local priests, with whom we have been in contact for many years and whose desperate calls for support currently are reaching us almost around the clock.

**This is why we urgently need YOUR active support.**

As you rightly suspect, it takes several weeks for humanitarian aid containers to reach Syria from Europe. However, our foundation has been collecting and sending humanitarian supplies to Syria on a regular basis for almost 10 years. Recently – as if by divine providence – we received many things for nursing homes and old people's homes (mattresses, beds, walking aids) and, as always, warm clothing, blankets, towels, bedding and baby items. Despite the recent sharp increase in container shipping costs, we managed to get three 40-foot HC containers on the road in September, November and December on the day right before Christmas Eve in 2022. All the goods shipped in these containers have safely arrived at our Syrian distribution center about 20 km north-east of Damascus. Although the people there also live in poverty, they decided, as soon as the news about the earthquake disaster reached them, to load trucks with mattresses, blankets and warm clothing, and a few courageous helpers set off for northern Syria.

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However, groceries, medicines, hygiene products and heating material need to be purchased locally. For these expenses and to help us finance the shipping costs of further containers, **monetary donations are urgently needed**. For **donations in kind**, the focus remains on warm blankets, mattresses, warm clothing and sturdy shoes – all of which needs to be clean and in good condition – in order to keep refilling our local distribution center. As regards **volunteer help**, we are particularly happy about helping hands in picking up, transporting, sorting, packing and loading the humanitarian goods, but of course we also appreciate help with office work, with activities to make our work visible to friends and acquaintance, and last but not least we count on your prayers for all the people directly and indirectly affected by the earthquake.

The big international aid organizations are doing a great job, but they cannot help everywhere at the same time. Being a small foundation, we want to help those desperate people who have no access to other sources of help. Backed by many years of cooperation with reliable local helpers and personal contacts with the local priests, we are in a position to reach these people.

Since our team consists exclusively of volunteers, every Euro donated is used 1:1 for those in need. We are a foundation of the Archdiocese of Vienna and as such we regularly report to our Supervisory Board about all the various projects and we are subject to an annual financial audit.

**May God bless you for any support you are able to give towards emergency help for those affected by the earthquake in northern Syria.**

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