



STIFTUNG KORBGEMEINSCHAFT
HILFE FÜR SYRIEN

Subject: Tax deductibility of donations

Dear friends and supporters,

In my letter today, I am happy to convey some special, pleasant news:

**The Foundation “Korbgemeinschaft – Hilfe für Syrien” was granted
tax deductibility status as of February 26, 2026.**

For Austrian taxpayers, donations made to us are now tax deductible under the applicable regulations.

To qualify for this, it is necessary to indicate the full name of the donor the way it is listed in official documents (especially in tax documents), along with the date of birth. This will allow us to report the amount of your donation(s) per calendar year to the tax office so that it is registered as a deductible spending in your tax file. If you also provide an E-mail address or your postal address, this will make it easier for us to send you a thank-you note for your donation.

If you have so far supported us via the ICO account for reasons of tax deductibility, we kindly ask you to change any standing orders intended for us so that the donation will in the future be credited directly to the donation account of Korbgemeinschaft.

Whether and to what extent donations from abroad to our Austrian donation account are tax-deductible for donors would need to be clarified with the local tax authorities in each case.

According to our research, bank transfers to our account made by **German donors** meet the tax-deductibility requirements: *Korbgemeinschaft* is based in Austria, i.e. in an EU country, *Korbgemeinschaft* pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes in line with its statutes, and we are of course happy to issue a formal donation receipt or “confirmation of donation” in German language, as required. In case of a direct transfer to the foundation’s account, your donations will reach us quickly and without deduction. To avoid the 15% processing fee that has recently been retained by Missio Munich for forwarding donations to us, we kindly ask you to change any standing orders intended for us into transfers directly to our donation account. Thanks to our volunteer structure, we are proud that the donations entrusted to us are used on a 1:1 basis for those in need. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to have been granted tax-deductibility status.

As you certainly know, an EU-wide IBAN-payee verification was introduced a while ago, checking the exact wording and spelling of the recipient’s name against the IBAN. For the

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Bank account for donations:
Korbgemeinschaft
Erste Bank
IBAN: AT942011182857556000
BIC: GIBAAATWWXXX

Your donation is tax deductible:
Date of birth: DD.MM.YYYY
Given name and surname

German donors will, upon request, receive a donation receipt for tax purposes.

sake of convenience, we therefore had the name “Korbgemeinschaft” entered as an “alias” for our donation account.

For a tax-deductible bank transfer to our foundation's donation account with “Erste Bank”, the following information will suffice:

Recipient: Korbgemeinschaft

IBAN: AT94 2011 1828 5755 6000

Purpose: DD.MM.YYYY (it is best to write the date of birth in this format), given name surname

If you wish, please feel free to specify the donation purpose in more detail (e.g. donation for bread, emergency help, medical help, social markets, ...)

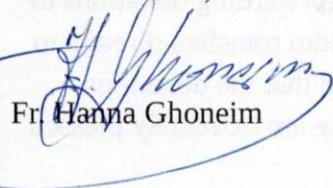
The current warfare that is keeping the Near and Middle East in suspense is yet another bitter setback for the long-awaited social and economic recovery in Syria. Your help for the suffering people will therefore be desperately needed for some more time to come.

2026 marks the 10th anniversary of the formal establishment of Korbgemeinschaft as a foundation of the Archdiocese of Vienna. In view of the difficult situation in Syria, the work of the foundation must be continued with vigour and firm commitment. I regard the ten courageous teams of helpers of Korbgemeinschaft that have meanwhile been formed in Syria as divine providence and as a great blessing. These teams are a constant source of inspiration for the foundation itself. At the same time, they are true beacons of hope for a good path into the future, and they keep up a positive spirit despite all the setbacks. However, they can only be successful in their Christian mission if we continue to jointly keep refilling their helping hands.

Thank you very much for your loyalty and solidarity with people in Syria who are suffering and in need of help.

I wish you all a blessed time of Lent, leading up to a joyful celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Hanna Ghoneim

Vienna, March 5, 2026