



Emergency aid for North and East Syria

Update on the humanitarian situation in North and East Syria (January 20, 2026)

The humanitarian situation in the region has deteriorated dramatically since armed groups of the Syrian transitional government and allied militias invaded areas of the Democratic Self-Administration of North and East Syria (DAANES). Kurds and those who do not cooperate with the jihadists are being targeted in particular.

This includes women working in civilian institutions and women's structures, as well as men who have collaborated with the self-administration. Targeted killings and torture are already taking place. Video recordings documenting serious violations of international humanitarian law are already available. In addition, civilian institutions and infrastructure are being looted and destroyed; for example, a health station belonging to the Kurdish Red Crescent north of Şedadê has been attacked.

The offices of the Foundation of Free Woman in Syria (WJAS) in Aleppo, Tabqa and Raqqa have been looted. Work has been suspended and many employees have fled.

The exact number of refugees is unclear, but many more are expected to join them. Many families have been torn apart during their escape, and there is little information about relatives and friends left behind – a painful and difficult situation. Many people are still missing. Most of the refugees arrive in Kobanê, Dêrik and Qamişlo, and are currently being housed in schools and vacant buildings. These facilities are already nearing capacity, despite the expectation of many more refugees arriving.

There is a shortage of all basic supplies, and the cold weather is worsening the situation. Food, heating supplies, clothing, blankets, milk and nappies are particularly urgently needed. Despite its own difficult situation, WJAS continues to support civil society by organising emergency aid for refugees. They collect goods, sort them, and distribute them to those in need. But WJAS also offers psychological support by providing a listening ear and empathetic conversations.

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