

Samaras Aid Appeal

This initiative started in August 2014. It has quickly grown into a large humanitarian aid project. In February 2018 we sent more than 94 consignments (artic lorries, containers and ambulances) carrying clothes, shoes, bedding, toiletries/hygiene items, essential medical equipment, ambulances and school equipment. We have also opened two not for profit hospitals in Syria and are planning to open a new 7,000m² hospital providing essential medical services for civilians in the East or Syria. We also have a vision to design and build a new hospital with a focus on critical care.

Much of our aid goes to the people in need of humanitarian relief that other aid agencies have missed, or people who are scattered across areas where they cannot access help themselves.

The aid we send is taken to people who are in need, and our partners serve everyone in need regardless of their faith, political views, gender, ethnicity or other defining categories. Our aim is to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to people who are in desperate need, and everything we send is given freely to those in need with no expectations and no strings attached.



Local partners distributing aid at a camp in the Kirkuk area in Iraq.

Although many displaced people live in tents in camps, there are many more who live in informal settlements which include unfinished buildings with no windows and sometimes no doors with walls missing, also caravans, abandoned factories, animal sheds, schools and churches and other tents.

In Syria there are also many families living in damaged and abandoned buildings. There are more than 6 million internally displaced people in Syria, and many of them have had to flee their homes but when it is safe enough to return they find that their homes have been completely looted and they have to start again with nothing.

Sometimes the host communities take families of strangers into their own homes, to live with their families which is a challenging situation for all of them. Sometimes a number of families will end up crammed into small apartments meaning that there isn't enough space for everyone to lie down and sleep at night.

For most displaced people and refugees, the camps are a last resort when there is no other option. Our aid is distributed to people living in a wide variety of situations and shelter arrangements.

Most of our aid is directed to Syria now and we have been distributing aid in many different areas including Damascus, Aleppo, Deir Ez-zor, Homs, Latakia and Tartus. We have also distributed aid in Iraq including Dohuk, Erbil, Kirkuk, Karbala, Baghdad, Sinjar and Akra in addition to Jordan and Lebanon.

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