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Project Mobile Clinic

Since 9 October 2019, we have witnessed an attack in violation of international law in northern Syria, targeting mainly the civilian population of the region, and in particular women like Hevrin Khalef, who have been working hard to find a political and democratic solution to the Syrian conflict. Since then, more than 300,000 people, of which at least one third are children on the run. Tenthousands are housed in schools, live on the streets and have been accepted into homes of others. The coming winter and the large number of refugees make it difficult to answer people's needs. In addition, there are numerous injured children and adults due to the ongoing attacks and attacks by the IS militia against the civilian population.

Who will carry out the project?

Weqfa Jina Azad a Rojava, the Free Women's Foundation in Rojava, was founded on September 1, 2014 as an independent non-profit organization of Kurdish and Arab women in Qamişlo (northern Syria). We encounter the difficulties of women in Rojava on the economic, social, political, health and cultural levels and through education and work according to the motto, "The free woman is the basis of a free society". Since the first refugees came to the region Heseke we endeavor to support them. So far we have brought clothes, shoes, blankets, pillows and toys. In addition, we traveled daily with medical teams to the region to provide medical care to the people. There is a shortage of medicines and adequate accommodation. The cold and the difficult hygienic conditions threaten a great wave of disease, from which chronic diseases as well as losses of the weakened people can arise. Above all, our projects as a foundation serve to reduce structural violence against women and strengthen the social life of women, especially in an emergency situation. This means creating opportunities for women to actively participate in the transformation process of society. Many women involved in our projects previously worked as housewives and mothers, should be married as girls or young women, divorced or widowed. The women in northern Syria have different difficulties depending on the cultural background. Kurdish and Arab women are active in all areas of work, whereas Assyrian-Chaldean and Turkmen women have been isolated to date. All project areas are organized at least in two or three languages: the kindergartens, health centers, education for health, cooperatives, the women's village Jinwar, the work in the refugee camps, etc. So far, the foundation has worked in the cities of Qamişlo, Serê Kaniyê, Derik, Girke Lege, Tepke (village near Derik), Kobane, in the refugee camp of Afrin refugees in Shehba, in Dirbesiye and Heseke. Currently, preparations are under way for the opening of centers in the Arab cities of Raqqa and Tepqa. For this purpose, Arab teams are currently being trained to take over the management of this work.

The project

The Women's Foundation has developed a stable healthcare network over the last 5 years that will make working for a mobile clinic easier. The mobile clinic in Heseke is a flexible and



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direct form of a health service, which, above all, guarantees first aid in times of need and continuous care. There is currently a great lack of medical care in the large catchment area of the refugees. The team of the clinic, consisting of a doctor, a midwife, a nurse and medical assistant, reaches the rural areas by car (converted bus or vans). It conducts examinations there and dispenses medicines. In emergencies, home visits are made. In addition, the team will set up a transport service for patients who need to be taken to a nearby hospital. The Mobile Clinic is an important answer to the basic needs of women and children in this threatening situation.

Motivation:

- The villages surrounding the city of Heseke have long been affected by the occupation of the IS and the rule of the Assad regime, which neglected the region's infrastructure.
- The opportunities for health care treatments and drug supplies in the villages / towns is very weak. People have no opportunity to come to nearby health care facilities such as hospitals, health centers, medical offices. This situation became catastrophic after the IDP's with their urgent needs came into the region.
- There is a particular need to care for women and children, as it represents the largest number of refugees:
 - Care and prevention are essential in such a precarious situation.
 - Providing knowledge also for self-care of women in this precarious life situation for themselves and their children.
 - Diseases and complications of pregnancy quickly become a threat due to the shortage of doctors and medical services.
 - Organizing safe transport to the doctor if necessary.

Aims of the project:

- Medical first aid
- Creating access to necessary treatment options that can not be guaranteed at the place of life, such as in hospitals, by specialists and, if necessary, to medication
- Long-term promotion of knowledge about the health of women and children including babies and support for a healthy life through seminars on health, health issues, everyday hygiene



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Target group:

- Women and children of all ages, all ethnicities and religions
- Especially those who are affected by poverty, war and heavy burdens.
- Men in need are treated too.

Staff:

general doctor, gynecologist (if possible), midwife, nurse

Place and time:

- It will be an on-going project that requires both start-up funding and ongoing costs. If, in fact, a peaceful solution should emerge, the Mobile Clinic can later be used in rural, underserved regions.
- The project is carried out in Canton Heseke in northern Syria.

Need for the project

- Vehicle
- remodeling of the vehicle couch, storage cabinets, ...
- Equipment of the vehicle:
 - small fridge
 - Washing facilities, water tank
 - hospital lounge for examination and treatment
 - curtain
 - Instruments and material for wound care
 - Outpatient surgery equipment for minor procedures
 - gynecological instruments and chair
 - 1 blood pressure device
 - 1 mobile ultrasound device
 - 1 Otostrop
 - 1 sterostep
 - Glucose meter
 - Pulse oximeter



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- oxygen device
- Oxygen meter
- ECG

For the central charging station:

- sterilizer

As well as disinfectants, inoculants and medicines etc.

Costs € 100.000

- € 36.000 for the vehicle
- € 38.000 Interior and construction for furniture and instruments
- € 26.000 Support for one year (staff, supplies, medicines, repairs, etc.)

Plan of financing € 100.000

- € 90.000 support by different organizations
- € 5.000 Support by Ufficio informazione del Kurdistan in Italia
(has been agreed)
- € 5.000 Women's Foundation in Qamislo /Nord-Est Siria