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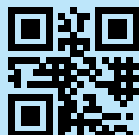
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Introduction



The year 2014 has been one of the most demanding years for HeyvaSor a Kurdistanê since its founding in 1993. The attacks of the Islamic State (ISIS/DAISH) on Kurds, Assyrians, Christians and Turkmens in Şengal (South Kurdistan, North Iraq Kurdistan) and Kobane in Rojava (West Kurdistan, North Syrian Kurdistan) have worsened what was already the world's biggest humanitarian crisis. An estimated 400,000 Kurds were forced to flee from Kobane by ISIS advances only a month after they displaced half a million Yazidi Kurds from Shengal in August 2014. This adds to the 3 million refugees from the Syrian civil war and the 1.9 million displaced by ISIS this year alone in Iraq.



Êzdi People trapped on Sinjar mountain after fleeing ISIS attacks in Şengal



While the UN has failed to reach out to aid the Kurds (partly due to lack of funds and partly due to difficult to access zones), Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê has helped set up refugee camps in Syria, Iraq and Turkey for the hundreds of thousands of displaced people from Şengal and Kobane and has the potential to fill in this void created by UN. The vast majority of the people in these camps are women and children. Having fled their homes in fear of their lives, with only the clothes on their backs, Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê has provided clothes as well as the basic needs for survival such as shelter (tents) food, medication and other emergency supplies throughout the summer and autumn of 2014. This information brochure outlines the specific aid delivered by Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê to the victims of this dirty war perpetuated by ISIS against the Kurdish people in West and South Kurdistan (Syrian and Iraqi Kurdistan).

The temperature is already below freezing and more suitable tents, sheltering containers and heaters are needed, along with more food and medical supplies. Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê needs donations from the international community to help these refugees all around Kurdistan, especially those still stuck in Kobane, survive winter.

ISIS attacks on Kurds in summer of 2014

The Kurdish part of Syria, Rojava (meaning Western Kurdistan) with a population of almost 5 million had been the only stable region since the civil war began in Syria in 2011. In 2012 a Democratic Autonomous Region, formed of 3 cantons (Afrin, Jazira and Kobane) was established. A confederation of Kurds, Arabs, Syrians, Arameans, Turkmen, Armenians and Chechens was formed and people pursued a common life in pursuit of peace and stability.

The charter formed in Rojava proclaims a new social contract, based upon mutual and peaceful coexistence and understanding between all strands of society. It protects fundamental human rights and liberties and reaffirms the people's right to self-determination. The Islamic state, wanting to form a caliphate in the region and break the system being developed, started to attack the Kobane canton in 2013, also because it sees Kobane as a strategic point for access in and out of Syria due to its border with Turkey. While the Kobane onslaught continued without a lot of success, ISIS started an act of genocide in Şengal (South Kurdistan, North Iraq) on 3rd of August 2014 after seizing weapons from Mosul and displaced half a million Êzidî(Yazidi) Kurds from the region, while killing more than 600 people and kidnapping an estimated 3,000 women and children to use and sell as sex slaves. A month later, on 15th of September, ISIS through a massive attack on villages in the Kobane canton entered the city, killed and displaced 200,000 Kurds in a two day campaign, with the rest of the 300, 000 occupants displaced later. Many of these people who fled ISIS having no-where to go moved to safer areas, hundreds of thousands now live in refugee camps in Turkey, Rojava and South Kurdistan - many are still in danger of attacks from ISIS.



Heyva Sor's Annual Conference



Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê held its 22nd annual conference in Cologne, Germany on 17th May 2014. With the participation of 80 delegates, an annual review of our Heyva Sora Kurdistanê's activities were made. Heyva Sor's philosophy of helping people from all parts of Kurdistan without any discrimination was once again emphasised.

In this meeting, which was held before Islamic State's attacks intensified in Summer, the aid activities he charity engaged in was reported to be mostly focussed on the provision of aid to Rojava (West Kurdistan/ North Syria) which was already being attacked by IS.

At this annual meeting Suat Yalcin was elected as the new president of Heyva Sora Kurdistanê. For the first time since Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê was founded in 1993 a female president was elected. The names of the other members of the board of Directors are: Mehmet Akyol, Yavuz Deniz, Musa Şêx Musa and Fettah Cirit.

Existing Heyva Sor projects in 2014

Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê currently conducts its aid activities within the framework of 5 separate projects. These projects have established mechanisms for sourcing and delivering aid based on funds available. The prioritisation of funds depends on a combination of commitments for these projects and the emergency needs arising from projects, particularly in the situation of natural disasters and wars. These projects are:

1. Projects for Orphans
2. Project to meet the health care needs of people living in difficult conditions
3. Project to help prisoners (political) and their families in need of assistance
4. Emergency aid projects for natural disasters, conflict and war zones
5. Collaborative projects with institutions and organizations with similar aims as Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê

The aid activities within these on-going projects include:

- 280 families with children, victims of the war in North Kurdistan, were provided with aid on a continuous basis. This activity was done in collaboration with Mezopotamia aid association.
- €650 per month was paid to the Saturday peace mothers in Turkey on a regular basis
- War victims in Turkey who had approached Heyva Sor for aid and support were assisted within the bounds of the charity's financial and logistical capability.
- In Europe, medical service was made available for people injured in events such as festivals and demonstrations.

Aid campaigns for people displaced from Şengal & Kobane in 2014

As described above, the war situation in Kurdistan took another level with the attacks of ISIS on Şengal on 3rd August and Kobane on 15th September 2014. As a result of this onslaught by the Islamic State Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê has worked hard to obtain and deliver aid to those people victimised by ISIS to even very difficult to reach zones in South Kurdistan, Rojava and Turkey. These aid activities are carried out through aid campaigns initiated for Şengal and Kobane. Due to the urgency of the situation Heyva Sor's aid activities since August 2014 have been predominantly focussed on delivering aid to the people in or displaced from these two regions. While these aid activities (campaigns) continue to gain momentum, a summary of the aid activities for the victims of ISIS from Şengal and Kobane is provided below.



Aid campaign for Êzîdî (Yazidi) people displaced from Şengal

Provision and delivery of €200,000 worth tent, food, drinks, baby food and formula, clothing and other basic survival needs to the Êzîdî people in Newroz camp in Jazira cantoon in Rojava on 9th September (delivered with 10 trucks from Germany).

Provision and delivery of €200,000 worth survival supplies (food, drinks, baby food, clothing to) and 700 large size family tents to camps set up in North Kurdistan (Turkey) for the Êzîdî people who fled ISIS from Sinjar; these camps include those in Diyarbakir, Mardin and Urfa.

Provision and delivery of clothing and survival goods (food, drinks, baby food and formula, etc.) to the people still trapped on Sinjar mountain, an area very difficult to reach by other aid agencies.



Aid Campaign for people in and displaced from Kobane

On 5th June Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê has started an emergency aid campaign for Kobane, the aid activities since this date are listed below.

- €1 million worth survival goods (including food, drinks, baby food and formula) medicines and has been sent to Kobanê
- € 200,000worth of packaged and tinned food has been sent to the people trapped in Kobane (sent on 31st October 2014)
- For the purpose of the Eid el-Adha(also called the feast of the sacrifice, a time when the Muslim world sacrifices a sheep and distributes the meat) €160,000 worth 1000 sacrificial sheep were distributed to poor people in the Jazira canton so that they could have meat in this festive season. This was a joint activity between HeyvaSor a Kurdistanêand the Islamic Society of Kurdistan.
- To help the people displaced from Kobane to Jazira and those injured in Kobane the following aid was sent to the Jazira canton in Rojava:
 - 8 ambulances (sent on 19th October 2014),
 - 8 tonne medication (sent on 19th October 2014),
 - 3 trucks full of survival goods (including food, drinks, baby food and formula), clothing, shoes and wheel chairs (sent on 19th October 2014)
 - 500 units of family tents (sent on 6th November)



On November 26, 2014, with the financial support of the Kurdish businessman SerdarErdirHeyvaSor a Kurdistanê sent 25 tons of medical supplies and medicine and basic living supplies to Jazira Canton. This delivery of aid was made to HeyvaSor a Kurd for distribution in Kamişlo (West Kurdistan (Rojava) / North Syria) through the Nusaybin border (North Kurdistan/South-East Turkey). This aid convoy contained:

- o 8 tons of food for children and babies
- o ½ ton medication
- o 6 tons of medical supplies
- o 4 tons cleaning supplies and
- o 4 tons of clothing

In order to manage the storage and distribution of aid to refugee camps and war zones in Rojava, Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê, through collaboration with Heyva Sor a Kurd in Rojava, has obtained warehouse in the Jazira canton. This warehouse is being stocked with aid to be delivered to people in need as well as for new emergencies in the region. As a first step Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê has sent 300 units of family tents to this aid warehouse.



Aid Campaign for people in South Kurdistan (Northern Iraq)

After delivering the emergency needs to people displaced by ISIS from Kobanê to North Kurdistan/South-East Turkey) and (West Kurdistan (Rojava)/North Syria) on 2nd December 2014 Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê reached out to people who sought refuge in South Kurdistan (Northern Iraq). To assess the needs of the people in these refugee camps in South Kurdistan, Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê sent a delegation of 5 people to these camps. After this initial assessment, Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê made the decision to supply aid consisting of essential supplies for survival and winter clothing to 5 camps in Silêmanî, Hewlêr, Duhok and Zaxo.

As the initial part of this campaign Heyva Sor a Kurdistanê supplied €150,000 worth of aid to these camps consisting of:

- 3,500 boxes of food
- 250 boxes containing clothes and shoes
- Heaters





The list of Organizations, Associations, Institutions and Donors that have help in the Year 2014 to Sengal and Kobane

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