**FIRST RESPONSE.**

Emergency Relief

The Syrian conflict is the deadliest conflict the 21st century has witnessed thus far\(^1\). The conflict has caused the largest displacement crisis in the world. Over 4.8 million refugees and 6.3 million internally displaced people (IDPs). 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance\(^2\). Fearful for their lives and in an effort to protect their children, families are fleeing their homes, often with nothing but the clothes on their backs. People fleeing conflict need all of the basics to sustain their lives including food, clothing, shelter, medical and health assistance and household and hygiene items. They need access to clean water and sanitation facilities (World Vision). The winter months are harsh; hot meals, health care and winter appropriate clothing and shelter are desperately needed, especially for children. Already dire food shortages and the destruction of health facilities is making survival increasingly difficult for thousands of civilians.

Aleppo: As of December 2016, an uneasy ceasefire was brokered by Russia, Turkey and Iran and several thousand people begin to evacuate the ruined east of the city. The process would have been slow, and people tired, frightened, hungry and likely requiring medical care.

\(^1\)Aljazeera http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/05/syria-civil-war-explained-160505084119966.html

**PROJECT PARTNER.**

World Vision Australia

World Vision is an international community development organisation that has been engaging people to work towards eliminating poverty and its causes for six decades. World Vision provides short- and long-term assistance for 100 million people worldwide. Through relief and development, policy advocacy and change, collaboration, education about poverty, and emphasis on personal growth, social justice and spiritual values, World Vision works with people of all cultures, faiths and backgrounds to achieve transformation.

World Vision has been working across northern and southern Syria for more than 2 years responding to the immediate and ongoing needs of displaced civilians and has been responding to the needs of Syrian refugees in the region since 2012. They were ready and positioned for the Aleppo evacuations with highly trained local staff, prepositioned emergency aid supplies and strong partnerships with local Syrian non-government organisations.

**THE PROJECT.**

Emergency Response: Aleppo, Syria (Tel Abiad, A’zaz, Jarabulus and Manbij)

World Vision is working in 4 of the 8 sub-districts of Aleppo, providing child protection (Child Friendly Spaces); clean water and sanitation; supporting primary and mobile health clinics; operating women and young child centres; and supporting the district’s hospital with equipment and supplies.

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- **$100 AUD $77 USD €72 £62 R979**
  
  Can provide 3 children and their families winter clothing to survive the cold conditions in tents or temporary shelters through cash and vouchers.

- **$150 AUD $116 USD €107 £93 R1,468**
  
  Can provide 8 children and their families blankets to survive the cold conditions in tents or temporary shelters through cash and vouchers.

- **$300 AUD $231 USD €215 £187 R2,936**
  
  Can provide 2 children and their families food for a month.

- **$50 AUD $38 USD €35 £31 R489**
  
  Can provide 6 refugee children food for a week.
PRAY.

Together we are praying for a ceasefire and an end to the conflict. We pray that the various armed forces will stand down from personal power agendas and make their people the priority. We pray for safety and protection and for lives to be spared. We pray for access to quality humanitarian assistance and safety for humanitarian actors. We pray for courage, compassion and commitment from world leaders, with the focus on children, families and communities over geopolitical agendas. We pray for adequate funding of relief efforts and for effective coordination among agencies responding. We pray for healing from trauma and injury. We pray for the safety, health and wellbeing for the children of Syria and we pray that families will be able to return home and for hope to be sustained.

LOCAL CHURCH AWARENESS.

If you are part of a local church we encourage you to be mindful of your local church vision and be sure to graciously submit and share your heart with those in leadership in your life. We believe we should see this as an ‘above and beyond’ endeavour that has the capacity to reach out and build bridges into our unchurched communities and ultimately be a blessing.

OUR DETAILS.

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Q: What was it like living in the besieged area?

A: "It is so hard to describe. We are humiliated because we feel that we were forced to leave our homes. But we had no other choice."

Q: Where are people staying now and what are your needs?

A: "Some of them are staying with relatives now. Some people don’t have any place to go to. We need shelter, clothing, blankets and food. The basic stuff, you know."

You can say that we need everything to start a new home.

Every single person from Aleppo is in a psychological shock. We felt like this even with just the bombings. This situation has only made it worse."


Q and A with an Aleppo Evacuee