



## **Emergency appeal!**

### **Help the people of Rojava!**

In over eight years of war in Syria and Rojava (North-eastern Syria), the everyday life of millions of Kurdish, Arab, Assyrian, Christian and Yezidi civilians has been ravaged by death, destruction, exile, illness and famine.

Since the beginning of the civil war, the people of Rojava have been the victims of the violence of the Islamic State and its jihadist allies, just like other regions of Syria and Iraq. Once these jihadist groups were defeated in the Kurdish region, Rojava became one of the most stable regions in the country and hosted hundreds of thousands of refugees. The attacks of the Turkish state destabilize the region and generate a humanitarian crisis.

Since the beginning of the attacks of the Turkish state on Rojava, on 9 October 2019, hundreds of thousands of civilians have had to flee their homes; hundreds of them have been wounded or killed. The approaching wintertime is an additional threat to these refugees.

The Kurdish Red Crescent in Switzerland strives to limit the catastrophic scope of the humanitarian crisis in Rojava. As a Kurdish humanitarian organization, we firmly condemn the military offensive of the Turkish state in Rojava and we call upon all international humanitarian organizations to take their responsibilities in view of this inhuman situation.



The humanitarian organization Heyva Sor a Kurd, our partner on the ground, continues to strive to save lives and limit suffering in extremely difficult circumstances. As the main humanitarian organization present on the front line of fighting, Heyva Sor a Kurd is responsible for medical and humanitarian assistance. We must support them as best we can. We call upon the medical staff in Switzerland to support them in all possible ways.

In order to limit the suffering of these children, women and men, the Kurdish Red Crescent in Switzerland is launching a campaign for humanitarian aid, with a view to provide victims with emergency assistance and long-term support. We invite you to donate, in order to respond to immediate needs on the ground.

The people of Rojava need your support. We must try together to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe.

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