Meeting of Emergency Directors and Donors on Syria

A Closer Look at Operational Challenges

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Bureaucratic impediments are on the rise
Bureaucratic hurdles continue to hinder an effective response

- **Visa approvals**: 21 pending visa applications, multiple-entry visas, unclear procedures.
- **Convoy approvals**: plans submitted 72 hours in advance, multiple signatures required
- **Importation of armored vehicles**: 22 requests are pending
- **NGO approvals**: Number of approved national NGOs reduced from 110 to 29; 12 authorized international NGOs – with only 4 new international NGOs authorized in 2013
- **Disbursement of ERF**: $1.2 million in ERF funding to local NGOs is awaiting Government approval
Access to people in need continues to be severely constrained
Insecurity continues to hamper operations

The security situation is increasingly complex.
Constraining physical access to people in need
Cross line convoys since January 2013

10 UN-led relief convoys
764,000 beneficiaries reached

UN-led relief convoys are accompanied by international UN staff. The convoys target hot-spot areas, seeking to reach people in urgent need of life-saving humanitarian assistance. Convoys enhance humanitarian access through negotiations with actors on the ground and the establishment of by-pass routes. Once access into hot-spot areas has been established, agencies have been able to provide additional assistance through regular programme delivery.

Convoys indicated on this map do not include assistance delivered through regular assistance programmes by the UN and humanitarian partners. Such programme activity ensures assistance delivery to people in all 14 governorates of Syria, including regular food assistance to 2.5 million people.

UN-led convoys include UNOSS, OCHA, UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNRWA, UNFPA, WHO, UNDP, IOM and the Logistics Cluster. The routes indicated on this map are only approximate. En route, convoys encountered and passed dozens of checkpoints manned by Government forces or armed opposition groups.

Convoys to opposition-controlled areas
Convoys to Government-opposition conflict-affected areas
Convoys to some locations are currently held for security reasons, including to Dar’a, Mozhdamiyet (Rural Damascus) as well as follow-up convoys to north-western Idlib Governorate.
Capacity constraints, particularly in the field, limit our ability to deliver effectively
A limited UN field footprint

- Progress has been made in establishing operational hubs in Homs and Tartous but Government restrictions have prevented the establishment of the hubs in Al-Qamishli and Deraa’. A UN hub is also required in Aleppo.
A limited number of international NGOs

10 International NGOs

394 national staff
96 volunteers
18 international staff

Action Against Hunger (ACF)
Danish Refugees Council (DRC)
HELP-Germany
Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement (IECD)
International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)
International Medical Corps (IMC)
Mercy Corps
Première Urgence (PU)
Occasion Alklamat Francia (OAF)
Terre des Hommes (TDH)

Three other NGOs (Menin, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) were recently authorized by the Government of Syria to work in the country but are not yet operational.
Funding constraints continue to limit our ability to deliver, particularly as operating costs increase.
The 2013 SHARP remains only 61% funded

Funding for different sectors is uneven. Some sectors remain seriously underfunded:

- WASH is 9% funded
- Education is 8% funded
- NFIs/Shelter is 30% funded

CERF has disbursed almost $74 million for Syria since the onset of the crisis.
Top Financial Contributors to the Syria Response

• **RRP & SHARP (in 2013)**

  - Kuwait: $324.06
  - United States: $219.90
  - European Commission: $161.82
  - United Kingdom: $129.25
  - Japan: $67.09
  - Canada: $48.73
  - Germany: $31.59

• **ERF**

  - Germany: $15.5m
  - Kuwait: $9m
  - Belgium: $5.9m
  - Denmark: $4.4m
  - UK: $3.1m
  - Sweden: $2.3m
  - Australia: $973,710
  - Spain: $878,294
How can we, together, to better address these operational challenges?
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La coordination sauve des vies
La coordinación salva vidas
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