Latest News from Integral – North East Syrian Displacement

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The current military operations in northeast Syria are causing displacement, both internally in Syria and also into northern Iraq. As of the 24th October 2019 more than 10,168 Syrians have crossed into Iraq [source here]. The humanitarian operations are severely hampered by heavy shelling, disrupted supply chains, and shifts in territorial control.

Although a full Integral Disaster Response has not yet been raised, Integral Members and their partners are on the ground and assessing needs. Real time information is being shared across the alliance through Integral SitReps. This enables our Members to get an overview of both the needs and Members’ unfolding response, so that appropriate coordination plans can be developed.

Four Integral Members have a pre-existing country presence in Northern Iraq - Medair, Mission East, Tearfund UK and ZOA, with International Health Partners working in displacement camps with their partner assessing medical needs. Medair have started providing mobile health services at Sahela border crossing (Syria/Iraq) and are currently ramping up health activities there. Medical Teams International has sent a team of specialists to support a health response.

Combined Integral activities include rapid needs assessments and border assessments. Response plans under consideration include mobile health and WASH programming, as well as sending a shipment of medicines.

Jan Eyre, Integral’s Head of Disaster Management and Programmes says, “We are very pleased to be able to facilitate sharing information in this way in the early stages of an unfolding situation. We are hearing of more and more Syrians displaced each day, both internally and into Northern Iraq. Our aim is to enable our Members to develop plans with the knowledge of each other’s existing reach, capacity and plans, so that more people can receive the assistance they urgently need.”

The Integral Pre-Alert SitRep will be updated and circulated as the crisis unfolds.

Displacement movements from Syria as of 24th October – map here

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Extra information:

Integral’s Vision
Christian agencies uniting globally, alleviating suffering and restoring hope, in disasters and beyond.

**Integral's Mission**
Integral exists to see God's Kingdom demonstrated by uniting our Members. We champion, encourage and facilitate collaborative working across the Alliance, particularly in disasters.

**On Integral Collaboration:**
Integral’s goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the Integral Disaster Response Process coordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a coordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

Integral has 22 Members with headquarters in 14 countries. Integral Members work in 100 countries, across 40 sectors, and have a network of over 650 local partners. To watch a short film introducing Integral click [here](#).

All Members sign up to the Red Cross Code of Conduct and Sphere Standards, and have an agreed Quality Standards Statement.

Integral Members are:
- **CEDAR Fund** - Hong Kong
- **Food for the Hungry** – USA & Canada
- **Integra** - Slovakia
- **International Health Partners** – UK
- **Medical Teams International** – USA
- **Medair** – Switzerland
- **Missions Alliance** – Norway
- **Mission East** – Denmark
- **SEL France** - France
- **TEAR Australia** – Australia
- **Tear Fund** – Netherlands
- **Tearfund** – Belgium
- **Tearfund** - Canada
- **Tearfund** - Ireland
- **Tearfund** – New Zealand
- **Tear Fund** - Switzerland
- **Tearfund** – UK
- **Transform Aid International** – Australia
- **World Concern** – USA
- **World Relief** – USA
- **World Renew** - Canada & USA
- **ZOA** – The Netherlands