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Humanitarian Situation Report: Aleppo City Prepared by Field Ready MENA

Introduction

This report has been prepared by **Field Ready MENA volunteers**, who visited Aleppo city December 1st 2024 , to assess the humanitarian situation firsthand. Our team engaged with residents, observed the conditions on the ground, and gathered critical data to highlight the urgent needs of the population. This report emphasizes the dire need for humanitarian interventions to address the long-standing challenges in Aleppo, which have been exacerbated by recent escalations in conflict.

Electricity Crisis

Field Ready MENA volunteers observed widespread power outages across Aleppo city, with many neighborhoods relying on costly, polluting private generators. Even critical facilities, such as hospitals and water stations, suffer from the lack of stable electricity.

Key issues identified include:

- Hospitals unable to run essential medical equipment due to erratic power supply.
- Water pumping stations disrupted, leading to limited access to clean water.
- Schools are suffering and small businesses forced to close, compounding economic difficulties.

We call for urgent action to repair and stabilize the electricity grid, particularly for critical infrastructure like healthcare facilities, and water systems.

Water and Sanitation

Access to clean water remains one of the most pressing issues in Aleppo. Damaged infrastructure and unreliable electricity have left many residents without safe drinking water, increasing reliance on unsafe sources.

Field Ready MENA volunteers documented:

- Reports of waterborne diseases like cholera due to unsafe water usage.
- Overwhelmed sewage systems contaminating water supplies and creating public health hazards.

Recommendations:

- Immediate repairs to water pumping stations and pipelines.
- Emergency provision of water treatment supplies and trucking of clean water to affected areas.
- Rehabilitation of sewage systems to prevent further health crises.

Food Security

During our visit, Field Ready MENA volunteers witnessed the severe impact of food insecurity. Many families lack access to basic food supplies due to skyrocketing prices, limited availability, and high unemployment.

Key observations:

- Malnutrition, especially among children, is alarmingly prevalent.
- Families reported resorting to unsafe or inadequate food sources to survive.

To address this, we recommend:

- Establishing emergency food distribution programs in the coming days .
- And then after the situation is more stabled , supporting local agriculture to restore food production and long-term food security.

Healthcare and Medical Equipment

The healthcare system in Aleppo is under severe strain, with hospitals and clinics struggling to function. Field Ready MENA volunteers visited healthcare facilities where medical equipment remained broken or unavailable due to years of neglect.

Key findings:

- A critical shortage of functioning medical devices, including ventilators and dialysis machines.

- Overwhelmed healthcare staff unable to meet the growing needs of the population.

Urgent actions needed:

- Repair and supply essential medical equipment to operational healthcare facilities.
- Provide training and resources to healthcare workers.
- Ensure access to free or affordable medications for vulnerable populations.

The Role of Field Ready MENA Volunteers

During our visit, Field Ready MENA volunteers assessed the situation and engaged with community leaders, residents, and local organizations to better understand their needs. Our team has documented these findings to advocate for immediate humanitarian interventions and to propose sustainable solutions for Aleppo's recovery.

The Need for Humanitarian-Led Initiatives

Field Ready MENA emphasizes the importance of a humanitarian-led approach to address Aleppo's urgent needs:

1. **Restoring Basic Services:** Rehabilitating infrastructure for electricity, water, and healthcare is vital for survival and stability.
2. **Community-Centered Projects:** Empowering local communities to actively participate in rebuilding efforts ensures sustainable outcomes.
3. **Long-Term Support:** Addressing systemic challenges like unemployment and access to education will foster resilience and recovery.

