



Syria Earthquake Emergency: Open Arms' First Humanitarian Medical Equipment Flight



Hello,

As you may know, Open Arms' mission is to protect the lives and dignity of people in need. That is why we **could not sit back and do nothing** in the face of the devastating earthquake that struck Turkey and northwestern Syria, killing more than 60,000 people and injuring tens of thousands more.

In the hours immediately following the earthquake, a team from Open Arms and SAR Navarra (an NGO specialized in emergencies and disasters) went on an Analysis and Assessment Mission (EDAN) **to the areas most affected by the earthquake in northwestern Syria**, a place controlled by groups opposed to the regime of Bashar al-Assad and punished by 12 years of war.



The team witnessed the utter devastation and abandonment of the international community in the days following the earthquake.

For this reason, and as a result of the strategic alliance with the Solidaire organization, and in collaboration with SAR-Navarra and the Association for the Support of the Syrian People, a few days ago we made a first humanitarian flight to the area with **24 tons of humanitarian aid**, as well as electro-medical equipment, consumables, orthopedic and sanitary materials.



At the urgent request of **Aqrabat Hospital**, **Al-Shifaa Hospital** and **Atmeh Charity Hospital**, located in the Syrian areas most affected by the earthquake, we delivered medical equipment such as ultrasound scanners, surgical instruments and other materials to their medical teams.

And we went to the refugee camp in Jinderes, where thousands of homeless people live in tents, where we delivered basic necessities (kitchen kits and food) to 500 families.



This was the first action of others to be carried out in the near future, and it was possible thanks to all the people involved in this emergency, without ever forgetting the Mediterranean.

In recent days, two shipwrecks off the coast of Italy have claimed the lives of more than 109 people, with dozens still missing. Many of them were children seeking a dignified life and a peaceful future with their families.

As we work in northwestern Syria, we **do not forget the victims in other areas of conflict and tragedy, such as in the central Mediterranean. An invisible and often silent war.**

For this reason, and to continue **our commitment** to leave no life behind, we count on returning soon to the Central Mediterranean with a new **Open Arms UNO** mission.

We count on you to protect their lives

Today, more than ever, **we need your support** to continue to protect the lives of those fleeing war, persecution and poverty. **It will not be possible without you.**



Whether adrift in the Mediterranean or under the rubble of an **earthquake**, the victims are always the most vulnerable. And **we activate our resources immediately**, because protecting their lives is our commitment.

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