



Swedish Lions Refugee Help to Syrian/Kobane Refugees

3.rd SURUÇ OPERATION
13-16 APRIL 2015

Kobane in North Syria became a hero fighting IS
Suruç is the closest Turkish town to Kobane



In September 2014 bombing started in Kobane
About 200 000 people flew to Suruç



Swedish Lions reacted at once and are still donating
MD and 30 Lions Clubs contributed so far
3 trips to the area are made
October 2014, January and April 2015



So far 1000 families, approximately 5000
refugees received Swedish Lions help
In last April operation 400 families, 2000 refugees
were reached including 1500 children and 200 babies

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- Today IS is defeated and kicked out from Kobane city but fights in Kobane villages are going on
- The Kobane men who survived the war are cleaning and repairing the city
- There are mostly women and children in Suruc now



Children cannot not go to school due to language problem



The living conditions are poor
20-25 people share abandoned buildings



.... Self made tents , or animal shelters



Most of them have no heating, if any
a small electric heater



UN supply carpets, blankets, pots & pans but no food





Some refugees said they live on plants



They were watching our trucks with astonishment



- * We worked with UN team of 15 people
- * We planned the villages before together
- * We focused on the small villages along the Syrian border which were the most needy
- * Distribution was very professional, organized and all delivery was registered





Box groups were taken out at each village for the number of refugee families,





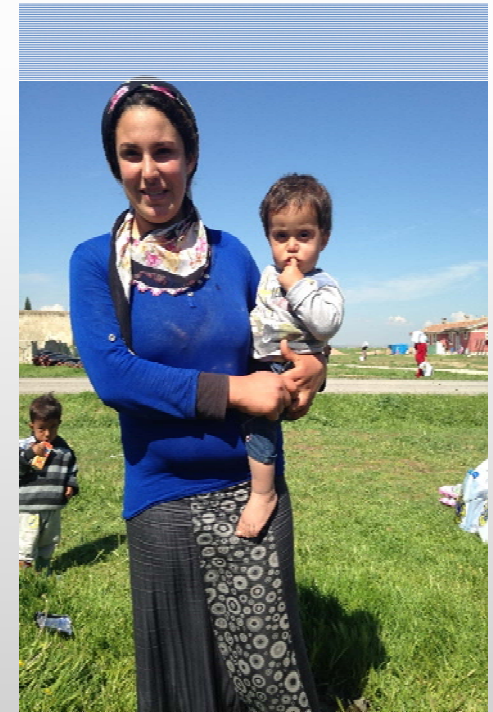
Families were called out by name, help given against signatures



Each family got 2 boxes of basic food - total 25 kgs
(flour,bulgur,rice,lentil,macaroni,chick peas,tomato
paste,oil,olives,cheese,eggs,milk,halva,sugar,tea



200 babies got one month supply of diapers, välling, bottles and nappar



Each family got 2 bags of hygen material
detergents,soap,shampoo,tooth paste&brushes, shaving blades, womens
pads, nail cutters, lice shampoo, repellents, cotton wool, desinfectioners



500 children got packages with stationary, toys, hats and summer shoes.. ..



The elderly and small kids kept an eye on goods



While others carried home..







We followed them to their homes, saw their empty kitchens



We watched them washing children with cold water



We built friendship and trust



We listened to their stories



This was the poorest family, father was gone for 3 months. Mother was so happy to get some food



Childrens toys were broken glasses, bottle caps, mud and grass...



Some did not know what to do with new toys



Balls were the best



We also gave out chocolate biscuits and fruit juices..



They lined up so quietly..



Some seemed had forgotton to smile, they just stared with big dark eyes..





Some enjoyed the moment





Some needed little help





Swedish Lions help was mainly for children..
So they gathered to say.....



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