

Appealing for Assistance to the Prosthetics Center

Since 2011, northern and eastern Syria has witnessed a devastating conflict, which has caused serious and severe disasters. Even after achieving some degree of peace in the region after eliminating ISIS and some armed terrorist groups, there are still fears of instability as a result of the ongoing attacks targeting the region. The most painful disaster in this conflict is losing limbs by thousands of people. These people need continuous support to help them reintegrate into society and enable them to meet their needs by their own.

If we add cases that resulted from accidents and congenital symptoms, there are at least 6,000 people in northern and eastern Syria who urgently need prosthetic limbs, and there are thousands of people who need physical therapy and psychological support.

This situation is one of the most urgent humanitarian challenges in the region, requiring an immediate and multi-pronged response to address the needs of victims and support them in achieving inclusive and sustainable recovery.

The importance of having a specialized prosthetic center in northeast Syria is a necessary to provide comprehensive and integrated care for people who have lost limbs in order to help them regain their motor function, improve their quality of life and effectively integrate them into society. In light of the enormous challenges plaguing the health sector in the region, the Kurdish Red Crescent Organization embodied its humanitarian vision by establishing this

specialized center in the city of Qamishlo in NES. The center began to provide its services free to all people starting from January 1, 2022, aiming to provide accurate diagnosis, customized design, quality manufacturing, comprehensive rehabilitation and ongoing psychological support, all are essential elements to stabilize and fully recover those affected and enable them to return to a normal and productive life".



Currently, the center provides services by receiving patients through a specialized medical team. Although there is support from partner organizations, we still face significant challenges, mainly the lack of medical materials for the manufacture of limbs and motor aids, as well as medical and sports equipment that help the physiotherapy team treat patients. Due to the difficult conditions experienced by patients coming from other areas, and the impact of



the siege imposed on the area, we decided to open another center of Prosthetics in Aleppo (Sheikh Maqsoud) in order to provide services and reach the largest possible number of people in need, which increases the urgent needs that were mentioned earlier.



We appeal to all international and humanitarian organizations concerned with health, as well as social figures, to support and assist us by providing us the necessary needs of medical equipment and materials. It is worth noting that the majority who will benefit from the services in the centers are those who sacrificed to save the world from the scourge of ISIS.

Therefore, we in the Organization consider caring for these people a humanitarian duty to the whole world.

The necessary needs of the center and all its departments are available through the following two links:

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