

NETWORKING OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL NGOS FOR BETTER RESPONSE TO SYRIA CRISIS

Turkey is facing one of the most humiliating humanitarian crisis humanity faced in the 21st century as the Syrian case.

In 2011 the crisis was looking as a local and being settled in few months so the Turkish state responded by its own.

By escalation of the crisis no Turkey is in a delicate position and looking for a more effective and collaborative international response and solidarity.

Turkish and Syrian local NGOs that responding to the crisis are failing of funding and financial capacity and looking for international solidarity and support.

Such a common response and solidarity will increase the capacity of the local NGO s for better response and sustainability of the intervention for creating the new peaceful and self sustainable community in Syria.

Below are some of the reasons of coordinating of international NGOs and institutions with local Turkish and Syrian NGOs.

- Local NGOs were in the region before the disaster, the first days of the disaster, and will be there after the disaster with clear implications for emergency preparedness and response.
- Local NGOs have insights, information, knowledge and know-how that is likely to contribute to a more appropriate, efficient, and effective emergency response.
- An emergency is an opportunity for trust building, networking and community building that has immediate benefits for emergency response, as well as recovery and development.
- Through coordination mechanisms, by emphasising democratic representation, the link between local NGOs and their constituencies can have immediate and long-term advantages including more reliable information flows and feedback.
- Where appropriate, coordination forums can create neutral terms and grounds for engagement.
- Through engagement, local and international NGOs can debate and 'acculturate' common humanitarian principles, improving the accountability of the overall humanitarian response and increasing acceptance of international NGOs in complex crisis.
- Through shared mechanisms for information exchange, coordination, liaison, and representation, local organisations (and smaller NGOs) can maximise their limited human and financial resources.

We do expect the World Humanitarian Summit will be a forum for strengthening such partnerships and networking between both sides and well be able to contribute by the most for a better future for Syria

With my best regards

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