

Recovery Trust Fund

Syria

Aid in the civil war

KfW has set up a reconstruction fund for the suffering population in Syria: the Syria Recovery Trust Fund. The aim is to improve the basic supply of people with energy, water, health services and other measures. The clients are the states of the international community, which pay into the multi-donor trust fund.

Context

A bloody civil war has been raging in Syria for 10 years. For the population, everyday life is unthinkable even after 10 years.

Around half of the population is on the run at home and abroad. The UN Refugee Agency currently speaks of 4.6 million officially registered Syrian refugees; in Syria itself, 13.4 million people are dependent on aid. Many have found refuge in neighbouring countries: 1.2 million Syrian refugees currently live in Lebanon - with a population of only 4.4 million. About 3.6 million Syrians have fled to Turkey, 665,000 to Jordan and just under 250,000 to Iraq. Many live in still undignified conditions, injured and traumatised, housed in makeshift camps.

The conflict continues: In the meantime, large parts of the country are once again under the control of Assad's government troops. However, individual regions continue to be controlled by other actors. This applies to the north-east, controlled by troops of the Kurdish YPG and the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), and to the north-west, controlled by the Turkish military and rebel groups allied with Turkey.

Therefore, fighting between the different parties continues. In addition, the security situation in the remaining areas remains tense due to possible attacks, such as by IS sleeper cells.

In the north-west and north-east of Syria, projects are being financed from the reconstruction fund - in water and energy supply, removal of rubble and waste, reconstruction of schools, food security and agriculture as well as hospital equipment and supply of medicines - also to combat the COVID 19 pandemic.

In the north-east of the country, stabilisation measures of the reconstruction fund are to help prevent a resurgence of the so-called Islamic State.

Project approach

At the beginning of the Syria crisis in 2012, the Federal Foreign Office (AA) for Germany together with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) commissioned KfW as initiators to develop and

structure the reconstruction fund. KfW has since assumed the role of trustee for the financial management of the donor states' contributions. Operational planning of the measures and their implementation is carried out by the fund's Management Unit, which is based at two locations in Amman (Jordan) and Gaziantep (Turkey).

Project name	Syria Recovery Trust Fund (SRTF)
Commissioned by	Various states
Country / Region	Syria
Lead executing agency	National Coalition of Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces



The funding mechanism was modelled on the UN and World Bank Trust Funds. The founding members and initial signatories of the reconstruction fund in September 2013 were Germany, the UAE and the USA as the first donors, the National Coalition as the representative of the Syrian opposition, and KfW as the trustee of the donor funds. In 2014 / 2015, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Italy, France, the UK, Japan, the Netherlands and Kuwait also paid into the fund. Due to repeated payments by most donors as a sign of continued support for the Syrian population, the total volume of the fund now amounts to almost EUR 283 million.

Municipalities in areas controlled by the moderate opposition, as well as local and international NGOs working in these areas, submit project proposals to the Fund's Management Unit for funding priority measures. In this way, local structures are strengthened at the same time as ensuring that the Fund's activities are in line with actual needs on the ground. Funding decisions are made by the Management Committee on the

basis of mature and comprehensively reviewed project proposals.



Wheat deliveries for Aleppo Governorate

Impact

Until March 2021, 73 measures with a total volume of EUR 162.6 million have been committed: among others, the rehabilitation of power grids and water supply, waste disposal, medical equipment and material for hospitals, vaccines, supply of wheat and jute sacks.

Projects with a volume of almost 17.5 million are currently being prepared, 43 projects have already been completed or almost completed: This included a variety of different interventions such as the procurement of 15 fully equipped ambulances for Aleppo city, the purchase of four mobile wheat mills with a milling capacity of 5 tonnes per day, the rehabilitation of 15 schools in Quneitra governorate and the rehabilitation of water supply networks in Idlib governorate.

In June 2021, 10,000 tonnes of wheat were delivered - preventing flour supply shortages in local bakeries. This will ensure bread supplies for 270,000 beneficiaries in Aleppo Governorate over the next six months.

In Aleppo Governorate, one of the items delivered was an oxygen generator and 50 oxygen cylinders. The generator and 50 cylinders will be installed and commissioned to produce, distribute and store much-needed oxygen and ensure its availability to all patients in the SRTF-supported COVID-19 hospital.

In the desert-rich eastern governorate of Deir Ez-Zor, funding is being provided for the reconstruction of health centres, medical equipment, furniture, laboratory consumables, operating costs and the salaries of technical and administrative staff. In the clinics, maternity wards, general medicine, a blood bank, but also psychological support are provided.

The measures have reached a good 11 million Syrians (multiple counts) to date.



Maternity ward in Aleppo



Bakery in Aleppo

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