



Winter Aid Appeal for Syria and Iraq

We need:

- WINTER & MID SEASON CLOTHES, new and used – adult, child & baby
- COATS & SNOWEAR, new and used – adult, child & baby
- NEW UNDERWEAR only (no used), with tags or in packaging
- SHOES (polished) No summer shoes, in immaculate condition
- BOOTS & WELLY BOOTS, clean, adult/child
- Blankets, sleeping bags, sheets & towels in immaculate condition
- Duvets *only if like new with no marks or stains*
- Wheelchairs, zimmer frames and crutches (paired)
- Moses baskets and baby bedding
- Disposable nappies, sanitary towels & incontinence pads
- Care packs for mothers & babies

PLEASE WASH clothes and blankets, and clean and polish shoes before donating. Everything must be in **excellent condition**: working zips, buttons intact, stain free, no holes. Ideally please pre-sort into men/women/child.

23.5 million people in Iraq and Syria are in need of humanitarian help

Please contribute £5 per shopping bag or £10 per bin liner towards the costs of transporting your donations to the Middle East. It costs around £6,500 to send each lorry to Iraq. You can donate through www.samarasaidappeal.org/giving

Last winter, babies, children and vulnerable adults died in camps in the Middle East because there wasn't enough aid to keep them warm. The WHO estimates that 25,000 people are injured every month in the conflict in Syria while 58% hospitals have closed or are functioning at a reduced capacity. We are also sending medical aid www.samarasaidappeal.org/medicalsyrria

People continue to flee violence. Those captured by IS face brutal execution, and women and young girls are trafficked and sold as slaves. Many fled their homes with just the clothes they were wearing and are now living in tents, in unfinished and abandoned buildings. **Around half are children.**

Deadline for clothing donations: Sunday October 2nd. Drop at 7 Woodstock Road North or leave at back of Ss Alban & Stephen church after 11.30 mass

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