EU donor conference on Syria
Welthungerhilfe: “The situation could escalate dramatically in the province of Idlib”

Bonn, 23/04/2018. In the run-up to the European Union donor conference on Syria starting in Brussels tomorrow, Welthungerhilfe warns that there could be a humanitarian disaster in the province of Idlib. About 2 million people live in the last rebel-controlled province in the north west of the country. Armed resistance fighters and their families from other conquered parts of the country have been brought there. Over recent months, hundreds of thousands of people from former rebel areas have fled there, after these areas came back under Syrian government control.

“We are very worried about the situation in the province of Idlib, where up to 700,000 people could be affected by the impending fighting. Without a political solution they may be trapped. The donor conference is important for raising money to take care of people, but it is also an indication of the political helplessness of the international community. No lasting peace can be achieved through military means”, stresses Bärbel Dieckmann, President of Welthungerhilfe.

Welthungerhilfe has been working in affected areas of Idlib since 2013, providing food to protect people from hunger, and distributing heating fuel in the cold winter months. It has also worked with local partners to restore the water supply in many areas, and repaired local bakeries, to guarantee the daily supply of bread.

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