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Tens of Thousands Flee in North East Syria as Fighting Escalates



Your support is critical.

The fresh fighting in North East Syria this week has created a massive and sudden displacement of children and their families. Many were already living in temporary camps after having been displaced at least once by previous conflict. Our staff report that towns and villages in the immediate area of the new fighting have emptied. Local authorities are establishing shelters in areas not affected by shelling. The fighting has also disrupted the water supply to some 400,000 people in and around the city of Hasakeh, leading to the possibility of children going without water or drinking from contaminated sources.

Our response for children and families.

We are providing essential supplies and other relief to children and families in shelters in the city of Al Hasakeh and in the Areesha camp, where we have longstanding programs. We are also assessing how to support vulnerable families who are hosting those who are displaced, and other responses to the rapidly changing conditions. Our initial response to those displaced by this new violence will focus on distributing food and other essential items, creating safe spaces for children, and providing emergency cash assistance to help families meet their immediate needs.

“The reports of civilian deaths, including those of two children, and several more injured are devastating. North East Syria is home to people who are all too familiar with the horrors of war. Many have been displaced more than once already. How many times have we seen those scenes of women and children with their belongings bundled on their backs moving in search of safety? With winter around the corner, they will face additional challenges as they search for shelter. Families are worried about their lives. They cannot think of anything else but getting their children to safety,”

-Save the Children staff in North East Syria



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Your support saves lives: Save the Children has served conflict-affected children and families in North East Syria since 2014. We are scaling up relief operations to help alleviate needs that the fighting and mass displacement is creating.