



No More Broken Promises, Syrians Need Aid Now

Airdrops are a test of the ISSG's Credibility.

Syrian civil society groups are calling on the members of the International Syria Support Group (ISSG) to follow through on their commitments to break the sieges across Syria and execute airdrops to Syrians in need.

“We are tired of broken promises from the international community”, said Yasmine Nahlawi of [Rethink Rebuild Society](#). “The international community made a pledge to the Syrian people that it would ensure aid got to all Syrians in need – we are counting on them to follow through. Our lives—and our confidence in the international community—depend on it.”

In response to statements issued by the Syrian regime that it would selectively permit access to some of the besieged areas in Syria, while systematically denying it in others, Moataz Aljbawi of the Union of Syrian Civil Society Organizations said:

“The Syrian regime has proven time and again that its words are meaningless. Syrians need to see results on the ground. Access to food, water and medical care needs to be continuous, unfettered, and unconditional. If and when the Syrian regime refuses or limits access—as it has done to many times in the past and as it continues to do—Member States of the ISSG need to airdrop aid to Syrians in need. This is a test of their credibility.”

Syrian civil society groups are calling on the members of the ISSG to ensure that aid is delivered:

1. **Comprehensively**, so that all Syrians in all areas are reached, including besieged and hard-to-reach areas where millions of Syrians are suffering.
2. **Without conditions**, so that the consent of the Syrian regime is neither explicitly nor implicitly required.
3. **With guarantees of protection**, so that aid convoys or aircraft do not receive retaliation from forces on the ground.
4. **Continuously** so that aid is not delivered in a one-off manner, but is sustained and truly meets the needs of the Syrian people.