

Rights Group Warns of Inadequate Aid Funding for Syria



Dublin, January 29 (RHC)-- An international charity has warned of insufficient aid funding for Syria, saying donors need to do more to help those affected by ongoing crisis in the Arab country.

Considering the scale of the conflict, the aid response in Syria and the Middle East is "critically underfunded," Simon Starling, the head of policy and campaigns at Ireland-based Concern Worldwide, said on Thursday.

"We're still doing very basic humanitarian relief work - which is necessary but not sufficient," Starling said, adding that people's livelihood and children's presence at schools are among the issues that need to be focused on.

He further noted that the problem is not all about money, but also about more global cooperation to end the conflict in Syria.

"Without a more coherent ... more ambitious push by the international community to bring an end to the conflict, all this is ultimately a sticking plaster over a wound that's gaping," Starling said.

Next week, donors plan to attend a meeting, hosted by Britain, Germany, Norway, Kuwait and the United Nations.

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