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Att. Yngvild Berggrav

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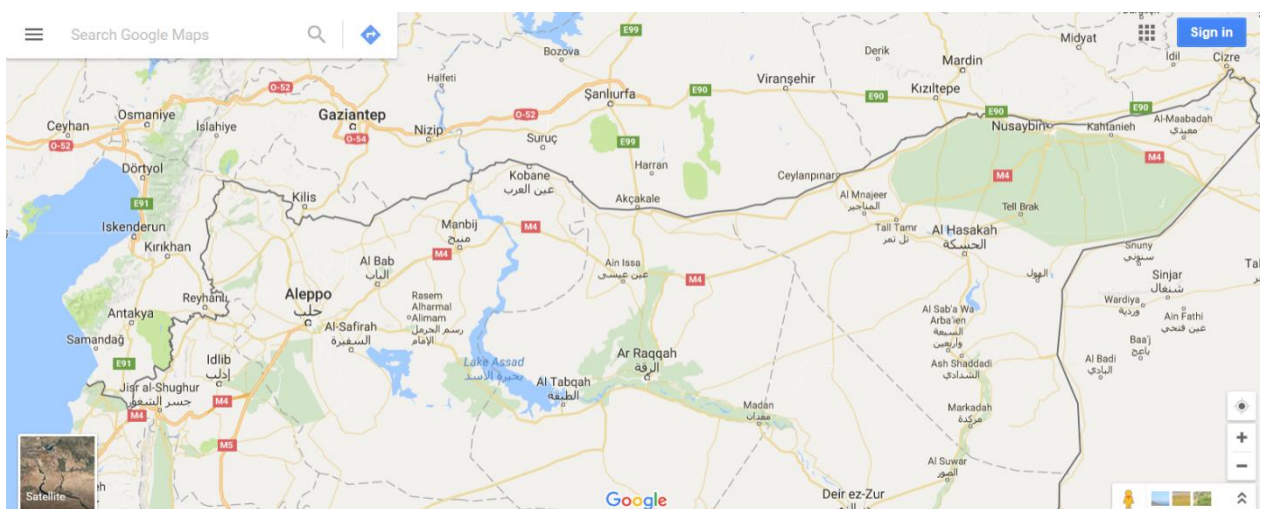
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## Note on reallocation of interventions and budget for SYR-16/0002 and SYR-16/0002 Add 01, Aleppo-area

Referring to email correspondence with the MFA 23 December 2016 from Berit K. Tvette and meeting with Yngvild Berggrav 3 January 2017. In the following, relevant changes for NORWAC-supported work in the Aleppo area is described.

1. **Budget allocations** are identical with the information sent by email from NORWAC to the MFA 20 December 2016 (see annex).
2. **Security situation** in the implementation area is assessed by NORWAC's partners to be acceptable, considering the current situation in the area:
  - a) Marea area (blood bank, central lab, and oxygen generator) is considered as a safe area in the northern sector of rural Aleppo (under the control of the Free Syrian Army supported by Turkish forces). Marea is close to Al-Bab which is a big city under the control of ISIS. The Free Syrian Army is trying to take Al-Bab city from ISIS. The area is accessible through Bab Al-Salama border gate.
  - b) Safety is moderate in Idlib city, rural Idlib, and the western part of rural Aleppo. Random airstrikes might take place any time. The area is under control of different opposition forces. The area is accessible through Bab Al-Hawa border gate. Due to this, our partners will continue to implement the activities accordingly.



Overview of the North of Syria



Marea in rural Aleppo is proposed for the “Blood Bank & Central Lab” and “Oxygen Generating Unit” projects. The area is accessible through Bab Al-Salameh border gate.



Three cities in rural Idlib (Ariha, Sarakep, and Maaret Mesreen) is proposed as a new location for the “Ambulances” project.

### **3. Change of locations for implementation**

Based on new information from NORWAC's partners, other NGOs and actors, the following changes of locations are proposed:

#### **1. Ambulances**

Upon the request from NORWAC, Shafak performed a rapid assessment of the ambulance needs in the north of Syria (Idleb city, rural Idleb, and rural Aleppo).

The assessment was done in coordination with the local health facilities, directorates and other NGOs supporting ambulance services in the area. A gap in the ambulance services was detected in rural Idleb, particularly in Ariha, Sarakep, and Maaret Mesreen. In total, there are 15 ambulances available in these three locations but there is no fund to cover the running costs.

For the moment, there is a positive balance of about 60 000 USD in the budget allocated for ambulance services.

Shafak is proposing to support 13 ambulances in Ariha, Sarakep, and Maaret Mesreen (instead of Eastern Aleppo). Number of beneficiaries is expected to be around 2250 persons/month.

#### **2. Blood bank and Central Laboratory**

The establishment of a blood bank and a central clinical laboratory in Eastern Aleppo was one of the activities proposed by NORWAC, together with Khayr, for implementation under the SYR-16/0002 grant. In line with the approved plan of implementation, four caravans and equipment for blood bank and laboratory have been purchased and crossed the borders (at Bab Al-Salameh border gate). For the moment, there is a positive balance of about 58,000 USD in the budget of this project.

Watan/Khayr is proposing to implement the project in Marea city in the Northern part of rural Aleppo. The new location was determined after a close assessment together with the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), which is currently providing regular support to the main hospital in Marea.

#### **3. Oxygen Generating Unit / ICU and Laboratory equipment and consumables**

Khayr is proposing to locate the oxygen generating unit in Marea city (instead of Eastern Aleppo) in the northern part of rural Aleppo at the same location of the blood bank and the central laboratory.

A new assessment was performed by UOSSM in order to determine the needs for ICU and laboratory equipment and consumables in the north of Syria (Idleb, rural Idleb, and rural Aleppo). According to the needs assessment, UOSSM is proposing to support 13 healthcare facilities distributed in the north of Syria (instead of Eastern Aleppo):

Location	Hospital	Supporting organization
Idleb city	Idleb Central Hospital	SAMS
Idleb city	Internal Medicine Hospital (Idleb)	
Idleb city	Surgical Specialist Hospital in Idleb	SEMA
Rural Idleb	Ihsan Hospital	Medical Relief
Rural Idleb	Bab Al-Hawa Hospital (BHH)	UOSSM
Rural Idleb	Hzarin Hospital	SHAM
Rural Idleb	Maara National Hospital	SAMS
Rural Aleppo	Al-Hurriya Hospital (Maria'a)	SAMS
Rural Aleppo	Al-Fardous Hospital	SRD
Rural Aleppo	Al-Ma'abar Hospital	IDA
Rural Aleppo	Al-Kinana Hospital	Relief International
Rural Aleppo	Al-Huda Hospital	SKT
Rural Aleppo	Al-Rih Al-Mursala Hospital	N/A

Thirteen healthcare facilities were proposed for the “ICU and Lab” project. The facilities are located in Idleb city (3 centers), Rural Idleb (4 centers), and Rural Aleppo (6 centers).

NORWAC asks for approval of the above suggested reallocations.

Sincerely yours,  
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Annex:

- Financial overview