

Markus Löning visits Syrian refugees in Jordan

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Markus Löning, the Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid, surveyed the scene on the ground in Jordan today to gain a first-hand impression of the situation of Syrian refugees there. He issued the following statement in the Jordanian capital of Amman:

The way the Jordanians have taken in more than 100,000 Syrian refugees merits our special appreciation and ongoing support.

I'm especially moved by the dedication of many individual Jordanians, who are housing refugees and voluntarily helping provide supplies and medical care.

I'm deeply impressed by what the UN (United Nations) aid organizations were able to get off the ground so quickly. The Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) is playing a vital part in providing water to refugees. The necessary funds need to keep being provided to the aid organizations so that they can do their work effectively.

Today I've visited two camps and a hospital, I've spoken with refugees and gained a first-hand impression of the situation. Even if basic care has definitely been secured, more needs to be done to make conditions for the people in the refugee camps more liveable.

This is the responsibility of the international community, which needs to ensure that the men, women and children who flee the violence in Syria are taken in and cared for.“

Mr Löning today visited the Za'atari refugee camp near the Syrian border, which is being set up with German assistance. The technical relief agency THW is creating a water supply system to serve the entire camp, which has a capacity of up to 120,000 refugees. The Federal Foreign Office has thus far provided 11.5 million euros for care and supplies for victims of the conflict in Syria.

Tomorrow Mr Löning will continue his visit with talks in Amman. He will meet with Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh and representatives of NGOs, among others. In the afternoon he will continue onward to Leb

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