

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALL IN SYRIA

THE DILEMMA OF AID IN SYRIA

Over the past decade, international assistance to Syria has been **politicised, manipulated, and diverted**, setting a dangerous pattern for the future recovery.

To date, major donors have **conditioned the financing of Syria's reconstruction on a political transition**. However, this approach fails to prevent the exploitation of international assistance, allowing illegitimate authorities to maintain the upper hand.

A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR PRINCIPLED ASSISTANCE

More just parameters for current and future international assistance in Syria are needed, especially as the country heads towards recovery. The international community should adopt a **human rights-based conditionality** for all interventions, so it can provide efficient assistance that helps Syrians today while also creating conditions for sustainable peace.

FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE: OPERATIONALISING THE FRAMEWORK

To provide much-needed assistance for Syrians without doing harm, the international community should avoid a **one-size-fits all approach** and instead **tailor aid to reflect Syria's multifaceted sub-national realities**, always depending on their compliance with the human rights-based conditionality.

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GO LOCAL, SMALL AND INCREMENTAL



A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED CONDITIONALITY TO INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

REACTIVATE THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR



AVOID COMPROMISED CHANNELS OF ASSISTANCE DELIVERY



USE TRUSTED LOCAL INTERMEDIARIES

