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Dear Dr.AymanAbulaban
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Some 700,000 people have fled to Sinjar Mountains as a result of complex humanitarian crisis caused by the ISIS. According to information given in your website, there are 400,000 people in Duhok and 200,000 others in Erbil unable to provide for their most basic needs as refugees. It is known that an equal number of people are presently trapped in Sinjar Mountains. Tens of thousands of refugees are now struggling for life in various provinces of Turkey including Şırnak, Diyarbakır, Batman, Mardin and Silopi. There are problems such as safe passage, access to safe water and emergency health services, treatment of chronic illnesses and food security.

According to our observations, the UNICEF has already started humanitarian relief activities for hundreds of thousands of people affected by the crisis, but could reach 70 to 80 thousand of affected people. It is urgent to identify the needs of displaced children and women in particular and to deliver essential services. It must be stressed that there is urgent need for interventions geared to preventing sexual and gender-based violence. With our belief that you will soon give start to necessary work, we want to state our commitment to contribute to services to be delivered in the region adding that chambers of medicine are already engaged in dedicated efforts and ready for cooperation.

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