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Dear Madam /Sir

About 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 now 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 ICRC has already started humanitarian relief activities for hundreds of thousands of people affected by the crisis, but could reach 30,000 people yet. In this context, a rapid assessment of state of health will guide the activities of health ministries in Iraq, Syria and Turkey. The need to plan for services to these displaced people now unable to have access to most basic needs including shelter, water and food is apparent. It is particularly urgent to respond to the needs of people having chronic health problems such as renal failure, cancer and insulin-dependent diabetes. 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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