

Logwin supports Save the Children with aid shipment of clothing for Syrian refugees

Aschaffenburg – Logwin has teamed up with the aid organisation Save the Children to help Syrian refugees. Two trucks carrying thousands of pullovers and jackets reached the Turkish city of Gaziantep near the Syrian border in mid-April. The C&A Foundation had donated the clothing, Logwin organised the transportation including all customs formalities and also assumed half of the transportation costs. Within the next days, Save the Children will distribute the donated clothing in the Turkish border town Suruç to families in need and to the refugee camp.

Logwin collected the aid goods – 57 pallets in total – from the warehouse of its long-standing customer C&A in Mönchengladbach. The trucks then drove directly to Gaziantep 3,700 kilometres away.

Complex customs clearance

"Importing the goods into Turkey was the biggest challenge of the journey since the customs regulations are very complex," explains Norbert Göhler, who managed the project at Logwin. "You either need an import permit issued by a government agency or the shipment must be sent to a special type of aid organisation. Otherwise very high customs duties and taxes are levied – which is something we of course want to avoid for a shipment of aid."

The advantages of Logwin's global network of locations were once more demonstrated when planning the transportation. Colleagues at various locations in Germany and Turkey cooperated closely. Customs specialists from Viersen near Mönchengladbach prepared the German customs export documents and colleagues in Aschaffenburg organised the trucks. The Logwin location in Istanbul assumed responsibility for the import documentation, maintained close contact with the aid organisation in Turkey and supervised the trucks all the way to Gaziantep.

Urgently needed help

Civil war has been raging in Syria for more than four years – millions of people, including many children, have already fled or are fleeing. More than 1.7 million Syrian refugees are currently living in Turkey. "People in and around Syria are in a desperate situation. Families have lost almost everything and they lack the most basic necessities," explains Kathrin Wieland, Country Director of Save the Children Germany. "Save the Children is active in the entire region providing humanitarian help. We can improve the situation of refugee families and help many people thanks to the support of dedicated partners such as the C&A Foundation and Logwin."

Logwin regularly applies its competence in logistics to aid projects and the relationship with Save the Children is a close one. The logistics service provider most recently organised the transportation of hospital beds and medical aid supplies from Bad Homburg to Tanzania and last year Logwin transported medicines and medical equipment by air freight to the Central African Republic.

About Save the Children

Save the Children is the world's largest independent children's rights organisation in the world with activities in over 120 countries. Its main areas of focus are schools and education, protection from exploitation and violence as well as survival and health – including disaster situations. Save the Children is committed to creating a world which respects the rights of children. A world in which all children can lead healthy and safe lives, growing up in a free and self-determined manner.

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