

Here in Sweden, it is going well for the returning families. RTC Sweden are in close contact with 11 of the families and trying to support them in different ways. The families had a lot of needs and crises initially, but now they have been back in Sweden between 16 to 24 months (they were brought home in different instances), and they are settling step by step, and their needs for support are becoming less, as their life situations are becoming more stable.

Children are living more and more like any other child. It is wonderful to following



their positive developments

Among the mothers, I am impressed to see how they are struggling and making good decisions for themselves and their kids. 8 of the mothers are studying (most of them at university level) and the rest of them have jobs and are self-sustainable financially. Of course, the mothers have a lot of trauma to deal with, but they are managing.

Still there are 5 Swedish kids from two families left behind in Roj. We are in close contact with their families here in Sweden. We are trying all we can to have an impact to have these two families repatriated, but the new government in Sweden is showing no political will to act. This also relates to the ongoing Nato-process. Politics.. One of the mothers is not a Swedish citizen, which is difficult.

There are probably also a few Swedish families in al-Hol, but we don't know them or their relatives.

There are also some 10 Swedish men in prisons. We facilitated a meeting in the Swedish parliament with relatives of the men, where a few MPs showed up to listen to them, but it was only opposition parties that participated in the meeting. The Swedish families have not heard from their sons/brothers in the prisons in Syria in a long time, like since two years.