

# Annual Report 2023

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# Our Accomplishments Throughout 11 Years

+62.5M Services

291

Schools

4

Schools Built and Established

297

Schools Fully Supported 6,576

Education Personnel Supported with Salaries +54K

Farmers Supported

630K

Rehabilitated

Olive Trees Supported +1.8M

Livestock Vaccinated 4,923

Small Business Grants Provided 7,453

Houses Rehabilitated 424

Houses Built

**170** 

Water Stations & Water Networks Built & Rehabilitated 58

Sanitation Systems Rehabilitated 18

Solar Systems Installed 27

Women Empowerment Centers 7

Child-Friendly Spaces

46

Mobile Teams for Protection Services

+216K

Psychosocial Support & Awareness Sessions

# A Message from the CEO



Our work is centered around four strategic objectives: striving towards the economic empowerment and sustainable development of Syrians, developing tools to mend the destroyed education system, equipping decision-makers with well-crafted policy recommendations, and highlighting the Syrian cause through active advocacy in regional and international forums.

Despite the compounded challenges, especially in the aftermath of the February 6th earthquake, which caused immense destruction and increased the suffering of Syrians, we swiftly mobilized for immediate intervention through strategic partnerships and expert teams.

Our efforts are multifaceted, aiming not only to address immediate needs but to foster long-term stability and dignity for all Syrians.

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We focus on enhancing the educational system to ensure that future generations can contribute to a prosperous Syria.

### **Ghassan Hitto**

Co-Founder, Board Member CEO and President

Our approach to economic empowerment aims to lay the groundwork for long-term stability for Syrian individuals and communities. Through active advocacy, we make the Syrian cause resonate in international forums, pushing for policies and support that align with the needs and aspirations of the Syrian people. Investing in research and analysis provides us with an objective understanding of the challenges faced by the Syrian society. It offers us an important framework for identifying priorities and effective ways for early recovery, sustainable development, and peacemaking.

By constantly developing and refining our programs, we work to touch every aspect of Syrian society. Our goal is to empower Syrians to build a life marked by dignity and opportunity, despite the ongoing challenges. We are committed to our mission and to the people we serve, driving forward with projects that make a real difference in Syrian lives.



Türkiye Syria

# Feb 6th Earthquake

### **Emergency Response in Northwest Syria**

150,593	Beneficiaries	
38,509	Beneficiaries with Special Needs	
3,981,007	Services Provided	
+36,000	Liters of Diesel for Syria Civil Defense's Heavy Machinery	
243	Camps and Temporary Shelters Served	
565	Tents Installed	
1,286	Houses Restored	
16	Houses Built	
41	Schools Rehabilitated	
13,477	School Bags and Stationery Distributed	
13,448	Multi-Purpose Cash Vouchers Distributed	
\$3,183,596	Value of Cash Vouchers	
22,331	Liters of Heating Fuel Provided	
33,536 kg	Heating Materials (coal and pyrene) Provided	
565	Heaters Provided	
9,176	Winter Baskets Distributed	
45,774	Food Baskets & Ready-to-Eat-Meals Distributed	
53,673 kg	Bread Distributed	
973,773 m <sup>3</sup>	Drinking Water Provided	
13,836	Kitchen Materials Baskets Distributed	
47,010	Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Materials Provided	
3,875	Toilet Blocks Rehabilitated and Installed	
1,433	Water Tanks Rehabilitated and Installed	
1,388	Garbage Containers Distributed in Camps	
14,245	Awareness and Psychosocial Support Sessions Conducted	







# Feb 6th Earthquake

### Emergency Response in Southern Türkiye

60,312	Beneficiaries	
2,160	Beneficiaries with Special Needs	
4,585	Ready-to-Eat-Meals Distributed	
4,572	Hygiene Baskets and Cleaning Materials Provided	
2,958	Multi-Purpose Cash Vouchers Distributed	
\$211,981	Value of Multi-Purpose Cash Vouchers	







### **How We Work**

#### **Needs Based**

Our approach to programs based on understanding and identifying the needs of local communities through various assessment tools, including interviews, focus group discussions, and surveys.

#### **Strong Program Design**

The Programs Department works to identify gaps and create a program aimed at addressing the root causes of needs. Communities and local councils are consulted at this stage to better understand the feasibility of such programs and to ensure community participation.



### **Continuous Institutional Development and Capacity Building**

Reviewing all the operations of the organization's departments and ensuring that the policies and procedures adopted are followed, in addition to developing suggestions and recommendations that enhance the internal control process and raise the level of professionalism and transparency within the organization. We also make great efforts to build the capacities of the team, especially those working on the front lines.

### Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning

Through this function, we can monitor the outputs of programs and measure their impact throughout baseline and end-line assessments. It also provides access to beneficiaries to give their feedback and complaints. Our MEAL department allows us to learn lessons from previous projects and apply them moving forward to strengthen our future programming.





Our program works to provide Syrians with the most needed services to alleviate their suffering, foster economic and social development, and support a vibrant civil society.

We are dedicated to helping Syrians realize self-sufficiency and secure new livelihoods through the following sectors:

- Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL)
- O Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI)
- O Early Recovery
- O Child Protection & Women Empowerment
- O Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- O Education

## **Accomplishments**

In 2023

2,565,508

**Beneficiaries** 

5,760,818

Services Provided to Beneficiaries

\$36,360,792

Value of Implemented Projects

\$9,082,507

Value of In-Kind Donations

Implemented Projects

Through 2023

622

Implemented **Projects** 

62.5M

Services Provided to Beneficiaries

\$357.4M

Value of Implemented Projects

# Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL)

### 214,813

### \$7,057,891

#### **Beneficiaries**

#### Value of Implemented Projects

- Projects in this sector created 254 job opportunities for field staff.
- Distribute over 5.6K meals during Ramadan, and 8,250 kg of meat portions in Eid al-Adha.
- Distribute +53 ton of bread, +54.7K food baskets, and ready-to-eat meals, in addition to 17K food youchers.
- Support over 13.8K livestock breeders with the necessary training to enhance their skills and practices.
- O Provide vaccinations for **635K** sheep.

- Distribute 60K kg of fertilizers, more than 36K kg of seeds, and 600 liters of insecticides to farmers.
- Distribute 400 set of agricultural tools to farmers, in addition to 200 set of safety and security equipment.
- Support 41.6K olive trees with agricultural services such as pruning and harvesting, and 21.2K dunums with seeds, fertilizers, and insecticides.
- Establish 10 field schools for farmers &provide training on best agricultural practices for over 280 farmers.



# Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI)

### 125,789

### \$6,568,734

#### **Beneficiaries**

#### Value of Implemented Projects

- Projects in this sector created 123 job opportunities for field staff.
- O Construct **16** residential units in Babisqa to provide shelter for families affected by the earthquake.
- Rehabilitate 1,286 houses in Afrin, Armanaz, Azmarin, and other earthquake-affected areas.
- Distribute over 12K baskets of household items, and over 10K baskets of blankets and winter clothes.

- Site preparation and graveling for 17,825 m<sup>2</sup> of 6 camps.
- Distribute 21.5K multi-purpose cash vouchers and winter vouchers totaling over \$3.9M.
- Provide cash vouchers for home repairs to over 570 earthquakeaffected families.
- Distribute **565** tents and heaters to earthquake-affected families, and over **70K** liters of heating materials.



### **Education**

49,542	1,200	\$4,999,463
Beneficiaries	Beneficiary Students with Special Needs	Value of Implemented Projects

- Rehabilitate 78 schools, including 41 schools as part of the emergency response to the earthquake.
- Support 60 schools with operational expenses, furniture, and winter needs such as heaters and heating fuel.
- Distribute 7,350 textbooks, over 34K school bags, recreational tools, and personal hygiene kits for students.
- Provide over \$2M as salaries to 1,557 teachers and administrative staff.
- Distribute more than \$59K as cash for education for students.

- O Provide solar power systems to **18** schools, as well as security and safety equipment to **55** schools.
- Provide transportation for students living far from their schools, and for those with special needs.
- Distribute 317 educational bags for teachers and conduct 17 capacity building training to improve their skills.
- Rehabilitate sanitization and sanitary facilities for 113 schools.
- O Secure **57** field job opportunities through education projects.
- Conduct 99 awareness campaigns for COVID-19 and Cholera, and 38 awareness campaigns on child protection and the importance of education.





### **Early Recovery**

### 143,253

#### **Beneficiaries**

Early recovery projects in northern Syria aim to support the stabilization of impacted communities and fortify the resilience of affected individuals.

These initiatives encompass socioeconomic revitalization efforts as well as the rehabilitation and restoration of essential infrastructure and services.

### \$617,894

### Value of Implemented Projects

- Projects in this sector created 28 job opportunities for field staff.
- Rehabilitate Al-Hal Market in Afrin, which includes more than 100 shops.
- Restore the amphitheater of Gaziantep University in Afrin.
- Rehabilitate and pave roads **5 KM** long.







# **Child Protection and Women Empowerment**

224,203

\$7,546,245

\$2,688,317

**Beneficiaries** 

**Value of Implemented Projects** 

Value of In-Kind Donations

**46** Mobile Teams

7 Child-Friendly Spaces

23 Women and Girls Safe Spaces

**4** Community Centers

### **Child Protection**

- Provide 3,600 vulnerable children with specialized individual assistance and case management services.
- Distribute 38K identification bracelets for children to prevent separation from their families during displacement after the earthquake.
- Distribute over 6,500 newborns and first aid kits.
- Provide more than 2,000 parental skills and over 16,800 awareness and psychosocial support sessions.
- Establish 7 community committees and conduct 23 trainings on child protection against exploitation and sexual abuse.



### **Women Empowerment Program**

- Projects in this sector created 658 job opportunities for field staff.
- Provide over 76K psychosocial, life skills, and recreational sessions, in addition to awareness sessions for young mothers.
- Provide educational training such as English courses, computer, and robotic programs for young girls.
- Support 6 women's associations and establish 28 community women's committees to raise awareness of women in the community.
- Distribute more than 138K dignity kits for women and girls.

- Support 128 women with income generation projects.
- Provide over 790 vocational training sessions on sewing, handicraft, hairdressing, confectionery, and entrepreneurship.
- Provide over 3,300 consultations for women and girls, and 163 training sessions on gender-based violence.
- Support 3,400 gender-based violence cases through psychosocial activities and referrals to specialized sectors when needed.



### **General Protection**

- Establish 4 community committees and launch 12 initiatives to raise awareness on general protection matters.
- Provide 1,827 legal consultations and 14K awareness sessions on civil status, properties, and real estate documents.
- Conduct 156 monitoring surveys in served communities on the provides protection programs' services.
- Establish and support 2 legal networks and conduct 10 training programs on public protection issues.



# Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

1,807,908

\$9,570,561

\$6,394,190

**Beneficiaries** 

Value of Implemented Projects

Value of In-Kind Donations

- Projects in this sector created **571** job opportunities for field staff.
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene services targeted 312 camps, 19 health centers, and 205 schools.
- Connect 1 water station to the electricity grid, establish 2 water stations, 6 water networks, and 14 sewage systems.
- Conduct more than 157K hygiene awareness sessions in schools & camps.
- Distribute over 1.9M m<sup>3</sup> of drinking water to people in camps (35 liters/ beneficiary/day).
- Rehabilitate 6 water networks, 12 water stations, and install 7 solar energy systems to support alternative and clean energy and sustain service delivery.



- Distribute 2K garbage containers, collect over 70K m<sup>3</sup> of solid waste to landfills, and desludge of septic tanks in schools, health centers, and camps.
- Provide operational support to 27 water stations, including electricity (2.9M kWh), fuel (396K liters), and chlorine (29K liters), in addition to maintenance services, as well as training station workers and covering their wages.
- Distribute over 116K hygiene kits, and more than 1.2M bars of soap, in addition to 44K jerrycans for water.
- Construct and rehabilitate 5K toilet blocks in camps, including facilities for people with special needs.
- Rehabilitate and install 10 concrete water tanks, and 1,811 drinking water tanks in camps, health centers, and schools.



# **Agreements**

Signed with Turkish government institutions across different provinces to implement projects for Syrians inside Syria









### Gaziantep

- Empower Olive Framers through Intercropping Agricultural Techniques in Azaz. (AFAD & Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry)
- Provide Emergency Response, Case Management, and Psychosocial Support to Women and Girls. (AFAD, Directorate of National Education, and Directorate of Family and Social Services)
- Provide Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services as Part of The Emergency Response for People Affected by The Earthquake, and Raise The Efficiency of Water and Sanitation Networks for The Communities Affected by Cholera and the Earthquake. (AFAD)
- Homes' Rehabilitation for People Affected by The Earthquake in the cities of Jindires and Al-Bab. (AFAD)
- Provide Life-Saving and Sustainable Humanitarian Assistance to People Affected by The Earthquake in Northern Syria. (AFAD)
- Distribute Food Vouchers in Azaz, Jindires, and Afrin.
   (Directorate of Family and Social Services)







### **Hatay**

- Provide Emergency Response, Case Management, and Psychosocial Support to Women and Girls. (AFAD, Directorate of National Education, and Directorate of Family and Social Services)
- Provide Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services as Part of The Emergency Response for People Affected by The Earthquake in Northern Syria. (AFAD)
- Restore the Amphitheater of Gaziantep University in Afrin. (Directorate of National Education)

### **Kilis**

- Distribute Ready-To-Eat- Meals and Food Vouchers. (AFAD)
- Provide Learning Opportunities Through Non-Formal Education in a Safe and Protected Educational Environment for Children in Northern Syria. (AFAD & Directorate of National Education)

# Collaborations and Partnerships



























































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