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“Despite the war, there is still hope for dreams to come true”

In the absence of any plan that takes into account the lost generation of Syria, the war continues on and is having a severe negative impact on Syrian children. But many do not understand the consequences of the war and its impact on states, civilians, and future generations.

Mustafa, a 12-year-old from the village of Habilit, in the countryside of Idlib, was a student in Syrian home schools. Mustafa's passion is football and he is always practicing. We watched him play during one of his training sessions right before sitting to have a chat with him. Mustafa expressed his devotion and love for football. However, the war and the conflict in Syria were preventing him from practicing on a daily basis.

He told us that: “before the rockets and the explosions began to fall on our village, I would play in front of my house, in the neighbourhood or at school. I never used to watch cartoons with my other friends. I used to watch football matches and try to copy all the moves of famous players. I participated in two football championships and I won them both. My dream is that when I grow up I become a famous player in a global team.”

Mustafa is one of the many thousands of Syrian children who look forward to a future filled with ambition and aspiration. At WATAN we are all working towards helping them achieve their dreams.





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Chairman Message:

The Syrian crisis is now approaching its eighth year and with the continued escalation of conflict, the responsibility of humanitarian organizations and agencies is no longer confined to only an emergency humanitarian response. To meet the needs of those impacted, states and communities need to meet the needs of the displaced Syrians and refugees in neighboring countries. Another important factor is also the current stability and security of host communities which has become increasingly important.

Donor States and those countries accepting asylum outside the region must build strong relationships with and strengthen support for host countries in the region as the security of these communities is one of their most important responsibilities. With their limited capacity, they can help the devastating consequences for the future

of Syria by investing in the future of Syrian children and young people. This can be achieved by supporting them in education, social life, psychological issues, economic empowerment, and in developing their capabilities and expanding their experiences by opening doors of hope for them to build a promising future.

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In sharing with you a brief on the work of the organisation over the last year, I would like to draw your attention to the most note-worthy areas of achievement which have positively resulted in sustainable impact:

- Expanding work within strategic impact projects, such as water and sanitation, as well as developing the emergency response network in Northern Syria.
- Further developing the work of the education program, increasing the number of schools inside Syria and providing university scholarships.
- Assessing the need for technical support and other forms of support for more than 400 civil society organizations and institutions.
- Through our projects WATAN reached more than two million beneficiaries inside Syria and Turkey.

2017 is also notable for WATAN given our work with new supporting partners for our programs as well as continuing to develop our work with existing partners to ensure sustainability of projects.

We believe in the role of civil society at every stage of the intervention. Therefore, we invest in supporting and developing civil society in our areas of access. We also work to establish coordination and technical platforms to achieve integration and maximize the impact when serving communities.

WATAN seeks to work in line with international humanitarian standards in the delivery of its programs and ensure that we continue to achieve our global goal of 2020. Our goal is that of a promising future; for a free and decent society based on tolerance, respect and social justice.

A handwritten signature in Arabic script, reading 'مواز السباع' (Moaz Al Sibai).

Chairman
Moaz Al Sibai

About WATAN

The Establishment of WATAN

WATAN was first established in 2012, with the focus on leading assistance efforts to affected populations and reviving affected communities. WATAN is an independent, non-political and non-partisan organization.

WATAN has worked since 2012 on networking with civil society organizations and local councils inside Syria and gave the space for volunteering by WATAN members in the diaspora.

Since 2012, WATAN's focus on building relationships with civil society organizations and local councils within Syria while also providing a platform for volunteering for members of the Syrian diaspora community.

WATAN's Mission

At WATAN, we seek to develop a healthy and stable society that is based on integrated communities that actively influence, support and improve the lives of all individuals. It seeks to provide programs capable of revitalizing society and maintaining social cohesion through the provision of quality projects in the areas of relief, education, economic empowerment, advocacy for civic issues and post-conflict peace-building to develop a healthy, strong and civil society.

WATAN's Vision

WATAN is working towards a free and decent society based on tolerance, respect and social justice.

Values and principles

Creativity, transparency, partnership and respect.

WATAN's focus

WATAN puts community as its central focus, because we know that fragmented intervention does not have a sustainable impact and we believe in building a strong joint society based on innovation, flexibility and continuous growth.





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"L'ajlkom" camp during the distribution of NFI kits - Idlib countryside

Board of Directors of WATAN



Moaz Al Sibai

Chairman

- Founder of WATAN organization
- 21 years experience in private sector in Uk and Arab Gulf
- 26 years of volunteer work with several non-profit organizations



Anas Al Sibai CPA

Vice Chairman

- One of WATAN founding members
- 18 years of experience in finance management and audit, including being a finance manager for several years.
- 10 years of volunteer work.



Mazen Halabi

Vice Chairman

- Joined WATAN team in 2012
- 16 years in information technology
- 11 years volunteering with non-profit organizations in various capacity Board member, Board Chairman, Treasure, Secretary, Program manager and volunteer



Fatema Omar Obaied

Board Member

- One of WATAN founding members.
- 24 years of work experience.
- 11 years of volunteer work.
- Board member and responsible for WATAN network management.



Abdulrahman Alhamdo

Board Member

- One of WATAN founding members
- 10 year experience in business enterpenurship in information technology
- 5 years of volunteer work in vocational training networks and managing business start-up initiatives .



Fatema Omar Obaied

Board Member

- Joined WATAN in 2012
- Responsible for the education program.



Fateh Hawa

Board Member

- One of WATAN founding members.
- 5 years experience in legal field.
- 5 years of volunteer work in legal and human rights field.



Omamah Abdulfatah Abuquhuddah

Board Member

- One of the co-founders of the organization
- 4 years of experience in voluntary work, and 7 years in social work
- 6 years of experience in administrative voluntary work in the administrative board of Watan organization



Majed Salem

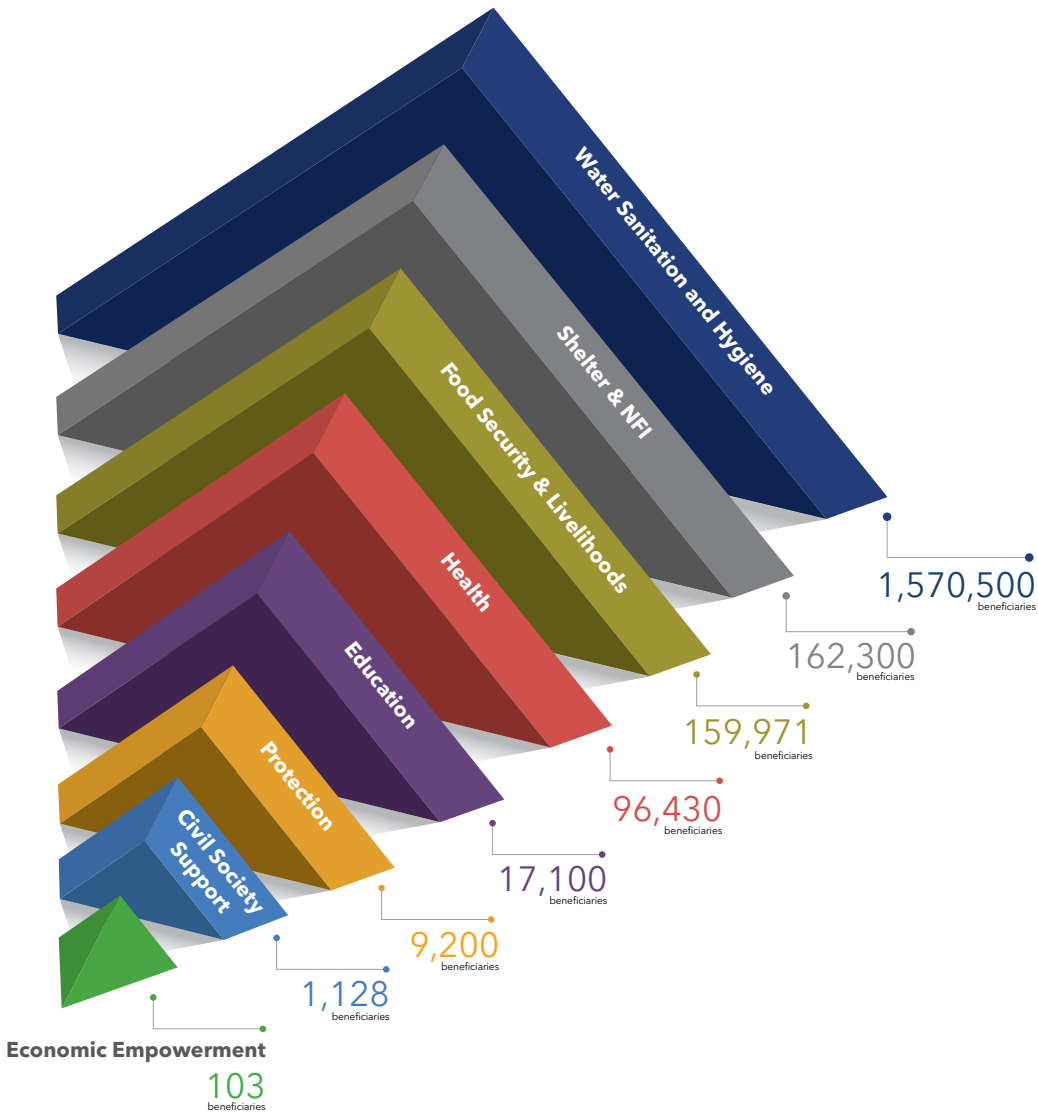
Board Member

- Joined WATAN in 2014.
- 13 years experience in sales, marketing and business development strategies for SME's.
- 13 years experience in volunteer work as founder, trainer and consultant for several local and international organization.

2017 figures

In 2017, WATAN reached 2,016,732 beneficiaries through programs in Turkey and Syria.

2,016,732
beneficiaries 





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Atma camp - Aleppo countryside

WATAN Programs

Civil Society Support Program

This program aims to support civil society organizations and community initiatives through the provision of technical and professional leadership training programs, capacity building and coordination. This aims to build a strong and civil society that can respond effectively and efficiently to humanitarian and development needs.

Areas of Expertise

Institutional Support

Providing services to local civil society organizations including counselling, advocacy and financial support to enable civil society to occupy its natural place in community building.

Skills Building

Building the capacity of local organizations and their staff in various areas through training and other means available to support their progress and sustainability towards individual and shared goals.

Coordination

Facilitate communication to support coordination between local civil society organizations and exchange of information at executive and administrative levels.



Education program

The program aims to facilitate the learning process in acquiring knowledge, skills and values and to emphasize that the education process can be carried out within formal or informal frameworks.

Areas of Expertise

Official Education

Operation of schools, provision of school materials and equipment, rehabilitation of school buildings and staff training.

Non-formal education

Summer schools and extracurricular activities.

Higher Education

University scholarships for Syrian refugees, social activities and language courses.

Life Skills Development

Extracurricular activities - including clubs, sports activities and support for the integration of IDPs and refugees with host communities.



Food Security and Livelihoods Program

The program aims to ensure a sustainable development response by improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable groups through the promotion of sustainable use of available resources.

Additionally, it focuses on people who are unable to produce enough food and income, or who do not have the means to obtain the minimum family requirements for an active and healthy life.

Areas of Expertise

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

Increased beneficiary options through the design, implementation and distribution of agricultural inputs, irrigation and rehabilitation of systems, and agricultural extension services, with an economic focus on strategic crops, livestock assets, as well as social and environmental factors.

Food Security in Emergencies and Livelihoods

Mitigating new risks and challenges arising from conflict, responding through food distribution, and promoting positive coping strategies during emergencies.

Financial Services

Contributing to self-reliance and strengthening the capacity of local governance structures, local communities and regional organizations. Then integrating the capacity development of these structures through income-generating activities ranging from small grants and small business training to business start-up.



Economic Empowerment Program

The program aims to empower individuals economically through capacity building programs in entrepreneurship, vocational training, and also through incubation, as well as linking individuals to jobs, supporting them in setting up their own businesses, contributing to the empowerment of IDPs and refugees, and building cohesion between host communities and local communities.

Areas of Expertise

Vocational training

Establishing skills within communities to grant them access to further work opportunities and a support system for individuals for their integration and economic stability in society.

Small Business Management Training

A comprehensive, customized process to enable participants to develop and manage their own business and understand business processes.

Business Incubator

Provide an environment that helps new companies start-up and supports their development by providing services such as management training or business fundamentals.

Linking individuals to income opportunities

Create a platform that connects qualified people with jobs that suit their skills, and also by providing a customized induction package for each profession.



Water and sanitation program

The program aims to provide assistance to vulnerable families in order to ensure access to usable water in a clean environment, as well as to improve sanitation and hygiene facilities through sustainable and stable interventions.

Areas of Expertise

Water and Sanitation Interventions

Provide smart interventions to ensure sustainable access to water and sanitation facilities, and address them through improved resource management.

Creating a Clean and Healthy Environment

Cooperation with local authorities in the effective management of solid waste and the distribution of hygiene kits to maintain the cleanliness of families, communities and schools.

Promoting hygiene awareness levels

Focus on hygiene awareness in everyday life practices, with innovative ideas for effective awareness sessions.

Adequate preparedness for emergencies

A plan to ensure the best response to emergencies with appropriate interventions, and build the administrative and technical capacity of local actors to achieve sustainability in this area.



Health program

The program aims to contribute towards building a stable health system in Syria by providing humanitarian assistance. This focuses on the most vulnerable groups in society, as well as strengthening coordination and health information systems, to improve the effectiveness of a life-saving health response.

Areas of Expertise

Health Centres

Providing a professional work environment, procurement, administrative system, medicine that prevents illnesses and providing diagnosis to patients. The program also provides mental and psychological healthcare services for patients and medical staff.

Supporting Medical services

To maintain the provision of health care services to those in need and to help reduce mortality through the provision of well administered professional health care.

Emergency response

Rehabilitation of damaged medical facilities and equipment. To fill the health gaps in the core infrastructure to a high standard covering work locations, medical staff, procurement and administrative systems for the benefit of patients. To respond quickly and with a quality response according to the system of early preparedness.

Medical diagnosis

Laboratories and imaging services.



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Health program

Protection program

The program aims to protect the rights and well-being of those affected by the conflict, especially the most vulnerable, by ensuring access to the basics of food security, protection against violence, fear of forced displacement or denial of access to relief and aid, and by providing an enabling environment to increase their chances of reaching their full potential.

Areas of Expertise

Outreach

To build awareness of basic rights and dignity issues and to provide support to those affected using comprehensive referral services.

Strengthening protection practices

Work to reduce risk and support vulnerable groups.

Protection Mainstreaming

Ensure the inclusion of protection policies in the project plans and monitor the methodology of their implementation in all programs.

Enhancing community cohesion

WATAN has two community centres within Syria, which are used to aid the integration of communities and ease tensions between them, as well as to provide psychosocial support services.



Shelter and non-food items program

The program aims to ensure that every beneficiary has the opportunity to live in decent housing and decent living conditions by providing temporary and permanent shelters and other relevant non-food interventions.

Areas of Expertise

Distribution of non-food items to persons in emergency situations

Rapid response maintaining accuracy of needs assessments and response quality.

Support to transitional shelters

Shelters need to be built to stabilize IDPs within communities and collective camps.

Providing stable shelter interventions

Support return to place of origin when conditions are appropriate, as per humanitarian principles, through rehabilitation of damaged homes and buildings.

Adequate emergency preparedness

Develop an emergency response plan by ensuring access to materials and having procedures designed for appropriate interventions.



Challenges and successes

In 2017 we faced many challenges as military conflicts increased over the past year, the number of displaced persons also greatly increased. WATAN's teams working on the ground planning and pre-planning carried out emergency response work for new IDPs and provided basic living needs.

The biggest challenge that emerged in the besieged areas (Ghouta and Northern Homs) was the shortage of manpower. WATAN was able to solve this issue by training new people within these areas.



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During assistance distribution in camps - Idleb countryside



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Watan's team in the project of the agricultural and cattle resources - Idleb Countryside



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NFI kits distribution - Idleb Countryside

Education

Improving access to informal education in Northern Syria.

Informal education is a necessary process during a crisis so that students can regain their formal education. WATAN has set up informal education and follow-up classes for students in three towns in Northern Syria; Qah, Asmat and Salwa.

A concert for orphans and displaced people in northern Syria was organized by WATAN with the aim to improve the psychological state of students. WATAN distributed Eid gifts and snacks, performed psychosocial activities and provided entertainment in the celebration.

Number of beneficiaries: 1,100 beneficiaries

The school of Qah - Rif Idleb

In order to ensure optimal and safe access to formal education for Syrian children in the Qah camp, support was provided which included the provision of stationery, heating, school bags, social activities, psychological support and salaries for educational staff working in the school. The school has a range of students from grades 1 to 12.

Number of beneficiaries: 940

Schools in Northern Syria

We have worked alongside a qualified and specialized teaching staff to provide psychosocial support to students as well as an educational service that supports and empowers the educational process. The support includes salaries and operating expenses, as well as the cost of educational tools, consumables and heating expenses. These particular schools are: Kalli School, Al Dana Center, Tal Al Karama Center.

Number of beneficiaries: 1,400

Education of Syrian children

Despite the urgent need for education, especially in areas that have suffered from conflict, unfortunately many Syrian children have been denied their education. WATAN has operated in three schools; Al-Izzaz, Al Salam School, Al-Sheikh School and in the city of Ma'rat Al-Nu'man.

Number of beneficiaries: 900 students



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Protection

WATAN's protection program seeks to ease the pressures on Syrians inside Syria and neighbouring countries and focuses on the concern for the safety and rights of people affected by disaster and conflict. They also focus on important social issues related to family planning, safe motherhood and psychosocial support, as well as referral services through external outreach teams and through community centres within Syria.

Community Centres

The Syrian Community Centres offer a variety of activities for women, men and children, including adult awareness sessions (men and women), vocational training, nursing, English, sewing, hairdressing, and various activities for children including recreation and awareness.

Number of beneficiaries: 2,859

Voices of the voiceless

The objective of this project is to raise awareness on relevant protection issues (through the outreach team), alongside the case management program which provides support to vulnerable people who are most affected by the conflict in Syria to meet their basic needs through a referral system between the providers of support, directly or indirectly, to the beneficiaries.

Number of beneficiaries: 8,646

Protection Project for Refugees in Turkey

The project provided many services, the most important of which are:

- I. Special needs fund: case management, referral to other services (external and internal services).
- II. Basic needs (winter project): distribution of e-vouchers to meet urgent winter needs of vulnerable Syrian refugees.
- III. Awareness of protection: training members on how to obtain legal rights and protection services and the social and psychological effects of war and asylum. The activity included:
 - Train 60 volunteers to disseminate information in the community and provide simple financial support to beneficiaries of the training
 - Certificate of attendance for training participants
 - Opportunities for increased participation and responsibility based on performance and motivation

Number of beneficiaries: 7,000



Water and sanitation

The Water and Sanitation Program aims to ensure access to clean water and sanitation services through several projects in a number of cities inside Syria as well as the Syrian IDP camps along the border. As well as eliminating sources of leishmaniosis and diseases transmitted through water via the rehabilitation and establishment of a sewage system.

The program targeted the rehabilitation of more than seven kilometres of open sewage channels, which was the main cause of the spread of leishmaniosis and contamination of drinking water in the villages and towns covered by the project from the city of Jericho to Alastmuma, as well as ensuring the removal of the ruins of buildings in the surrounding towns and the implementation of a water tank. There were also health awareness sessions for beneficiaries to raise awareness about the ways to reduce the spread of leishmaniosis and waterborne diseases.

Number of beneficiaries: 155,500

Emergency response to displaced people from Aleppo

The Emergency Response Project for the newly displaced has distributed more than 12,000 hygiene kits and more than 500 water tanks to the new areas of displacement in Aleppo and Idleb throughout the year.

Number of beneficiaries: 54,000

Supporting the infrastructure of water resources and sewage networks in Aleppo countryside and Idleb countryside

The infrastructure of sewage and water networks was almost completely destroyed as a result of the shelling of Aleppo and villages in Idleb. The project targeted:

1. Rehabilitation of the sewage network in the city of Ma'arat al-Nu'man.
2. Expansion and establishment of a sewage network in Kafr Aruq.
3. Rehabilitation of the water network in the villages of Sheikh Idris, Al-Nimra Tower, Kafarbesin and Maarat Al-Chlef, establishing water management units and establishing a cost recovery system.
4. Distribution of 4,000 winter kits for displaced people in the project areas as part of the emergency response to the waves of displacement in the region.

Number of beneficiaries: 160,868

Water, sanitation and hygiene support for IDPs in Daraa and its villages

The objective of the project is to secure access to water and sanitation facilities for targeted communities, by improving the sanitary environment and hygiene conditions in the camps and communal shelters in Daraa and Quneitra governorates.

The following activities were carried out as a part of this project:

1. Installation of 10 rubber water tanks in Zizoun camp and displaced communities in the town of Tal Shehab.
2. Transfer of drinking water daily to Zizoun camp, schools in the village of Tal Shihab, and the centre for the farms in Tal Shihab.
3. Construction of 200 latrines to serve the displaced in the random camps scattered in the provinces of Daraa and Quneitra.
4. Distribution of 14,752 hygiene kits for families, 11,571 packs of water purification tablets, 18,797 hygiene kits for children, and 4000 water tanks for families in camps and collective centres.

Number of beneficiaries: 93,062



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Wells operating with solar systems - Idleb countryside



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Wells rehabilitation - Idleb Countryside



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Water tanks constructions - Idleb countryside

Food Security and Livelihoods

Food production in Syria has fallen to a record low and about 7 million people were predicted to be food deprived in 2017 and another 2 million are at risk of near future food shortages. Agriculture-based livelihoods face severe constraints across the value chain - from production to the market (including irrigation, storage and seed processing), limited veterinary supplies and services; displacement of agricultural inputs and equipment; and restricted access to land. Crop production has been adversely affected by the high prices of agricultural inputs and fuel, the deterioration of inputs, the destruction of irrigation infrastructure, the shortage and cost of agricultural labour and the loss or damage of permanent crops. According to the latest crop assessment wheat production is estimated at 1.5 million tonnes, 55 percent less than the pre-conflict average of 3.4 million tonnes (2007-2011).

Ramadan Campaign

The project provided emergency food assistance to the trapped beneficiaries in the eastern Kalamoun district.

In total 1,392 food baskets were purchased, 626 in the Jeroud area in Damascus and 766 in Urfa in Turkey.

Beneficiaries:

Urfa: 532 families- 766 baskets 2871 beneficiaries- consisting of the most needy Syrian refugees in the area (one basket for families of less than six persons and two baskets for families made up of more than 6 persons).

Jeroud, Damascus: 626 families - 2889 beneficiaries of the poorest families.



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Food Security and Livelihoods

Food Security Campaign for the Displaced from Aleppo

Throughout this campaign, food baskets were provided to families displaced from the city of Aleppo, Idleb and other surrounding areas. The food baskets contained basic items covering the needs of a family for one month.

The number of beneficiaries of this project 21,146 beneficiaries

Food security of host communities in Idleb

In this project, WATAN distributed 1420 food baskets to families affected by the conflict in the countryside near Idleb reaching 7,100 beneficiaries. The project ensured food security for these families for at least one month.

Ramadan Breakfast Campaign in Gaziantep

To achieve social harmony and strengthen relations between the families of Syrian refugees and Turkish citizens in the city of Gaziantep. The program directed a joint public invitation to the Turkish host community addressed to the 'people of Gaziantep', and some Syrian refugees residing in the city to a Ramadan breakfast table sponsored by the municipality of Gaziantep. The number of beneficiaries is 2,200 people

Syria Golden Project

The project aimed to support olive farmers in conflict areas in the area of Armanaz in Idleb by providing agricultural support to 250 families working in olive growing. In the first phase, the project focused on providing the basic services that maintain crops, enhancing the production level of olive oil after it decreased due to the conflict and the challenges faced by the Syrian people. This decrease was due to the lack of income generated, the high prices of agricultural inputs and the consequences of forced displacement. The project focused on providing support in the farming process by offering; mineral fertilizers, pruning, spraying insecticides and tillage.

Emergency assistance to families affected by the conflict in Syria Phase III supported the agricultural and livestock sector in Idleb

The project aimed to empower families working in agriculture and livestock through the following activities:

- Support livestock for more than 2297 families by distributing sheep to each family as well as providing food for sheep which will continue for three months.
- Providing support to 366 families working in the agricultural sector through the distribution of wheat seeds as well as providing harvest service to the beneficiary families.

Food aid project in the Turkish city of Urfa

The project is aimed to provide food support to families in need in the Turkish city of Burqa through the distribution of vouchers:

- Distribution of 'electronic purchase vouchers' for 450 families in need of food and non-food items.
- Distribution of vouchers for 600 families to purchase winter supplies.
- Delivery of plastic insulation to 200 families living in abandoned houses or in tents in the countryside of Urfa.
- Distribution of infant necessities of towels and other basic supplies.



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Health

Support health centres and health capacity building in Al Ghouta East

The project aimed to contribute to the strengthening and rehabilitation of the Ibn Hayyan centre in besieged eastern Ghouta, which provides medical services to more than 200,000 people, most of whom are displaced people residing in Jisreen, Masrba, Harasta and Kfrbtna. The project continues to support the provision of health services to populations that have faced many difficulties accessing health facilities because of the siege conditions in the targeted area. The project also focuses on building the capacity of the staff of these centres, including the medical and administrative staff so that the quality of services provided by these centres is raised.

Launching the sixth phase to provide health services to affected communities inside Syria

The project aims to provide a range of health services through the following activities:

- Providing inpatient and outpatient care services in WATAN's health centres and hospitals in the countryside of Damascus, Idleb, Aleppo, Hama and Homs, and supporting centres with staff salaries and operating costs.
- Establishment of a blood bank and laboratory in the northern countryside of Aleppo.
- Establishment of a medical oxygenation plant in Mara - Aleppo.
- Preparation for the procurement and supply of medical equipment.
- Develop an emergency response plan in Aleppo for two health centres and the Jerusalem hospital.
- The urgent response to the distribution of emergency blood bags to Bab Al-Hawa Hospital.

Provide three specialized training courses on:

1. Health centre management
2. Assessment of health needs and information management
3. Health equipment procurement management

Beneficiaries: 47,919

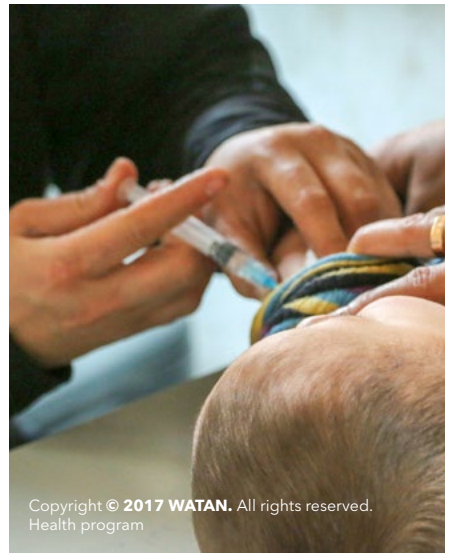
Training in hard-to-reach areas

In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), WATAN has conducted online training courses for health staff in Al Ghouta and Al Sharqia through qualified trainers accredited WHO. They have increased their skills and expertise in the field of dealing with emergencies and providing consistent medical services with international standards.

Trained: 70 Staff members



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Health

Emergency health response for displaced families

The forced displacement of families from Aleppo, Damascus, Homs, Hama and Idlib caused more burden to fall on host communities and in aid response WATAN provided three months of access to medicine, consumables and medical equipment to 9 hospitals and 10 health care centres in these areas. All medicines were submitted in accordance with the standards of the World Health Organization.

Number of beneficiaries: 58,233

Restoration of the Ibn Hayyan Centre in the Eastern Ghouta

Ibn Hayyan Centre is the only medical centre that provides medical services to more than twenty-five thousand beneficiaries in the besieged area of Jisreen in Eastern Ghouta. The direct targeting of the centre has led to the complete disruption of services as a result of which WATAN reopened the centre in a new location and the centre now provides more safety for the medical staff and patients. The centre has been equipped again and placed at the service of local residents living in difficult conditions due to the siege imposed on the area.

Khair 1 Centre

Khair 1 was opened by WATAN in 2016 and has since provided medical services including: emergency services, paediatrics and ophthalmology to displaced people in the camps of Izzaz. New services have recently been added to the centre including internal medicine, ENT, gynaecology and vaccination campaigns.

Launch of 'PHASE 7' of the health services project to affected communities inside Syria

WHO reported direct attacks targeting the health facilities which created an urgent need for blood laboratories as well as the need for simple x-ray radiography centres. The project aims to continue to fully support the health care centres and to increase access to primary and secondary health care services, especially in: internal medicine, paediatrics, orthopaedics, dentistry, gastroenterology, gynaecology, ear, physiotherapy and radiology to help provide good health services and reduce mortality. These centres are now one of the few active centres in this region. Location: Al Sham Hills - Aleppo / Mara - Aleppo / Idlib / Duma - Eastern Ghouta / Shafuniyah -Eastern Ghouta

Beneficiaries: 116,600

Support of the Ibn Hayyan Centre in the besieged Eastern Ghouta

The project aims to provide full support to the Ibn Hayyan Centre in Jisreen and provide technical training for the staff. The Centre provides integrated health and medical services to more than twenty-five thousand beneficiaries. Particularly the most needed and urgent medical services and throughout this project the beneficiaries of the host community and the displaced have been provided with access to medical services. The Centre has many medical specialties including internal medicine, dentistry, gynaecology, orthopaedics, physiotherapy, ear, paediatrics and also supports the medical and non-medical staff. The program helps to overcome difficult living conditions under the siege imposed on the region and it also focuses on the building of staff through the training program. For example, four training courses were conducted in various areas of humanitarian work including budget management, communication skills, proposal

writing, disaster management, protection and gender-based violence.
Beneficiaries: 22,600

Reviving health services in the Eastern Ghouta

Throughout this project full support was provided to a medical centre located in Mesraba, aimed at the residents of the area as well as Duma, Harsta and Kafarbata. The medical facility is well equipped and prepared and provides quality medical services with the support of 32 staff members. The centre provides the following medical services: internal medicine, gastroenterology, paediatrics, otolaryngology, dentistry, physiotherapy, diagnostic services (including Laboratory and radiographic services), general surgery, orthopaedics and the provision of medication for patients.

As part of the capacity building of the medical and administrative staff, WATAN conducted technical training for field staff in Eastern Ghouta about the subjects:

- Infant and young child feeding (IYCF)
- Communicable diseases (CD)

Beneficiaries: 6,600



Shelter and non-food assistance

Shelter and non-food assistance - Emergency Response to Displaced Persons in the Governorates of Aleppo and Idleb

The conditions of siege and the ensuing forced displacement have led thousands of families to flee Damascus, Aleppo, parts of Idleb, Homs and Hama towards Northern Idleb and the southern and western Aleppo countryside. WATAN has worked with its field teams to implement several projects for emergency responses. Throughout this response more than thirty-five thousand shelter kits were distributed including basic necessities of families, mattresses, blankets, kitchen equipment, lamps and distribution of more than 300 tents. IDPs in the open territories worked hand in hand with camp management and local councils in the region. The distributions were accompanied by the establishment of an early warning and needs assessment program and the training of volunteers in displacement areas to deal with emergencies.

37,000 Emergency baskets, 300 tents and 5000 shelter repair kits were delivered to each of the following cities:

- Rif Idleb
- Aleppo countryside



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■ The activities of WATAN

Research and studies

A series of research projects concerning the Syria conflict have been conducted by WATAN:

1. Daraa (data collection completed and finalised in early 2017)
2. Idleb (data collection completed and finalised in early 2017)

In order to prepare these research papers, the main focus was on qualitative research methodologies and more specifically on the method of in-depth interviews. The interviewers who had extensive practical experience also had broad knowledge of life in the two regions. A special questionnaire to monitor the prices of food and non-food items was prepared in these two regions to calculate the inflation rates experienced during the past years.

The completion of these two research studies has enabled us to provide in-depth briefings on the following points:

- The economic reality that the two provinces experienced in the pre-2011 period
- Changes in the local society and economy in both regions during the past years
- The main actors in society, and the pivotal roles they play.
- Human and material resources, and whether they are exploited or not.
- Coexistence of individuals with the new economic reality, the means of adaptation, the ways of life and how they can meet their daily life needs.
- Developments in commodity prices and their impact on household spending needs.
- Highlight the problems and difficulties facing the local society and economy and propose recommendations that will improve this reality.

The two studies also contributed to enriching the knowledge of the various programs of the organization about the reality of the different areas of life in the regions of Idleb and Daraa. The recommendations and proposals presented in both researches have had a great impact on the beneficiaries. Some of them were turned into projects that were implemented on the ground, which contributed to improving the existing reality.

Psychological security and its relation with the motivation to learn (a field study on a sample of high school students exposed to the conditions of war in Syria)

The aim of this study was to study the psychological reality of high school students exposed to the current war conditions in Syria, especially those in the regions of Idleb in Northern Syria. For this purpose, a random sample of 249 students was taken from a number of Idleb schools. This in turn created:

- A measure of psychological tranquillity
- A measure of motivation for learning

The purpose of the research was to:

1. Know the levels of psychological security as well as the motivation to learn among the sample students.
2. Determine whether there is a relationship between levels of psychological and motivational sense of learning.
3. Determine whether there are differences in levels of psychological traits linked to the motivation to learn among secondary school students due to gender.

This research was carried out during the second quarter of 2017 and its achievement is of great importance. There is a great lack of studies that deal with psychological security and its relation to motivation to learn, especially with regard to secondary students living in the current war conditions in Syria. This research will provide researchers with additional studies that thus will contribute to enriching relevant research and studies in this important field of work. It will serve researchers and employees of WATAN and other civil society organizations and humanitarian institutions as well, helping them gain a better understanding of student needs and psychological situations in the context of war and thus move to ways to encourage them to improve their motivation and desire to seek knowledge and education.

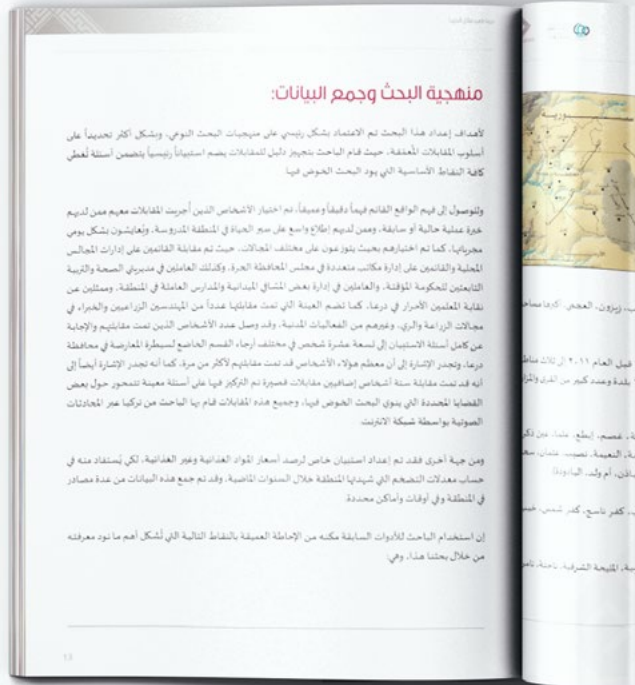


The psychological effects of war and its relationship to adaptation strategies; field study on a sample of students at the preparatory stage exposed to the conditions of war in Syria.

The aim of this research is to learn about the war related issues in a sample of 247 Syrian students aged 13-15 years and to identify the most adaptive strategies they use and their relationship to overcoming post-traumatic stress disorder and depression in order to provide psychological services and the necessary psychological support. It is therefore possible to say that the achievement of this research is of great importance as it aims to draw attention to a category of adolescent girls who witness destruction, oppression, hunger and illnesses on a daily basis. More specifically it can be said that the completion of this research has achieved the following:

- The detection of the psychological effects of the Syrian war on adolescent girls.
- Found the adaptation strategies used by this category and what strategies are most used.
- Identified the prevalence of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder among adolescents.
- Understanding the relationship between the psychological effects of war and the adjustment strategies adopted by young girls.

This research was completed in the third quarter of 2017 and is considered one of the first reports that dealt with the psychological effects of war on adolescent girls in Syria. This research is of great practical importance. It was led by researchers and employees of the WATAN system and a large number of civil society organisations and institutions, as well as with the help of various psychologists and social workers. This research and the recommendations provided therein may also benefit mental health workers in providing better psychological support services as well as in helping humanitarian workers to understand the psychological state of adolescent girls at risk. This research will also contribute to helping parents understand their children better in order to provide psychosocial support, especially in terms of the consequences of war, the nature of psychological problems and in dealing with those problems.



Charity activities

Festival of Buds II

The ceremony was held in Gaziantep for Syrian children from orphanage centres in southern Turkey. The event included activities, recreational games and educational plays. The event was organized by a group of Syrian volunteers in Gaziantep whom supervised activities and accompanied the children in the ceremony which was extremely successful.

Legal sessions for Syrian refugees in Gaziantep and Istanbul

In cooperation with the Turkish Centre for the Rights of Refugees and with the presence of 21 people, the WATAN program organized legal awareness sessions for Syrian refugees residing in Istanbul and Gaziantep city during which they discussed the structure of the Turkish legal system and the legal services and follow-up mechanisms that allow you to work legally in the Turkish labour market.

Ramadan Charity Breakfast

In the presence of more than 2,400 people, both Syrians and Turks, WATAN organized a breakfast in the Turkish city of Gaziantep in cooperation with Gaziantep's council. WATAN staff participated in organizing the banquet held in a public square.



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Legal sessions for refugees in Gaziantep - Istanbul



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■ Watan's participations in international forums

NGO Forum

NGOs Forum was established in 2012/2013 as an independent voluntary coordination body, consisted of non-profit NGOs, and part of the Syria response cross-borders from Turkey. Watan is one of the key members of the NGOs forum since three years ago, and have hosted and are still hosting many of the Forum's members from the international NGOs.

Strategic Steering Group (SSG) of the Whole of Syria

Membership (WoS):

INGOs coordination Forums, OCHA

Observers: International Red Crescent, ICRC, SARC.

WATAN Organization is a member in the leadership of the SSG since a year ago, and participates in all the strategic meetings related to refugees and the Syria response.

WASH Cluster co-lead

WATAN has become the lead of the WASH cluster in 2017, becoming the first Syrian NGO leading a cluster. Through leading the cluster, WATAN achieved remarkable contributions coordinating the response to the IDPs and the host communities inside Syria, the regular and the emergency ones in the context of WASH. WATAN contributed to the coordination field between Syrian and International organizations in assessments and planning. Furthermore, WATAN delivered many technical trainings, which contributed to the local NGOs capacity building process, to better manage WASH resources, and empower local NGOs to lead and direct humanitarian interventions in the targeted locations.

Meetings with the UN envoy in Brussels and Geneva

Based on WATAN's objective to be an effective part in the decision making process for the Syrian civil society, the invitation from Stefan De Mistura, the special envoy of the UN was accepted to attend the meetings of Brussels and Geneva. The two meetings were about the political transition in Syria, and more than 200 actors in the civil society were participating, to feed in and contribute in the political process led by the UN. Mr. Mo'ath Siba'y, the chairman of the organization represented Watan in Brussels' meeting which was held on the 1st of April 2017, and Mr. Mazen al-Halaby, member of the board, represented WATAN in Geneva's meeting on the 10th of September 2017. The participation of WATAN organization in the two meeting were effective, and there will be more participations in the coming events, given that WATAN is one of the active civil society organizations.



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Jeel Al-Huryia school - Rihanly

WATAN's Fifth National Conference:

Under the theme "Sustainable Impact", WATAN organized its fifth annual conference in the Turkish city of Istanbul over a period of three days from 19th-21st January 2017. The Conference discussed several pressing issues for the Syria context and focused on the aspects related to enhancing sustainability in response to those affected by the humanitarian disaster in Syria. The conference adopted the outcomes of the United Nations Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 on Localisation.

Fifth Annual Conference in Figures:

+360 total guests

+300 participants from civil society organizations

+60 guests and official sponsors

+30 channels: local, Arab and international media coverage of the conference

6 tracks / specialized workshops

+7,504 hours of preparatory work by the conference team



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WATAN Network

The WATAN Network is a group of Syrian civil non-governmental and non-profit organizations hosted by WATAN's program which work in the humanitarian and development fields inside and outside Syria.

The WATAN Network has provided the following services to its members:

- Capacity building through the provision of specialized training and seminars.
- Provide an environment conducive to exchanging and managing information, experiences and lessons learned among members.
- To contribute effectively to the coordination of advocacy campaigns.
- Promoting the achievements and successes of the members of WATAN.
- Legal and logistical services for members who wish to open offices in Turkey or register with OCHA.

Network Projects (2017)

1. Developing Syrian civil society
 - Proposal writing exercises, social media tools and advocacy.
 - Monthly coordination meetings.
 - Information consulting centre.
 - Exchange and manage information and experience.
2. - Towards a better civil society
 - Evaluation of 400 civil society organizations.
 - Development of the organizational structure of 200 civil society organizations.
3. Strengthening inter-organizational coordination and cooperation.
4. Emergency Response Project.

Key Activities of WATAN 2017

First - WATAN Network's conference;

The conference was conducted in Istanbul, and was attended by 44 representatives from 25 organizations, and 5 members of WATAN Network. In the conference, the participants introduced themselves, their areas of work, and their organizations.

Outcomes of the conference:

- Introducing the structure of the network, and the terms of reference of the member organizations in the network.
- Scale up levels of organizational governance within organizations, and in parallel for the stakeholders.
- Improve coordination among member organizations of the network, through developing communication mechanisms.
- Developing training programs of political and civil society leadership.
- Engaging staff members in the besieged areas, through developing needs-based distance learning programs.
- Providing services and consultants in the fields of human resources, finance, and administration... etc)
- Carrying out strategic situation analysis in Syria.
- Facilitate logistics (facilitate the crossing of individuals of borders, helping Syrian organizations to register in Turkey)



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Periodic meetings of the programme in Turkey and Syria



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WATAN Network

Second- the regular meetings in both Turkey and Syria hubs of work

The conference covered the discussions of several issues, such as the legal status of organisations in Turkey and areas from the Turkish Labour Code. Rakeen (a member of WATAN Network) delivered a presentation about the humanitarian borders-crossing list, used for the crossing of humanitarians through Bab Al-Hawa and Bab al-Salam, and the presentation included the terms and the way to be included in this list. Baraka organization, also a member of WATAN Network, shared information as to how they registered with OCHA's civil society organizations platform, as well as the humanitarian fund.

The meeting also covered the achievements of WATAN network in relation to coordination, representation and services of the network to the beneficiaries. In addition to coming up with capacity building programs and projects, and coordination meetings.

Throughout the meeting, there was a presentation of the outcomes of the "Ramadan Coordination Initiative", which was launched by WATAN the previous month, where the number of beneficiaries of this initiative was presented, importance of avoiding duplication and conflict of interests, which will help reaching to more people in need.

At the end of the meeting, participants were aware of the importance of registering to the OCHA civil society organizations platform and committing to its standards and terms and were also aware of the procedures and steps required to apply for the humanitarian pool fund. Supporting cooperation amongst the member organizations of the network through many ways, like the presentations of the borders crossing list and the HF registration which both have been presented throughout the meeting.

In Syria, WATAN has conducted in Termanin town in Idleb countryside, a workshop of "Humanitarian Assistance efforts, Emergency Response, and internal conflicts", where many key issues were discussed like the sustainability of reaching people in need with assistance in emergencies, internal conflicts, suggestions and recommendations from the participants. It was introduced throughout the workshop the project of "evaluation of civil society organizations inside Syria" launched by WATAN Network.

Third- WATAN network participates in the civil society support room

Over three days, the CSSR has held a series of meetings in Gaziantep, as part of the fifth round of talks. Through these meetings, several key issues were discussed related to the role of civil society organisations in promoting social cohesion, by the means of national dialogue and ways to support the sustainability of the work of governmental institutions.

WATAN was invited by the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy to participate in these extended talks which were also held in Beirut and Amman. The objective of these three meetings is to give the space to active actors of civil society organizations to participate, and to expand the talks to include more individuals and organizations, rather than the usual ones. More than 38 people representing more than 35 humanitarian and human rights organizations have attended, in addition to a team of experts from the Office of the Special Envoy, Political Affairs Officers from UNOCHA in Gaziantep, and Swiss Peace and NOREF organizations on logistical

arrangements. Mr. Silva, Deputy Special Envoy for Syria, Senior Political Affairs Officer, was absent from the meeting.

The WATAN Network was selected to be part of the Coordination Committee to follow up the outcomes of the working groups meetings in Beirut and Amman. The committee will share the outcomes with the civil society organizations in Gaziantep, which did not participate in the talks, and would be the communication focal point for the civil society support room until the coming round of talks.



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WATAN's strategy

WATAN is keen on building a promising future for all Syrians and it emphasizes this through its 2020 strategy, in which we will work on five key areas in 2018:

- Economic empowerment
- Education and youth
- Early recovery
- Social harmony
- Rapid response to emergencies



Economic Empowerment

- Capacity building for skilled workers
- Entrepreneurship / Business Incubators
- Women's Empowerment Programs
- Microfinance Program



Education and Youth

- Children and youth centres - complementary activities, integration, sports and life skills development
- Include the marginalized
- Working with street children





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Infrastructure rehabilitation - Aleppo countryside

Early Recovery

- Development of the Water and Drought Research Institute
- Development of the administrative sector of society.



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One of the social activities- Idleb countryside

Social development

- Community Centres
- Comprehensive protection - the elderly and disabled



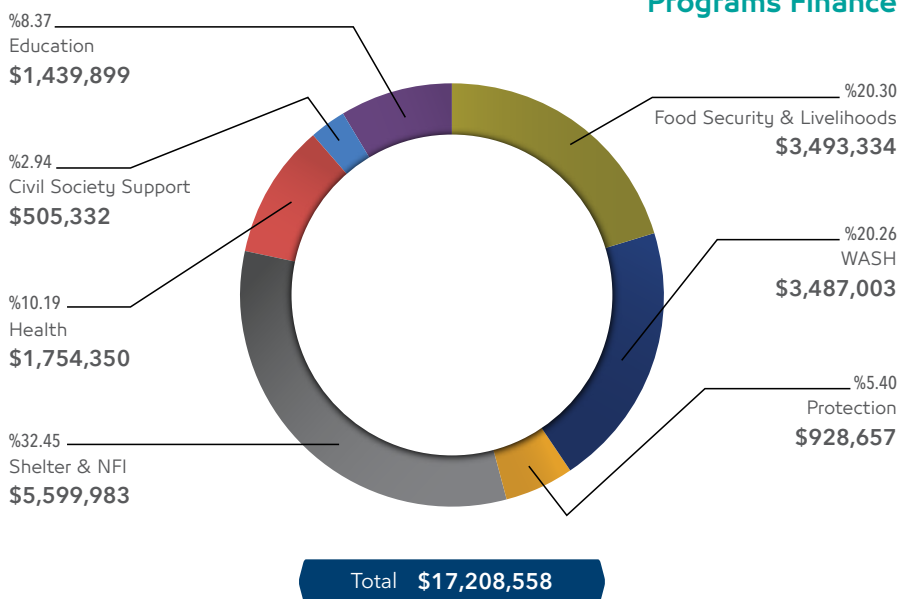
Rapid response to emergencies

Work on large projects to distribute emergency relief items such as food, shelter aid, non-food items, and water, sanitation and hygiene needs.

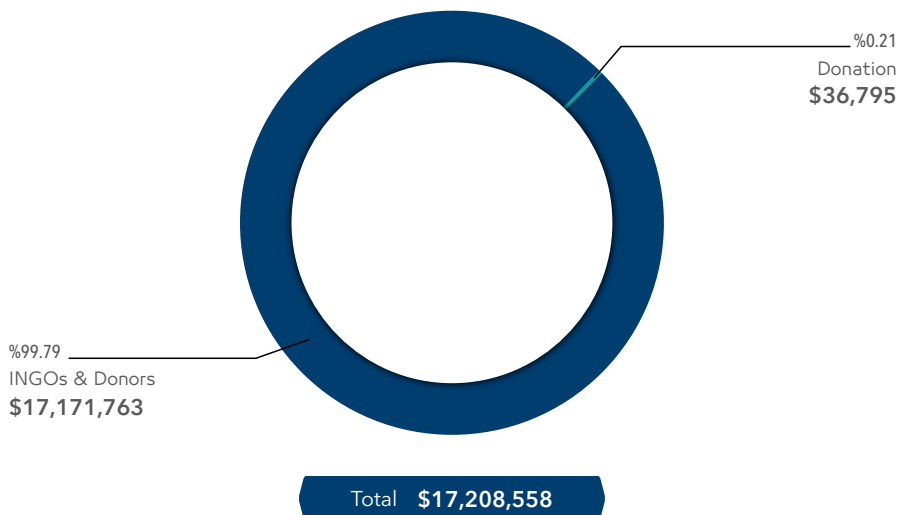


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Assistance distribution for IDPs - Idleb countryside

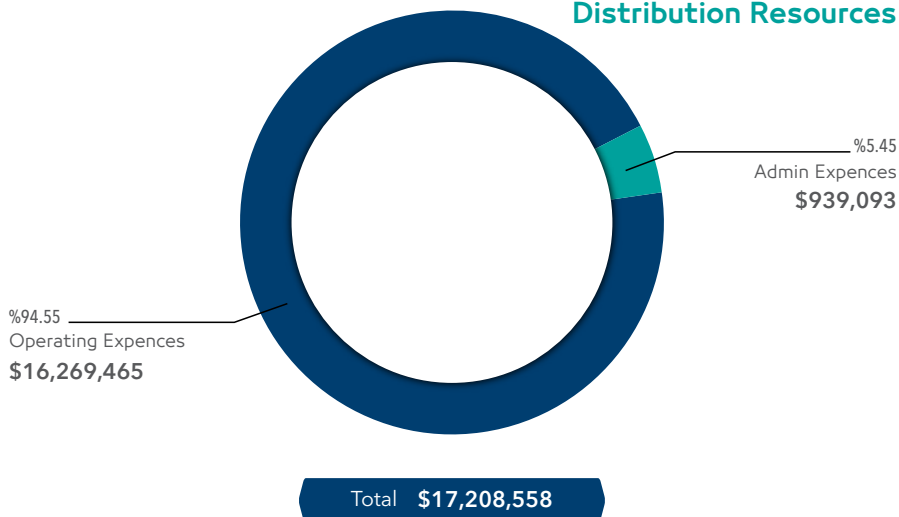
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