



Emergency Syria - Seeds of Hope

The Syrian crisis erupted on 15 March 2011 and was followed by years of war that have devastated the country with serious psychological, economic and social repercussions.

A lack of fuel and electricity which is rationed for a few hours during a day, is affecting transport, making many jobs impracticable and preventing houses from being heated in winter.

Public services, especially health and education, are collapsing and insufficient for a population that cannot afford private alternatives.

With no prospect of reconstruction or economic recovery, coupled with the consequences of the pandemic, the economic crisis in neighbouring Lebanon and international economic sanctions, families have seen their financial situation gradually get worse. Today, an estimated 90 per cent of the population is living below the poverty line and many Syrians are unable to meet even their basic needs.

The SYRIA EMERGENCY "Seeds of Hope" programme will stand by Syrian families providing financial assistance and help with interventions to meet their basic needs (food, support with rental payments, medical care and school fees), protecting health (by providing health care for patients suffering from cancer and other chronic diseases and/or in need of urgent surgery). It will also look to the future by continuing to support the after-school centre in Homs, Damascus and the "EHIS" school for the deaf.

Country: Syria

Total project cost: € 599,324

Local donations: € 135,108

Contributions requested from AMU: € 401,902

Project status: in progress

Local counterpart: Focolare Movement in Syria | Seeds of Hope Agency, Aleppo

Planned activities:

- socio-economic assistance to families for basic necessities, housing, medical care and education, targetted at a total of 539 families;
- support to 180 primary and middle school children in the After-School School in Homs and 120 middle and high school children in Damascus - Priority will be given to pupils living in poverty, who have no access to support in the family with studies (parents are absent or illiterate, fathers have been abducted, orphans, etc.), or pupils whose housing conditions are unsuitable for study (e.g. large families living in a single space, etc.), or those suffering psychological trauma and learning difficulties.
- support for 130 children at the EHIS school for the deaf in Aleppo;
- health care for patients suffering from cancer and other chronic illnesses (such as those needing dialysis) and/or in need of urgent examinations and surgery, targeting 130 people each month;
- a functional physiotherapy service for patients mutilated by the war or with disabilities directly and indirectly linked to the conflict, for 400 patients.
- training of local staff and reinforcement of technical capacities. Psycho-social support is also being planned for those running the various projects.

Protagonists:

- A total of 539 families receive socio-economic assistance according to their needs for basic necessities, a contribution towards rental charges or small renovations, a contribution for medical care, a contribution towards school expenses.
- 180 primary and secondary school children in the After-school centre in Homs, 120 secondary and high school children in Damascus
- 130 children will attend the EHIS school for deaf children in Aleppo
- 130 people per month with health care for patients suffering from cancer and other chronic diseases (such as those on dialysis) and/or those in need of urgent examinations and surgery
- 400 patients with functional physiotherapy service for patients mutilated by the war or with disabilities directly and indirectly related to the conflict



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