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MOHAMMED QABLAN .. A STORY OF DISPLACEMENT THAT ENDS WITH A TENT

The United Nations announced on April 2nd this year that the war in Syria has displaced 13.5 million people from their homes and has made them internally displaced in Syria, some of whom have moved two, three or four times, prompting Syria to top the list of countries in the world with the greatest number of internally displaced people (IDPs). These IDPs are not just figures, each has a story of displacement that may be similar in many details with others, or sometimes more severe and painful.

Mohammed Qablan is a displaced person from the "Triangle of Death" area, which is located between the villages of Daraa, Suwayda and Damascus. It includes many villages, such as Deir al-Adas, Kafr Naseg and Tihah. The 34-year-old Mohammed, along with his family (his wife, his two children: Mohammed, 9, Ahmed 3 and a half, and his 7-year-old daughter Bayan) moved around many areas until they settled in the Karama camp east of the town of Rafid in rural Quneitra.

Mohammed says: After the intensification of fighting in our area, we were initially displaced to the town of Nawa Brif Daraa, where we stayed for about four months. But the rent of the house forced us to move to Al-Asha camp in Quneitra, where we stayed for eight months. We then settled down in al-Karama camp, east of Rafid.

Muhammad and his family suffered a lot at the beginning when they arrived at Al Karama camp. There was no tent to shelter them and buying one would require 160,000 lira. However, after many attempts and resorting to organizations and hard work, they managed to get a tent, but the suffering was not limited to that. The absence of toilets in the camp forced Muhammad, his wife and children to travel long distances to search for a free place away from the eyes of others to do their business.

These difficult conditions were accompanied by the spread of diseases in the camp, in particular, diarrhoea, intestinal infections and some skin diseases, due

to the lack of basic hygiene essentials and detergents.

After the WATAN team arrived at the camp, Muhammad and his family's situation is much better today. WATAN implemented a project to build a number of bathrooms (toilets), in addition to the distribution of detergents periodically.

Mohammed says: Our previous sufferings differed a lot. They are now easier to overcome and secure a better life. We can now maintain our personal cleanliness, and protect our children from diseases, in addition to drinking sterile water thanks to securing chlorine.

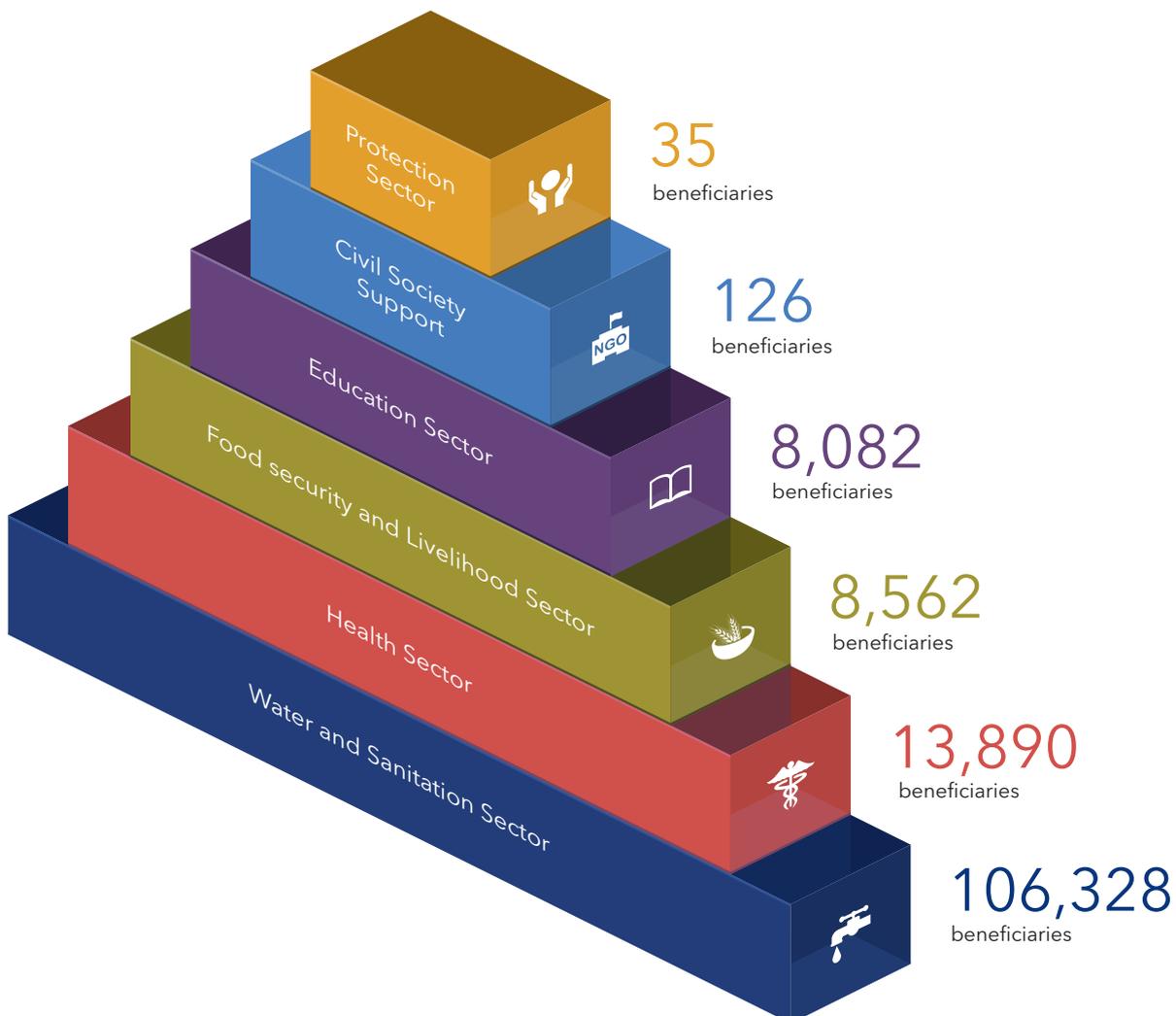
Like other displaced people, Mohammed hopes to continue to provide services and help in any way he can. The war, which has been going on for years, has forced him and his family out of their home and all they own now is the tent they live in.



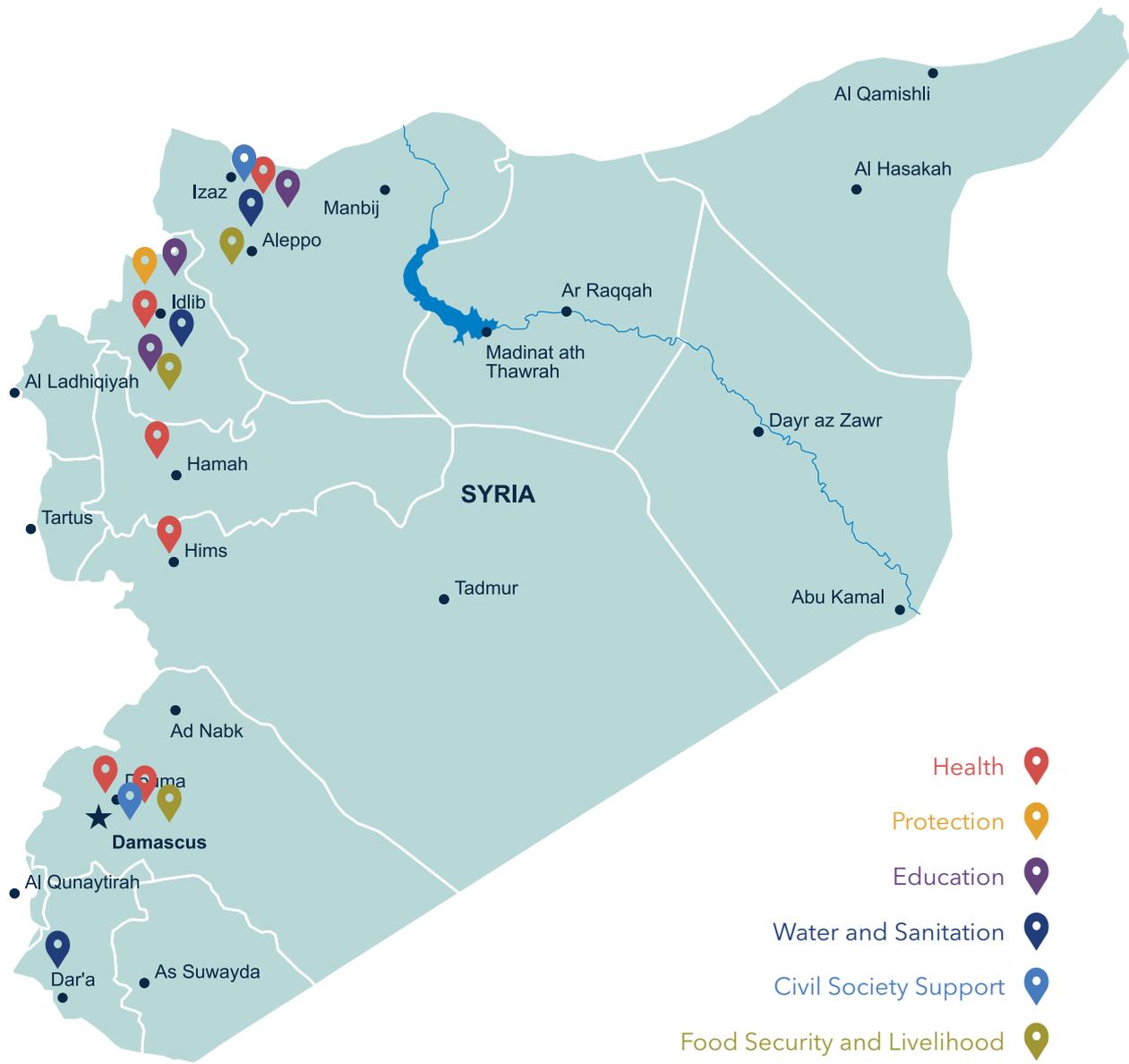
WATAN in April

In April 2017 WATAN managed to reach 137,023 beneficiaries through its institutes that are active on 33 projects in various sectors. They include: economic empowerment, education, health and protection, food security, livelihood, shelter, and water and sanitations services. These services were provided in a number of cities in Syria, Turkey and Lebanon.

137,023
Total beneficiaries



Map of WATAN's Activities





Civil Society Support Sector

The civil society support program focuses on training individuals that work in civil society organisations and local councils. This is done through running approved international programs designed to meet the needs of institutions and to enable them to provide the best humanitarian services at the highest level.

WATAN is working to develop this sector to provide high-level humanitarian services to benefit from human resources and financial services.

126

beneficiaries



3

training courses



1 Editing skills using Adobe premiere training course

WATAN concluded a training course in editing skills using Adobe premiere. The course consisted of 23 trainees interested in video editing and editing programs and included employees within the media departments of civil society organizations. It took place in the WATAN office in Rural Idlib.

The training, which began on April 20th, discussed many theoretical and practical topics, starting from the basics in psychology and the general rules of editing, managing and archiving materials in the first training phase, to the recognition of Adobe Premiere Pro environments and their types and the different stages of editing. In addition, to knowledge of tools and applications and the importance of shortcuts in the editing process during the second training phase. There was also a practical section which consisted of filming several practical projects outside the training room, and the implementation of montage processes on these projects using Adobe premiere.



19

beneficiaries

Syria
(Rural Idlib)

2 Starting and re-starting small projects training course

To build the capacity of workers in the management of small income-generating projects for professionals and businesses of an artistic and domestic nature, WATAN (in its office in rural Idlib) concluded a training course in the re-operation of small businesses and projects aimed at professional and small business owners, through the establishment of small profitable projects. The training in Terminen included 96 trainees for 4 training days.

96
beneficiaries

Syria
(Rural Idlib)

3 USAID Regulations training course

In its office in Gaziantep, Turkey, WATAN concluded a training course on "Complying with the Rules & Regulations of USAID Awards" on the 22nd of April to train and explain how USAID works, and how to handle presentations and proposals, organizing papers and documents.

The training discussed several axes, the most important of which is the definition of rules and procedures for granting an USAID grant, whether the costs under these grants are acceptable or unacceptable, in addition to the procedures related to these grants, how to organize the documents for these grants in terms of accounting and software, to meet any external audit by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Through its civil society support program, WATAN seeks to provide diverse training that contributes to building the capacity of civil society organizations.

96
beneficiaries

Syria
(Rural Idlib)





Education Sector

The WATAN education program provides educational services to students from 11 different schools at various grades in and out of Syria by qualified educational staff. In addition, it provides psychological support services for students in those schools and the implementation of many activities that support and enable the learning process.

It includes support for salaries and operating expenses as well as learning tools and consumables costs, and covers heating expenses, as well as providing incentives for monthly cadres working and capacity building.

8,082

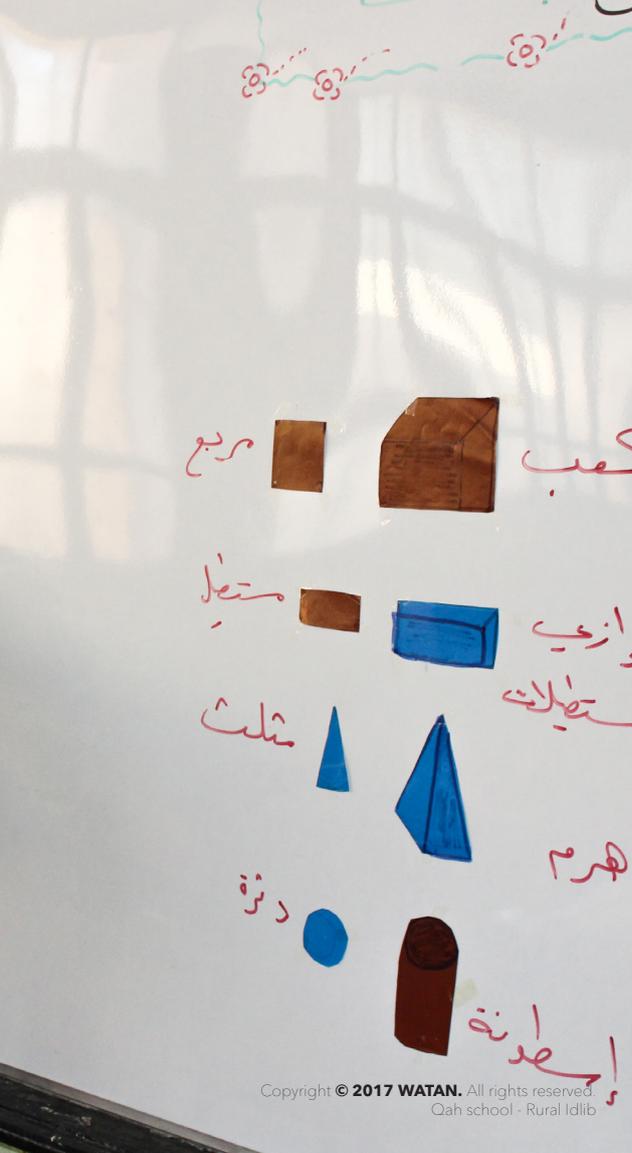
Students



11

Schools





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Qah school - Rural Idlib

1 Generation Freedom School

The second semester was completed in addition to psychological support activities (From here I begin) to enhance the positive spirit of students. Students also carried out gardening activities around the school and went on field trips to some areas outside the school.

 510 <small>students</small>	 Grades 1 - 9	 Trukey <small>(Reyhanli)</small>
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2 Qah School

The second semester was completed as well as growing plants around the school. There were also some plays for the students.

 940 <small>students</small>	 Grades 1 - 9	 Syria <small>(Rural Idlib - Qah village)</small>
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3 Atama School

The second semester was completed and a school football tournament was held for all classes, as well as a student art exhibition.

 700 <small>students</small>	 Grades 1 - 9	 Syria <small>(Rural Idlib - Atama village)</small>
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4 Sajjo Camp School

The first semester was completed as well as many outdoor activities.

 670 <small>students</small>	 Grades 1 - 6	 Syria <small>(North rural Aleppo)</small>
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Generation Freedom School - Riyhanli

5 Fatih School

The second semester was completed and health awareness activities were carried out, which highlighted the importance of personal hygiene for the prevention of disease, as well as psychosocial support activities for displaced children to promote integration with the new community (cooperative work - teamwork).



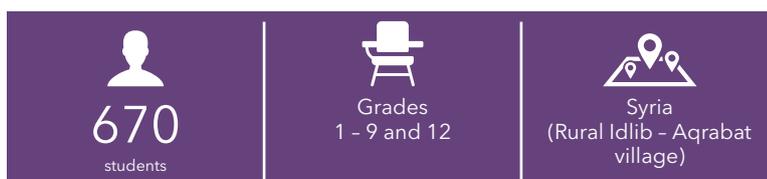
6 Banat Al Dana School

The second semester was completed, sports activities were organized through a football tournament for all classes in the school, in addition to cultural and scientific competitions to encourage research and develop the public culture, so as to be a source of learning and the establishment of model classes based on modern teaching methods and modern strategies and to stimulate learning and develop students' creativity and research abilities.



7 Aqrabat School

The second semester was completed, there were health awareness activities and psychosocial support activities for displaced children to promote integration with the new community (cooperative action - teamwork).



8 Talada School

The second semester was completed, and wall posters were made. There were also reinforcement classes.


460
students


Grades
1 - 9


Syria
(Rural Idlib -
Talada village)

9 Farouq School

The second semester was completed and psychosocial support (problem solving skills) was implemented. There were also health awareness activities that highlighted the importance of personal health to prevent disease.


150
students


Grades
1 - 6


Syria
(Rural Idlib - Sarmada)

10 Salwa School

The second semester was completed, psychological support activities were provided, and extracurricular activities outside the classroom, aimed at raising awareness of the remnants of war and staying away from foreign objects.


1,200
students


Grades
1 - 9


Syria
(Rural Idlib - Salwa
village)

11 Mohammad Al-Sheikh School

Classes began and there were awareness activities for students.


530
students


Grades
1 - 6


Syria
(north rural Aleppo)

Food Security and livelihood Sector

The Food security and livelihood sectors are the main sectors that WATAN works on. The need is no longer limited to food but on how to provide food and support the methods that contribute to food security and basic needs for beneficiaries. WATAN is very keen on supporting the agricultural and livestock sectors since they are the main ways to guarantee food security in Syria through several livelihood projects.

8,562

beneficiaries



5

Activities



1

Distribution of electronic coupons to Syrian refugees in Turkey

Khayr distributed electronic coupons to Syrian refugees living in Urfa, Turkey. Electronic cards were distributed to families to be used to obtain basic foodstuffs and winter related items. In addition, each family member was given 62 Turkish liras.



1,591

beneficiaries



283

Vouchers

Turkey
(Urfa)

2

Support for agricultural needs

WATAN works to support agricultural needs through the distribution of fertilizers and other agricultural needs in Ma'arat al-Nu'man in rural Idlib.



2,196

beneficiaries

Syria
(Rural Idlib)

3 Support of olive farmers

WATAN started this project to help olive farmers in rural Idlib whose production tools had been damaged due to the conflict (ploughing - fertilizing - trim - anti - Harvesting - Marketing). The aim of this project is to establish an association that will contribute to the coordination of farmers and to support further production. The support of this project included 25,000 Kg of mineral fertilizer, with 100 /Kg for each farmer. This project will provide jobs for 50 workers through pruning workshops, paper fertilizer workshops, insecticides and fungicides. There will also be technical support through the established association.


250
beneficiaries


15,594
Trees


Syria
(Rural Idlib,
Armanaz)

4 Livestock support

WATAN is working towards improving livestock in Syria through several projects. In March, WATAN launched a project to support livestock in Salwa and Talada in rural Idlib through distributing cattle to around 200 families.


1,020
beneficiaries


Syria
(Rural Idlib)

5 Distribution of food baskets

WATAN, in cooperation with RAF, continued the distribution of food baskets and ready to eat food baskets, as part of its emergency response project for refugees in Idlib and rural Idlib.


3,505
beneficiaries


Syria
(Rural Idlib)



Water and Sanitation Sector

WATAN is very active in the water and sanitation sector through many projects and activities in a number of Syrian cities and refugee camps along the border.

The projects established in this area provide long terms services aimed at targeted communities. These include supplying water, waste disposal and sanitation services.

106,328
beneficiaries



7

Activities



1 Renovating water stations

After hearing so many complaints about the lack of water in northern Syria and the difficulty in having access to water, WATAN sent a team out to assess the non-functioning water stations. Once this was done, the team set about re-servicing the 9 stations in the area so water could reach the greatest possible number of families.

9,230
beneficiaries



9
stations



Syria
(Rural Hasaka)

2 Cash for work project

This project was launched in Dana, rural Idlib. It includes cleaning roads and public areas, in addition to the drainage and maintenance of sewage pipes. The project aims to provide job opportunities for residents in this city and provide a source of livelihood. The project was not limited to men but also included women who cleaned the city's mosques and schools to preserve the cleanliness of the houses of worship and places of education in the city of Dana.

17
beneficiaries



Syria
(Rural Idlib)

3 Infrastructure project

WATAN completed its infrastructure project in rural Idlib where roads were made in sarmada and baba al Nemra.



9,069
beneficiaries



4
Roads



Syria
(Rural Hasaka)



4 Nourain campaign

As part of the Nourain campaign, WATAN distributed 1037 emergency and winter baskets to the displaced from Aleppo to the following areas: Ma'arat Atareb, the village of Mohandiseen, Kafarana, Aweijah, Hutah, Anjarah and Kufrakharim.



5 Distribution of shelter and emergency baskets

WATAN distributed emergency 2733 emergency baskets to displaced people in Madaya and Zabadani, as well as displaced individuals from Tidmor and Hama to Idlib, Binish, Sarmada, Sinjar, Jazareen, Maaratmasreen, Hazano, Deir Hassan, Killi, Haram, Batibo, Mujama Ata, AlDana and Atama.



6 Distribution of hygiene baskets and water bottles

The Watan team distributed 9890 hygiene baskets and water bottles in Atma, Tal al Karama, Deir Hassan, Al Bismo, Ma'arat Al Atareb, Al Genena, Sinjar, Armanaz, Maara Masreen, Zarine, Tifnaz, Sarmada, Darkush, Jericho, Anjarah, Hutah, Kufnrha, Sermin, Aldana, and Qah camps in rural Idlib.



7 Distribution of water tanks

As part of its water tanks project, WATAN distributed 296 tanks with a capacity of 2000 litres, targeting the displaced communities and the camps in both Idlib and Aleppo.







Health Sector

The WATAN medical program supports 5 medical centres in Syria as well as specialised medical centres that provide complete free medical services. This includes Khayr medical centre that was set up last year, and was part of an emergency response campaign and has regular vaccine campaigns. The support includes salaries and operational costs in addition to drugs and medical disposables that need to be restocked, and heating needs.

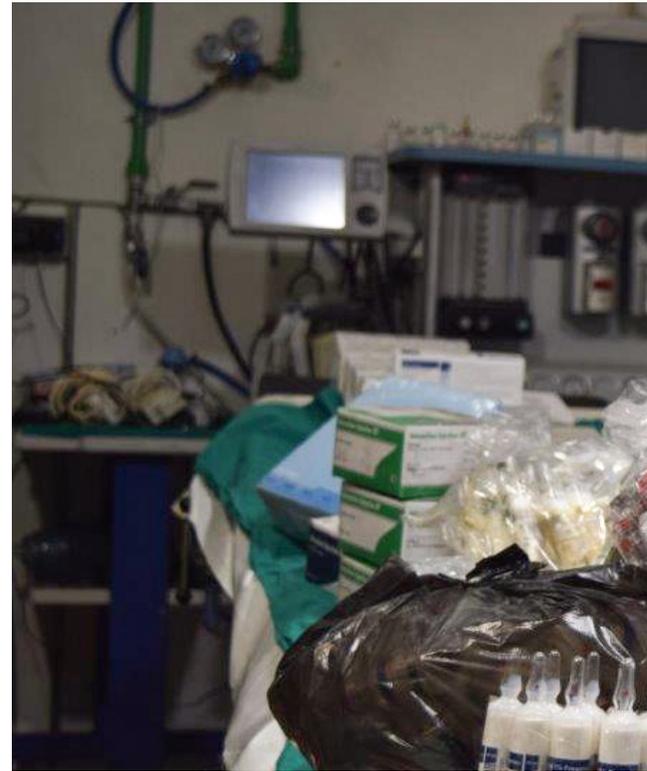
13,890

beneficiaries



6

projects





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Ibn Hayyan centre - Rural Damascus

1 Khayr Medical Centre

The centre offers services in the following areas: gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, ENT, physiotherapy, dentistry and general surgery.


2,491
beneficiaries


Syria
(North Rural Aleppo)

2 Ibn Hayyan Centre

The centre offers services in the following areas: gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, ENT, physiotherapy, dentistry and general surgery.


3,788
beneficiaries


Syria
(Rural Damascus,
Eastern Ghoutah)

3 Dar Allstishfa Centre

The centre provides health services including changing bandages, electromyography, external fixators, and patient follow up and examinations, and haemorrhoid treatment.


618
beneficiaries


Syria
(Rural Hama)



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AlMaj centre - Rural Damascus

4 AlMarj Centre

The centre provides health services including: dentistry, gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, orthopaedics, physiotherapy and gastroenterology.


4,874
beneficiaries


Syria (Rural
Damascus,
Eastern Ghouta)

5 Al Amal Centre

The centre provides health services including: dentistry, paediatrics, gynaecology, internal medicine, orthopaedics, physiotherapy, gastroenterology.


1,245
beneficiaries


Syria
(Rural Idlib)

6 The x-ray centre

The centres radiology department provides the following services:
x-ray, CT scans, panorama and x-ray contrast imaging.


874
beneficiaries


Syria (Rural
Damascus,
Eastern Ghouta)







Protection Sector

Last year WATAN began working in the protection field and focused on safety and dignity of the rights of people affected by disasters and conflicts through free distribution of basic needs of clothing, food, heating. It also focuses on spreading awareness and discussing important social issues related to organising families, safe motherhood and psychosocial support through community centres and outreach teams.

35

beneficiaries



1

Projects



1 Community Centres

In this project, many activities were carried out, most notably the sewing project set up by WATAN in Sarmada in rural Idlib. The project targets women and widows.



35

beneficiaries

Syria
(Rural Idlib)



WATAN Network News

The WATAN Network is a community sponsored by WATAN composed of Syrian civil society organisations working in the humanitarian and developmental fields, inside and outside Syria. The aim is to build an active and effective civil society and to raise the capacity and increase coordination and communication among the network members. In addition, it aims at establishing and developing mechanisms and platforms for exchange and management of information and expertise of the 49 Syrian organisations and societies that make up the WATAN Network.

1

Workshop on Emergency Response in Armed Conflict - Idlib

On 6/2017/4/ WATAN Network held a workshop in Idlib to discuss ways to enhance access to humanitarian aid, in conjunction with the high frequency of conflict in the area. The workshop was attended by 17 members of the civil society organizations.

The participants discussed the difficulties and challenges facing the continued flow of urgent humanitarian aid through the roads in north-west Syria (Idlib, Aleppo, Western Aleppo, northern Hama).

Participants agreed that poor coordination and lack of planning for such cases were the main reasons for the weak response, while several organizations indicated that the centralization of relief depots was a greater technical impediment to the continuation of emergency and regular response.

This workshop is part of a series of workshops organized by WATAN Network, in cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to enhance coordination and cooperation between civil society organizations in North and South Syria.

2

"A better response and further reach".. WATAN Network Launches its Ramadan Initiative

In mid-April WATAN Network launched an initiative including network members to coordinate a special response in the holy month of Ramadan, which aims to promote concerted efforts, and interdependence among members, to prevent duplication and inconsistencies, and to achieve maximum access to beneficiaries during the month.

The initiative is divided into two phases. The first is to gather information about the activities of the member organizations during the month of Ramadan (from, where, what, how much) and analyse and present them. The second phase will be followed by a participants meeting to discuss the results, and guidance of some activities towards the areas most in need and not fully covered.

About 24 out of the 49 member organizations participated in the initiative. The meeting will be held at the network headquarters in the Turkish city of Gaziantep in mid-May.





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WATAN IN BRIEF

In 2012 **WATAN** began its journey as a framework for a group of institutes that were a result of extensive efforts of previous entities launched in 2006. **WATAN** works in many humanitarian and developmental fields through its specialized institutes. With over 5 million beneficiaries in Syria and its neighboring countries, **WATAN** continues to provide aid for Syria through relief, education, capacity building, and supporting civil society and livelihood projects to name but a few.

The integration between the **WATAN** institutes, staff members and its extensive network has enabled **WATAN** to provide more inclusive projects that meet the needs of Syrians. This extensive network and integration enables **WATAN** to reach most provinces in Syria.

Through your continuous support you are a key factor in helping **WATAN** reach people who are in need of help the most. Your support allows **WATAN** to create developmental projects that will pave the way forward for Syria's national progress.

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