



REBUILDING SYRIA



**One year on
from the
devastating
earthquake**

Background

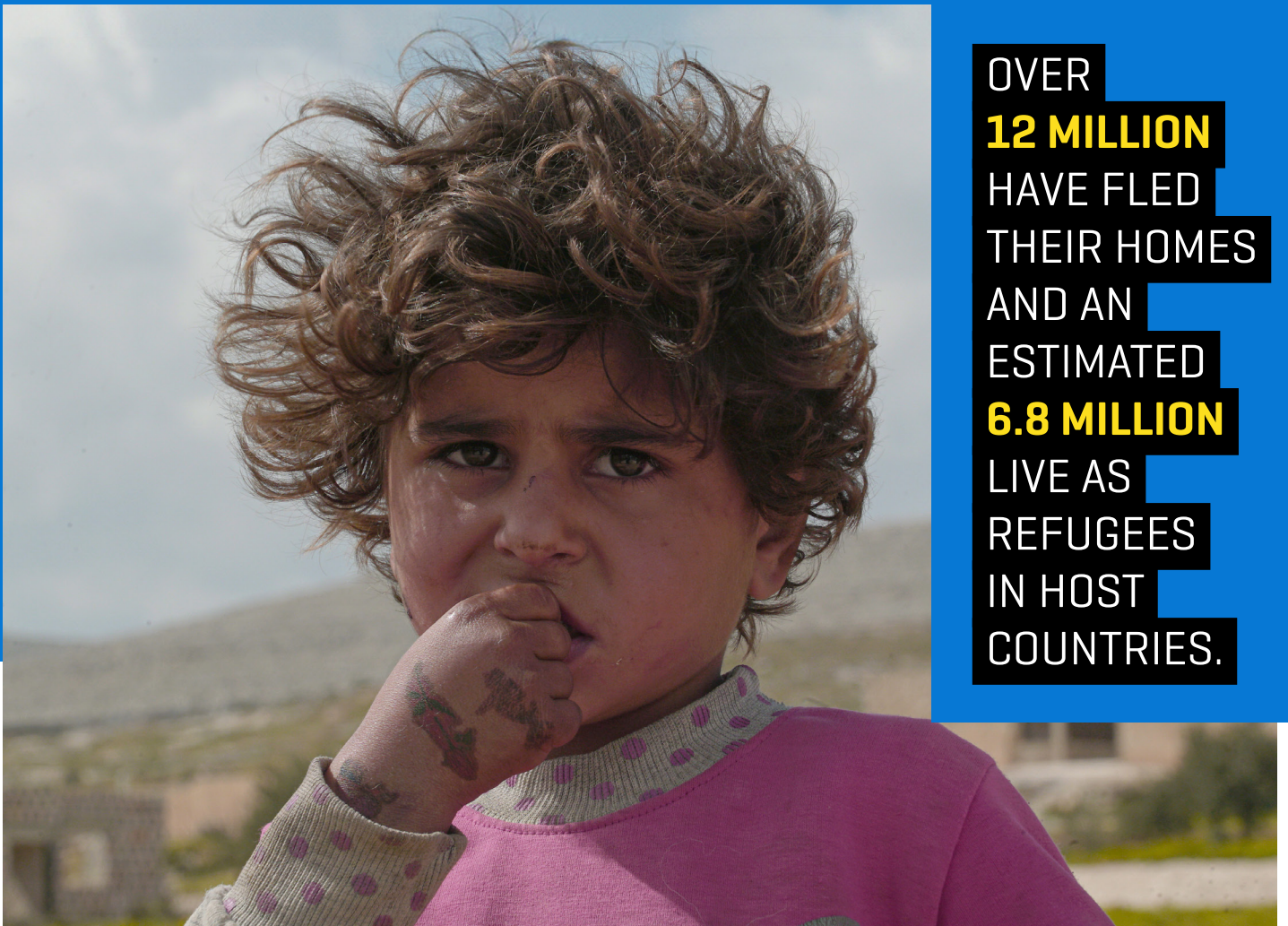
Since 2011, Syria has been engulfed in a crisis which has displaced millions and plunged the economy into a collapse.

In the 12th year of the conflict, large-scale clashes have slowly diminished but the suffering continues to grow due to a devastated infrastructure, spiralling inflation, the severe impact of sanctions. According to United Nations [UN] reports, 90 per cent of people across Syria live under the poverty line including 14.6 million in severe or extreme need – a number that will only rise with the recent earthquakes. Syria also contains the largest number of Internally displaced people (IDPs) in the world: over 12 million have fled their homes and an estimated 6.8 million live as refugees in host countries.

This has resulted in the spread of diseases like cholera and the recent earthquake which caused more 5,900 deaths and over 8,600 injuries.

Islamic Relief's response to the earthquake

Islamic Relief has been on the ground in Syria since the first day of the earthquakes enhancing its already existing 11 years operations since the onset of the crisis. Our teams have been working tirelessly to provide lifesaving aid and support including, medical aid for hospitals, mattresses, plastic sheets, kits for the elderly, kits for children blankets, tents, heating material, parcels of bread, water supplies, sanitation, and rubble removal, ready to eat items including cakes, juices, dates, hygiene items, cash assistance and cards/vouchers for food and hygiene items. We will continue to scale up our response, we are working towards long-term rebuilding and restructuring to ensure that aid is delivered to those who need it most.



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Livelihoods

Livelihood support

This project seeks to improve the livelihood through livestock and agricultural support to families in Syria. For the agricultural support component Islamic Relief will provide the families with agricultural input including wheat seeds, fertilisers, and basic tools. Families will be provided with ongoing technical support to improve their knowledge and practices to get best yield. The estimated yield will be sufficient to cover the food needs of the household and any excess can be sold in the market to contribute to the income of the family.

For the livestock component Islamic Relief supports families with experience in sheep raising and may own no more than 5 sheep. The families are provided with concentrated feed and two or three Ewes. During the beginning of the winter period when the feed is expensive and unaffordable it's provided by Islamic Relief. The sheep are vaccinated to prevent contagious diseases. The families also receive livestock health and milk kit. The expected milk production covers the family's dairy needs and any excess is sold in the market to contribute to the income of the family.

Case Study

"I am a father of seven children. I work as a farmer, as did my father, grandfather, and everyone in my village. Like all Syrians, because of the frequent intense bombing, we had to flee to safer areas, the journey of displacement lasted four years until things settled down. Then we began to return to the village, but upon our return, it was very difficult to start farming again due to the war and the shortage of supplies and price increase. But praise be to Allah, today I am harvesting the first wheat crop after I got help from Islamic Relief with the will of Allah. They provided us with fertilisers, pesticides, bags to fill the crop and everything needed, May Allah bless you, increase you and help you to do good." - Abdul Latif

€5,000

can provide a family with a way out of poverty through:

- a grant that they use to set up or improve a business.
- This includes training and equipment for better management and expansion of small business.
- Empowering small businesses, leading to people no longer relying on handouts.
- Supporting families through livestock support (provision of animals, fodder and technical support).
- Supporting families with agriculture inputs (seeds, fertiliser, small equipment and technical support).
- Supporting Bee keepers by providing boxes with bees.



FAQ's - LIVELIHOODS

Is the grant provided to the rightsholders in cash or in commodities?

The grants will be in-kind [equipment, raw materials etc]

What is the selection criteria to qualify for a grant?

How is the progress monitored?

The Islamic Relief team will be in touch with rightsholders on a regular basis and will visit the businesses. The team will be preparing the progress reports every six months for each business to see the progress.

What kind of business rightsholders usually run?

Many different type of businesses including food stores, barber shops, blacksmith, food processing, textile items, electronics etc

Do rightsholders receive any kind of guidance to start or improve their business?

Islamic Relief staff is providing the technical support during the whole process. The team is in the process of organising formal training for the selected rightsholders for better management and expansion of businesses.

How many people will benefit from this project?

Around 350 businesses will be supported with the current ongoing projects.



How does Islamic Relief Syria monitor the good use of the grant?

We are trying to provide mainly equipments that they will use for long period to produce the items and team will monitor the business on regular basis.

- The team will be in touch with selected farmers, bee keepers and cattle breeders to provide technical support for better outputs.
- Livestock rightsholders will get a set of sheep, goats or cows, fodder and technical support.
- Agriculture rightsholders (farmers) will get seeds, fertilisers, irrigation system improvement support, technical support to improve or enhance their production.
- Apiculture rightsholders (beekeepers) will get the boxes with bees, empty boxes to expand and technical support for honey production and marketing.



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Health

Rehabilitation support:

As a result of the ongoing crisis in Syria, there is a greater need of trauma and health support. Delivering life-saving medical support to the most vulnerable inside Syria by supporting existing Rehabilitation Centres. The support will mainly take the form of salaries and medical supplies.

All services provided are according to Essential Health Services Package protocols developed by The World Health Organization (WHO) and health cluster partners.

Dialysis support:

This intervention supports the operating of dialysis centres capable of providing life-saving dialysis treatment to patients in Northern Syria. The project supports the dialysis centre with all its running costs which include doctors, nurses, support staff salaries, utilities, office supplies, medicines, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and medical equipment.

Psychosocial support:

This intervention provides safe and accessible treatment to Gender-based violence (GBV) survivors and other trauma survivors.

The aim of this project is to focus on reducing stigma around GBV and its survivors in the health sector itself, by increasing the number of trained health professionals on GBV response.

Case Study:

Satee 9 was badly injured in an explosion that destroyed their family home, which left him fighting for his life.

Unable to eat or move parts of his body, he began intensive physical therapy at an Islamic Relief Centre for Physical Therapy.

"Thanks to Allah Almighty, my son was able to recover part of the ability to speak and move his hand and left foot again," says Abu Satee. "I am very happy with this improvement. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to his treatment. I hope to Allah that he completely recovers and returns to school."





€1,200

can pay a doctor's salary for a month

€100

a month can provide a patient with basic treatment for general trauma

€600

can sponsor a psychosocial specialist for a month

This covers 6 session a day, 30 a week and 120 sessions a month

€800

can provide a patient with lifesaving dialysis treatment for a month

€500

can pay a nurse's salary for a month

€25



a week can provide a patient with basic treatment for general trauma

€5

can provide a patient with a psychosocial session a month

€9,600

can provide a patient with lifesaving dialysis treatment for a year



FAQ's - HEALTH

What kind of medical supplies IR provides?

Drugs and disposables and medical equipment

How are hospitals selected?

Main criteria are that the hospital are located in the area that serves surrounding population, also not being supported by other partner, that this hospital is providing free treatment.

What are the selection criteria of nurses/doctors?

This is done in coordination with the health directorates, based on their graduation and their technical expertise and experience.

How many people benefit from this project?

Islamic Relief has many health projects ongoing on average we reach more than 400000 patients.

How IR monitors the intervention (including the nurses and doctors)?

We have a team that following the daily activities in the hospital including attendance, and hospital requirements.

How does Islamic Relief pay health staff?

Through Poste transfers on monthly basis

What is the duration of this project?

Islamic Relief has many health projects, so since years we are doing synergy between all projects to ensure continuity of the support, whenever there is project closing, we move the charging to new one.

How can people from remote areas access health services?

There are some public transportations and there is a referral transportation system in place.



Food

Food aid and bread remain a basic life-saving necessity, especially for those newly displaced or forced to relocate. With large population groups reporting the most prevalent challenges being the inability to purchase basic foods.

Therefore, Islamic Relief's initiative to provide food and maintain their lives, dignity and well-being.

€60

can provide a family with a food voucher for a month

€18

can provide a family with bread for the month



FAQ's - FOOD

How many people benefit from this project?

It depends on the project.

How are stores/shops where rightsholders can buy food items selected?

The food parcel is designed based on the food culture and required commodity that rightsholders can not afford from the market.

How far these shops are from rightsholders houses? Are they accessible for everyone?

Yes, markets are available and accessible.

What is the average cost of living for a family?

150 USD.

How does providing a family with bread exactly work (as bread typically doesn't last that long)?

Bread is food culture in Syria, Islamic Relief has regular yearly projects providing daily bread for free.

What are rightsholders allowed/not allowed to purchase using the vouchers?

NA.



Education

Islamic Relief aims to improve the quality of education for children by supporting teachers with salaries. The support also includes providing school supplies for students, as well as providing training courses on gender-based violence and protection issues, in addition to training on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse for school staff. The intervention also works to rehabilitate schools to improve the school environment as well as its capacity to accommodate more children.

€50

can provide a child with school uniform for the year

€180

can provide a teacher's salary for a month

€100

can provide a child with stationery and books for the school year



FAQ's - EDUCATION

How many schools does Islamic Relief support and how many students?

We are currently supporting around 47 schools from different ongoing projects. We also have 1,087 teachers and 23,000 students.

What are the possibilities for children to continue with their studies after primary school?

It depends on the economic situation of the children. Some of them continue however some will not manage to do so.

How can a teacher survive with €180/month?

This will assist in securing the minimum monthly requirements to survive.

What kind of rehabilitation is made?

This mainly includes doors, windows, wall fixings, and wash facilities.

What do the stationery and books entail?

Student bags include all required notebooks, pencils and pens.

How is this support monitored and/or documented?

We have a meal team who are monitoring the project activities.

How can children from remote areas benefit from this project?

Most of the children are living close to schools.





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Shelter

Rebuilding homes in Syria

Storms, snow, severe cold, heavy rain, and strong winds in the winter of 2022 caused damage to two million Syrians living in more than 1,400 camps in Northern Syria. Islamic Relief had started rebuilding houses to find a solution and ensure a safe place for the families affected. The aim of the project is to restore dignity and preserve the well-being of families in vulnerable conditions and give hope to a generation born and raised in refugee camps, by giving them the opportunity to live a better future.

The apartment:

- Each house is 50 square meters.
- Each apartment housing an average of 5 people.
- The families will own the apartment for life.
- The project is Zakat applicable.



€7,500

can build an apartment or a house for a family in Syria.

- The house is made from bricks
- The family will own it for life
- This is Zakat applicable



FAQ's - SHELTER

Are the houses built on owned lands?

The houses are built on the land owned by the supplier, which will be owned by the beneficiary once construction is completed.

How are the houses built by Islamic Relief made up?

The houses are made from concrete and are earthquake resistant.

How many houses has Islamic Relief built?

Islamic Relief currently has many shelter projects ongoing. 66 houses have been built and handed over to rightsholders. 48 are under construction and around 400 houses will start soon. We are in the final phase of signing the contract with the suppliers.

Are all houses the same?

They are very similar. We had a design before the earthquake and a new one after, which is more reinforced to resist earthquakes.

How many houses are required to meet the need?

The need for houses is very big. The number of people who are still living in camps, and in need of permanent shelter is huge (around 1,500 camps).

Have the houses got access to WASH, gas and electricity supplies? How?

Wash and electricity are considered. No gas installation in Northern Syria.

What services are available around, like school and hospitals?

One of the criteria before starting construction is to consider the public services such as hospitals, schools, transportation, and markets.

What is the main source of income for these families after moving to a new house?

Most of them are depending on humanitarian aid, some of them are getting an income through daily work.

Why is it so cheap to build a house there considering that houses are built in a war zone?

This is mainly because of the size of the house which is not that big.

What are the criteria for a family to qualify for a home?

1. Families displaced for more than a year.
2. Families where the head is disabled, and the number of family members must be more than 3 individuals (all children aged less than 18 years).
3. Families where the head is a widow or divorced, and the number of family members must be more than 3 individuals (all children aged less than 18 years).
4. Families where the head is elderly (60 years or older), must be unemployed, and the number of family members must be more than 3 individuals (all children aged less than 18 years).
5. The family must not possess any housing or other accessible assets.
6. The family must not have a fixed source of income.
7. The family must not have previously benefited from shelter projects provided by other NGOs.

Will the homes be furnished and have adequate facilities?

Beneficiaries will move from camps with their belongings and will gradually get additional equipment whenever they can afford to do so.

Is it possible to have a plaque on a home in memory of a person (Sadaqah Jaariya)?

It is not recommended as this will affect rightsholders moral.

How does Islamic Relief ensure the safety of the families considering houses are built near a war zone?

One of the criteria in selecting the construction area is to be close to the border with Türkiye, which is more secure than the front-line area.

If the guardian of children who live in these houses passes away, what happens with the inheritance of the house?

This will apply to same inheritance law as the house will be moved the family of the guardian.



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