



# Semi-Annual Achievement Report 2020

## Progress Tablet:

Indicators	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
Number of advocacy and information products produced and disseminated	8	4	2	2	2	4	2	4	4	3	5	1

## Regular Monthly Meeting:

- SNA General Assembly Meeting
- SNA steering Committee Meeting
- SNA MCWG Meeting

## Advocacy Activities:

- The SNA prepared [a letter pertaining to the renewal of the UNSCR 2165](#), urging the members in the UNSC to:
  - Approve the previously agreed 4 crossing points in the recent resolution in addition to the fifth one in Tal Abyad in North-East Syria
  - Renew the resolution for a minimum of 12 months to ensure effective humanitarian response planning and to minimize uncertainty and disruption to operations
  - Call for the protection of Humanitarian Facilities and Aid Workers who play a major role in supporting people in need

January  
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- On **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**, the SNA sent [a letter to the United Nations General Secretary on the Catastrophic Humanitarian Situation and Massive Displacement Wave in North West Syria](#). The letter sheds light on the dire situation of civilians in Idlib and Aleppo who have been targeted militarily and displaced from their homes to face the lack of shelter and aid. The letter was sent the UN General Secretary and shared with the SNA mailing list including UN officials, Donors, NGOs and media and was also published on the SNA website.



February  
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- On **February 19<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA), hosted the press conference “The Humanitarian Catastrophe in North West Syria” at Elite World Istanbul hotel in Istanbul, Turkey. The goal of this press conference was to draw the world’s attention to the disastrous consequences of the recent military escalation launched by the Syrian Government and its Russian and Iranian allies on the already dire humanitarian situation in Northwest Syria.
- The conference included a reading of a [press statement](#), a Skype call with Dr. Ikram Habbous (Manager of the Maternity Hospital in Idlib city, and [video](#) showing the dire humanitarian situation of IDPs in Northwest Syria. Over 25 media channels, news agencies and journalists attended the conference which was [live-streamed on the SNA Facebook page](#) and some media channels like Al Jazeera Live.
- The SNA team further produced a [report](#) covering the conference. The report included the conference goal, short bios of the panel, the press statement in English, Arabic and Turkish, the invitation, and a detailed account of the panel speeches, the call with Dr. Ikram Habbous and all the questions and answers with media. You can find the photos taken at the conference [here](#).
- The SNA team has published a [Condolence Card](#) about four fallen humanitarian workers who work with SNA member organisations. The fallen lost their lives in the recent military campaign on northwest Syria while doing their humanitarian duty helping people in need.

March  
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- On **March 10<sup>th</sup>** , The Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) organized a vigil for humanitarian workers on Tuesday 10 March 2020. The vigil took place in Bab Al Hawa, Idlib, Syria, where over 130 humanitarian workers from SNA member organizations participated in the vigil.
- **Purpose of the vigil:** In memory of humanitarian workers working with Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) member organizations who lost their lives in the recent military campaign on northwest Syria, and to express the ability and preparedness of Syrian humanitarian organizations to respond and to confirm that humanitarian workers are doing everything in their power to provide aid and assistance to alleviate the suffering of our people, especially IDPs in Northwest Syria.  
Read the complete vigil report [here](#). This report has been shared with SNA contact list.
- On **March 17<sup>th</sup>** , the Syrian NGO Alliance prepared and published a [paper](#) on Covid-19 calling Humanitarian workers and beneficiaries inside Syria to follow a set of measures to protect themselves from infection with the virus and from spreading it.



April  
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• **April**, The SNA team has started working on a monthly Directory of Activities of the Member Organizations of the Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) in Preparing and Responding to Covid-19. The SNA team contacted the SNA member organizations and received summaries of the activities of each organization with regards to Covid-19 and then compiled the information in one [report](#).

• On **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**, the SNA issued in the city of Gaziantep, Turkey a [press release](#) under the title: “The Syrian NGO Alliance Warns Against the Catastrophic Consequences if COVID-19 Spreads in Northwest Syria”. This press release provided facts about the current dire humanitarian situation in northwest Syria especially in terms of health capabilities and then warned that if Covid-19 spreads in northwest Syria that situation will be absolutely catastrophic and finally called for UN agencies, international organizations, and actors on the ground to shoulder their responsibilities and intervene to protect over 4 million people in northwest Syria.

May  
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• On **May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020**, the SNA has published the “Targeted Humanitarian Facilities in Northwest Syria in 2019” report. The work on this report has been going on for several months; it included collecting documentations about the humanitarian facilities in NWS which are supported by SNA member organizations and a few facilities supported by organizations outside the SNA, that were targeted militarily by the Syrian Government forces and its allies especially the Russian. These attacks caused many facilities to become out of service and denied people in need in NWS from the lifesaving services provided in these facilities. The final report was produced in [English](#) and [Arabic](#) and shared widely.

• On **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, The SNA team produced the monthly [Directory of Activities of the Member Organizations of the Syrian NGO Alliance \(SNA\) in Preparing and Responding to COVID-19 for April 2020](#). The SNA team contacted member organizations and received summaries of the activities of each organization with regards to COVID-19, which were then compiled in one report. The final report was shared with SNA members and other partners.

• SNA signed a Syrian Civil Society [paper](#) on the theme “Displacement and Durable Solutions” as a written submission for the consultations ahead of the Brussels IV Conference

June  
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• On **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) issued a Statement on the Renewal of UNSCR Cross-Border Resolution which was shared with UN, donors and humanitarian actors, in [Arabic](#) and [English](#).



July  
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August  
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- On **Monday 8 June 2020**, The SNA team produced the monthly [Directory of Activities of the Member Organizations of the Syrian NGO Alliance \(SNA\) in Preparing and Responding to COVID-19 for May 2020](#). The SNA team contacted member organizations and received summaries of the activities of each organization with regards to COVID-19, which were then compiled in one report. The final report was shared with SNA members and other partners.
- On **June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020**, the SNA drafted the [Statement](#) by the Syrian NGOs Working in Northwest Syria in Response to the Joint Statement Issued by the UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Syria, Imran Riza, and the Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syrian Crisis, Kevin Kennedy, on the Safe Access of Students to Take Final Exams. This statement was published by the Syrian Networks League (SNL).
- The SNA Media and Communications Working Group produced a video as part of advocacy efforts for the renewal the UNSC cross-border resolution based on the SNA Strategic Plan for 2020. The [video](#) was published on the SNA Facebook page and pages of member organizations.
- In **July**: The Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) published a [joint statement](#) with the Syrian INGO Regional Forum (SIRF), NGO Forum, Syrian Networks League (SNL) expressing concern over the UNSC Resolution on 11<sup>th</sup> July to close Bab Al Salam crossing point and renew Bab Al-Hawa only for 12 months.
- On the **2<sup>nd</sup> of July**, the SNA published a [video](#) advocating for the renewal of the cross-border resolution which is vital to continue to respond to the huge need of millions of Syrians in northwest Syria.
- On the **8<sup>th</sup> of July**, the SNA published the [Directory of Activities of the Member Organizations of the Syrian NGO Alliance \(SNA\) in Preparing and Responding to COVID-19 for June 2020](#).
- In **Aug**: SNA issued a Press Statement pertaining the detainment of the Director of Midwifery Institution of SAMS by HTS. The detainment came after hosting an art activity in which there was some painting by a student that was considered by HTS as religious-sensitive. The statement called for an immediate release of the Director of Midwifery Institution, stop interrogating the student, and issue an apology for the incident. The statement was signed by SNA and then circulated among NGOs to reach up to 185 signatures.



- On **August 7<sup>th</sup>**, SNA published a [video](#) to raise awareness about medical staff crucial role and sacrifice in NW Syria considering the hardship the medical sector faces especially during COVID-19.
- On **August 19<sup>th</sup>**, SNA published a [video](#) on World Humanitarian Day, following this year UN theme (#realLifeHeroes), in addition to publishing inspirational stories of 7 Humanitarian workers with the same hashtag in the following 7 days. You can find the links to the stories below:

<https://www.facebook.com/SyrianNGOAlliance/posts/2696748520593466>

<https://www.facebook.com/SyrianNGOAlliance/posts/2697682050500113>

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=2698598443741807&id=1910228719245454](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2698598443741807&id=1910228719245454)

<https://www.facebook.com/1910228719245454/posts/2699554136979571/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SyrianNGOAlliance/posts/2700293133572338>

<https://www.facebook.com/1910228719245454/posts/2701458096789175/>

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=2702154650052853&id=1910228719245454](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2702154650052853&id=1910228719245454)

- SNA published the [Directory of Activities of the Member Organizations of the Syrian NGO Alliance \(SNA\) in Preparing and Responding to COVID-19](#) on August 07 covering member activities during July 2020.

September  
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- In **September**: SNA gave feedback on NW Syria Readiness and Response Plan from SNGOs perspective, suggesting change the target or work on Readiness Response plan for Idlib city similar to the Aleppo one, highlighting a clear mismatch between the sectors' shares, recommending that procedures for building a strategic reserve of tents in warehouses inside Syria should also begin, and more focus should be on the non-food sector, heating devices and winter clothing. Regarding the health sector, SNA feedback reported a severe underestimation of the need for the necessary medicines and drew attention on supporting the educational process remotely.
- SNA sent a [letter](#) to WHO representatives in Damascus pertaining COVID-19 situation in GoS-held areas.
- SNA signed a joint NGO private [briefing paper](#) on COVID-19 that was signed-off on by the following NGO coordination bodies (in alphabetical order) DINGO, HCI, NES NGO Forum, NGO Forum NWS, SIRF, SNA, SNL. The briefing calls on UN agencies, donors, and member states to work together to rapidly scale up COVID-19 prevention, coordination and response measures to mitigate the effects of the pandemic both on the



people of Syria and the wider region. Transparent and timely reporting of the needs, and responses to them, are critical.

- On **September 11<sup>th</sup>**, SNA published a [policy document](#) regarding NEW PMA Regulations and its impact on communities and humanitarian activities in Northwest Syria.

- SNA published the [Directory of Activities](#) of the Member Organizations of the Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) in Preparing and Responding to COVID-19 on September 16, covering member activities during August 2020.

October  
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- On **15 October**, SNA published a [statement](#) regarding interference in the work of humanitarian organization in Idlib Governorate, the statement was signed by all SNA NGO-members

- On **15 October**, SNA started the winter campaign with the hashtag #still\_in\_the\_open. The campaign was launched by a [video](#). The campaign aims to push for a more timely-response and increase in the allocation for this year winter response. The video can also be found on SNA YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/BncaLbCr-w8>

- On **28 October**, SNA shared a [letter](#) with OCHA following the SSG meeting held on 12 October, appreciating their recent visit to Syria and asking them to follow some issues raised during the SSG meeting.

- SNA published the [Directory of Activities](#) of the Member Organizations of the Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) in Preparing and Responding to COVID-19 on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, covering member activities during September 2020.

November  
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- On **9 November**, SNA published a [Letter](#) to Donors and Stakeholders on Winterization aid in Northwest Syria.

- On **16 November**, SNA issued a [Statement](#) on Targeting Civilians and Humanitarian Aid Workers in Northwest Syria.

- On **25 November**, SNA conducted a [live FB session](#) on the psychological effects of COVID-19 on patients and the stigma around COVID-19. The session was held as part of the COVID-19 awareness campaign that SNA launched in response to the increasing number of cases in NW Syria. The streaming had around 2 thousand viewers.

- On **28 November**, SNA conducted a [live FB session](#) with an epidemiologist on the recent changes in COVID-19 situation and advice of the most effective prevention measures. The streaming had around 4.8 thousand viewers.

- On **22 November**, SNA sent a [joint letter](#) with NGO Forum to the new Regional Humanitarian Coordinator (RHC), highlighting some humanitarian and NGO priorities in Northwest Syria.



- On **4 November**, SNA published a [condolences statement](#) for SNA colleagues to IhsanRD following the tragic death of staff as a result of shelling and airstrikes on 04 Nov.

- **In early November 2019**, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh institution conducted financial audit visits on projects funded by OCHA through Syria Cross border Humanitarian Fund (SCHF). They insisted on requesting the original documentation of the projects implemented in besieged Eastern Ghouta in 2016 – 2018, stating that their agreement with OCHA has no waiver for the besieged areas in Syria.

NGO-Members of SNA initiated a campaign of communications through high-level meetings and through their membership in the SCHF Advisory Board. These advocacy efforts resulted in the suspension of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh's negative reports. Finally, OCHA and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh accepted NGOs' justification and approved copies of documents presented by implementing partners.

## Meetings:

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- In **January**, an ad hoc SNA General Assembly meeting was called for and was attended by 20 out of the 22 member-organizations. The meeting covered the following topics:

- The relationship between SNA and other coordination bodies. There was an analysis of the current relationship between SNA and other coordination bodies with the indication that there is no negative stance in the full sense of the word of SNA.
- UNSCR 2504. The new version of the resolution of two border crossing points and for six months was discussed along with the implications of the new version in particular and the non-renewal in general.
- Evaluation of the transparency of HF decisions and HF related issues. It was pointed out that the biggest issue is the transparency of the Humanitarian Fund and the mechanism for selecting partners, and that the ToR of the Review Committees in the sectors are not clear, nor is the way in which these committees conduct audits.
- HLG internal elections. There was a quick briefing on the subject of the HLG elections and the stages during which the discussions went through with the challenges until reaching the final status of a seat for networks, which was obtained by the Syrian NGOs Platform. Three seats for NGO of SNL, and one seat for NGOs that are not of SNL.



- The SNA General Assembly (GA) January monthly meeting was held on 29 January 2020 and was attended by 16 out of the 22 member-organizations. The meeting covered the following topics:
  - Steering Committee elections
  - Briefing on High Level Meeting in Istanbul
  - Duty of Care Policy
  - Evaluation of HLG elections
  - Briefing on the last SSG meeting
  - Civil Society Support room meetings in Geneva.
- Chairman of SNA SC and SNA Coordinator participated in Donors` meeting and discussed:
  - Key needs and gaps.
  - Current response capacity.
  - Challenges that your members are facing since the beginning of December 2019, with the participation of donors
- In coordination with NGO Forum, SIRF and NES, SNA hosted the 8th High-Level Meeting on **27<sup>th</sup> January 2020** in Istanbul, which was attended by 13 NGO-members of SNA, 5 SNGOs, 16 INGOs, NGO Forum, NES Forum, SIRF, OHCHR, Donors, DRHC and SNA Secretariat. The meeting covered the following topics:
  - Introduction and round the table.
  - Security developments.
  - UNSCR 2504 and what it means for the future of Cross Border including effects on NES.
  - Working environment in NW, NES & Damascus.
  - Feedback from SOM / Copenhagen.
  - Voices for Displaced Syrians.
  - Present key messages to Donors and DRHC.
- The SNA Media and Communications Working Group (MCWG) held a workshop on 24 January 2020 for the technical cooperation amongst the media teams in the SNA member organizations to share experiences and provide support to each other where possible. The time for this workshop proved not enough to cover all aspects of cooperation and therefore the group decided to hold a second full-day workshop in February.
- SNA SC meeting was held on **11<sup>th</sup> February 2020** and was attended by 4 NGO-members out of 5. The meeting covered the following topics:

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- Syria International Conference for Relief and Development.
  - Ataa Humanitarian Relief Association Request to join SNA.
  - Implementing of SNA work plan 2020.
  - SNA`s participation in the joint risk analysis called for by SIRF
  - The role of the coalition in the coordination efforts of the NGO Forum
  - Preparing SNA press conference regarding the situation in Idlib
  - Follow up on the message of the United Nations Secretary-General.
  - SNA's participation in the press conference on the Syrian border, which will be held by Dylan Connor on February 16.
  - SNA Workshop and Conference.
  - UNDP Project.
- In **February**: An ad hoc SNA General Assembly meeting was called for on 13 February 2020 and was attended by 13 out of the 22 member-organizations. The meeting covered the following topics:
    - Update on current Idlib response.
    - Gaps.
    - Key messages to be conveyed to donors.
- In **February**: SNA took an essential part in SNL efforts to draft the Syrian Civil Society Support Project and submit it to UNDP. Moreover, SNA supported, to a large extent, in finalizing SNL work plan for 2020
- The SNA Media and Communications Working Group (MCWG) held a meeting on 27 February 2020 to discuss the recent developments in NWS, and to review the SNA Strategic Plan for 2020 in order to identify areas of public advocacy with the aim to come up with a public advocacy plan for the MCWG. The meeting also discussed a potential campaign on the massive education crisis and the targeting of schools in the recent military campaign on NW Syria. The meeting also discussed holding a follow-up two workshops for technical media cooperation and experience sharing amongst SNA member organization to be held in two weeks.
- Among the Feb meetings, The SNA team, SNA Steering Committee members and NGO-members attended the regular coordination meetings such as HLG, regular and ad hoc meetings Syrian Networks League, HISMA, NGO Forum GA, and NGO Forum Advocacy Working Group. NGO Forum ad hoc meeting on Duty of Care.
    - Meanwhile, bilateral meeting was held with Mr. Yahya Al-Sayed Omar, Chairman of Reyadah for Community Development, to be informed about the preparations for Syria International Conference for Relief and Development.



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- SNA took part in some coordination meeting held by Center for Civil Society and Democracy.
- SNA had a meeting with Omar Durbas to be informed about Syrian Civil Society Support Project by UNDP.
- SNA had a meeting with Fredrik Kok from Swiss Refugee Council (SRC) to get information on the current human rights and security situation in Syria, and also to develop and expand their network of Syria experts that they rely on to be able to respond to information request from lawyers and legal representatives.
- The SNA General Assembly (GA) March monthly meeting was held on 26 March 2020 and was attended by 21 out of the 23 member-organizations. The meeting covered the following topics:
  - The UN plan, the role of Clusters and SNA member-NGOs in responding to COVID-19/ evaluation of WHO response in Syria.
  - Mechanisms of work during the coming period of response and conditions of the teams inside Syria/Duty of Care.
  - Advocacy efforts pertaining the renewal of UNSCR 2504 for the next three months.
  - Findings of SNA Survey (UN-SCHF vs INGOs).
  - The SNA Vigil.
- SNA attended a closed-door meeting with the European Union Commissioner for Crisis Management Mr. Janez Lenarcic, the highest authority regarding EU humanitarian aid worldwide. and Mr. Christian Berger, Ambassador, EU Head of Delegation to Turkey on Wednesday, March 4 in Gaziantep).

The overriding purpose of the meeting is to have an update on the humanitarian situation and allow SNA to have a direct and open dialogue with the EU Commissioner on NWS (challenges, potential upcoming scenarios, etc
- In **March**: SNA drafted four letters to ECHO, OCHA, NGO Forum and SIRF, reaching out to have more insight into the potential consultations taking place pertaining the UNSCR 2504 and the Plan B and alternatives in case of non-renewal, and asking them kindly to engage SNA as a representative of SNGOs in such discussions. Consequently, three meetings were held with ECHO, NGO Forum and OCHA so that SNGOs are more engaged in such discussions and consultations.
- In **March**: The SNA Advocacy and Communications Officer and several members of the SNA Media and Communications Working Group (MCWG) attended an online workshop titled “Introduction to Media and Social Media Structures in the Middle East



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and Gulf Regions” provided by Crisis Action. The workshop covered the following points: The media map in the Middle East and Gulf regions – who owns media outlets? What is their general policy? What are the key media outlets? How to get to them? What are the social media platforms that are most used in the region? The training was provided by Maya El Ammar – a journalist and a media expert

- The SNA General Assembly (GA) April monthly meeting was held on 30 April 2020 and was attended by 14 out of the 23 member-organizations. The meeting covered the following topics:

- Workshop of Covid-19 repercussions.
- A monthly report on SNA’s COVID-19 activities.
- Efforts and initiatives pertaining the renewal of UNSCR 2504.
- Follow up on the topic of Talal Abu Ghazaleh.

- On **24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**, 17 SNA NGO-members attended a special meeting to discuss the implications of Covid-19 and to map scenarios. The meeting covered the following topics:

- Context update.
- What would happen if grants transfer from donors stopped?
- What if Hawala System or delivering items to Syria stopped?
- What is the worst-case scenario for SNGOs?

- SNA formed a Task Force of SNA NGO-members, and SNGOs from within SNL and outside SNL. The objective of the Task Force is to analyze the situation in case of non-renewal of UNSCR 2504 and do scenario mapping from SNGOs perspective. The first meeting of the Task Force held on 21 April, where the participant NGOs were divided into four groups as to analyze four workstreams agreed on:

- Resources and funding channeling to NGOs.
- Legal and leadership umbrella.
- Coordination between sectors and within sectors.
- Standards (Protection, Human Rights, Documentation of Violations, Standards of Humanitarian Action, Standards of Transparency, and Institutionalization).

- In **April**: SNA took part in a check-in call on UNSCR 2165 (2504) as to get regional, New York and DC updates on the renewal of UNSCR 2504 and COVID-19. Participants are InterAction, CARE, Mercy Corps, SAMS, SNA, Save the Children/NYC, NES Forum, NWS NGO Forum and SIRF.



- SNA participated in NGO meeting with regional Donors Group (SYDWG) for Syria pertaining COVID-19 on 14 April. Participants: DINGO SC, NES Forum, NWS NGO Forum, SNA, SNL and SIRF. The NWS Hub key priorities were: 2020
  - Support health service providers with salaries, training on COVID-19 preventive measures and case management along with providing them with PPEs.
  - Support all health facilities to be able to manage cases not in need for Ventilator including providing them with oxygen generators.
  - Funding for large scale community-based isolation centers.
- SNA attended a meeting on 30 April coordinated by ICVA with NGOs Fora coordinators and directors in MENA region in order to facilitate an exchange of information and to discuss COVID contingency plans. Specific Objectives are:
  - Sharing between different NGO Fora to help develop strategic approaches to addressing challenges (access, funding, partnerships, safety etc.)
  - Helping to inform ICVA ongoing support to NGO Fora in the region and globally, included our advocacy efforts with donors and UN
- SNA took part in Peer to Peer Exchange on Country level Fora operations during COVID-19 preparedness and response (Global Call) coordinated by ICVA on 16 April 2020 to discuss about the current situation, an exchange directly from the countries of operations the current challenges and the solutions identified, and to collect inputs for the planned revision of the Global Humanitarian Response Plan COVID19 – GHRP.
- SNA was invited to attend a meeting with RHC, Kevin Kennedy, on 26th April. The covered the following topics:
  - COVID update - GHRP, HRP planning, Medevac, how to engage with the planning process and to access the funds, and Supply management effort
  - NW: Effort toward the renewal of the resolution, and Plan “B” initiative.
  - NES: Supply / cross border effort, bank restrictions in KRI and Money transfer
  - Damascus: Rukban (access to health care).
  - SOM/Brussels IV preparation.
- On **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**, the SNA Advocacy and Communications Officer and several members of the SNA Media and Communications Working Group (MCWG) attended an online workshop titled “Introduction to Social Media Platforms and Building a Social Media Strategy” provided by Crisis Action. The workshop covered the following points: How to choose a social media platform for each advocacy campaign and basics of building strategies for Online campaigns using social media platforms. The training was provided by Sarah Berry – an expert in online campaigns using social media.



May  
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- The SNA General Assembly (GA) monthly meeting was held on 02 May and attended by 17 out of the 23 member organizations. As action points, SNA will conduct a quick survey to identify SCHF and UN bilateral funding streams, along with the number of beneficiaries and services covered by this funding, and the critical services that would be affected in case of discontinuity of these funding streams. Mapping the high-level female employees within SNA NGO-members.

- In **May**: In the course of SNA interaction with NGO Forum pertaining the future of UNSCR 2504, SNA had two meetings with the Department of International Development (DFID) and the German Federal Foreign Office (AA) to discuss their stance in case of UNSCR 2504 non-renewal, the future of (SCHF) and potential alternatives from their perspectives, the impact of COVID-19 on funding streams, and Brussels IV preparations. There was an agreement to have such update meetings on regular basis.

June  
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- In **June**: SNA senior Directors and CEOs had a meeting with Pro. Joseph Daher - researcher and professor at the Institute of Political Studies (IEP) and at the Center for International History and Political Studies of Globalization (CRHIM) at the University of Lausanne (UNIL) in Switzerland. The meeting covered Cesar Act, effects of devaluation of SYP against USD on civilians in Syria, and Measures NGOs can take to reduce the impact on civilians in non-regime held areas.

July  
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- In **July**: SNA coordinator attended Brussels IV Feedback session to talk about process and results – lessons learnt / What worked, what could be improved. Recommendations, follow-up, and next steps - How to work together beyond the conference to make best use of its results & recommendations.

- In **July**: 10 staff from 5 SNA NGO-members attended Scenario Planning Training organized by SCNP for two days to design and facilitate scenario analysis and planning exercises within their organizations, so that they may use this tool to plan for uncertainties and complexities in their future environment. The two-part session is designed to train facilitators to understand and deliver each of the eight steps of scenario planning.

- In **July**: SAN Coordinator attended the SSG meeting that discussed the impact of UNSCR 2533, HRP 2020 and HPC 2021, and Update on COVID-19 / Briefing on WG on socio-economic impact.



August  
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- On **27 August**, SNA Coordinator and some of SNA NGO-members attended Donors Meeting which discussed contextual overview, operational challenges update (New resolution impact on access and capacity, Money transfer challenges), COVID-19 updates, and NGOs Task force on preparation plans. Donors feedback was captured mainly on the operational challenges. They encouraged open communication with INGOs and UN agencies in case of any perceived risks and maintain the same transparency. They are working with legal and risk advisors as to get more information to inform their positions.
- On **14 August**, SNA had a bilateral meeting with WASH Coordinator and Co-Lead, as to shed the light on the way SNA pass the messages to clusters upon receiving feedback from SNA NGO-members and to further discuss the last CBHF allocation and the submitted projects.
- On **26 August**, SNA had a meeting with Manager of Idleb Health Directorate who gave a presentation on IHD and the developments of Health-related issues inside Syria. It was agreed to concentrate on the importance of IHD and how it affects Health Sector and services and how to maintain it. It was also agreed to support the legality of the upcoming IHD conference to elect a new Director.

September  
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- On **16 September**, SNA Coordinator attended ECHO pre-consultation meeting with Syrian organizations operating in Syria to better understand the operational challenges implementing partners are facing in Syria and the opportunities SNGOs foresee for the coming year to feed in ECHO strategy 2021.
- SNA Coordinator and Admin & Liaison Officer attended 7th Syrian CSO Networks Platform (SCNP)
- **meeting on 16 – 18 September 2020** which discussed the Syrian economy, specifically the impacts of sanctions and COVID-19. The networks also discussed bringing together other networks for collaborations and effective communication, sharing resources for working remotely, and developing research topics for advocacy and future planning.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t9CA8Nt4CNBn6ixRuLfZydPGFz1NX1Z/view?usp=sharing>

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- On **9 October**, SNA coordinated an introduction session on the Task Force formed by NGO Forum setting an action plan in case of non-renewal of UNSCR 2533. The objective of the session is to ensure active engagement of SNGOs in this Task Force.



November  
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- On **19 October**, Deputy Regional Humanitarian Coordinator, Mark Cutts, and OCHA colleagues called for a meeting with SNA NGO-members in the light of the recent developments and SNA above-mentioned statement where SNA called for:
  - Capacity building and training for humanitarian workers on how to deal with armed groups.
  - Workshops to authorities on what is expected from them with regards to the humanitarian response.
  - Clear guidelines from donors to NGOs about their legal position in case of interference of designated and armed groups.
  - Feedback to NGOs from AWG on reported incidents by them.
- SNA Secretariat visited 8 of its NGO-members, and planning to visit the rest of the members during the month of November, the purpose of the visits is to obtain some information that would determine where the SNA stands now, and to draw the first step for its 2021 strategy.
- On **26 October**, SNA was invited by Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to attend a meeting to hear the views of Turkey based SNGOs, feeding these views into their planning for the new portfolio strategy and design for 2021 onwards.
- On **26 October**, SNA was invited to attend a meeting with RHC, Mr. Kevin Kennedy, with key NGOs to discuss current key challenges they are experiencing and to give his views on the situation and challenges from his position, and discussing deconfliction and notification processes.
- On **13 November**, SNA held an internal meeting (Chatham House Rule) attended by SNA NGO-members in relation to interference by the ad hoc authorities in NWS and discussed ways of ensuring commitment to International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The meeting resulted in forming a small committee tasked with developing a road map for presentation to the SNA General Assembly.
- On **20 November** SNA General Assembly Meeting was held, During the meeting, the small committee formed in the ad hoc meeting presented their road map to the General Assembly. The action point agreed was that the SNA would request OCHA's support to organize a meeting with the representative of the Syrian Salvation Government (SSG) to convey a message of the importance and necessity of adhering to IHL.



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- On **27 November**, the SNA had a meeting with GOAL' consultant to discuss the key issues faced by SNGOs and the humanitarian aid community, which require advocacy at UN Security Council level.
- On **1 December**, SNA attended GOAL-ECHO Desk Review Meeting shedding the light on SNA achievements in 2020.
- On **9 December**, SNA attended a meeting with the new RHC, Mohannad Hadi. The talking points covered:
  - Importance of maintaining WoS structure.
  - Importance of communication with NGOs and their roles and access.
  - Renewal of UNSC XB resolution.
  - Relation with UN agencies and their information sharing.
  - Protection of civilians and humanitarian workers.
- On **11 December**, SNA Coordinator had a meeting with the DRHC, Mark Cutts, to discuss SNA's representation in the HLG, and increasing women's representation. Accordingly, and in coordination with SNA, SNL organized some elections to select four women to represent SNGOs in the HLG. The elections resulted in selecting four ladies from SNA NGO-members as new members in the HLG.
- On **12 December**, SNA had a meeting with Geneva Call where the issue of interference of the de facto authorities were discussed, and ways forward on how to handle these issues in cooperation with OCHA and Geneva Call.
- On **16 December**, SNA jointly with NGO Forum and SIRF organized the [9<sup>th</sup> High level meeting](#) attended by SNGOs, INGOs, UN members and Donors who are involved in XB operations and the Syria response from various hubs to discuss matters on a strategic level.