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ABOUT SYRIAN NGO ALLIANCE (SNA)

Background

Syrian NGOs (SNGOs) were established in response to the need for humanitarian assistance inside Syria and to meet the needs of Refugees in neighbouring countries post March 2011. Some SNGOs felt the need for a body where common advocacy messages related to humanitarian issues are being agreed upon. Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) saw the light on the 2nd April 2014 in Gaziantep, Turkey.

Who Are We?

SNA consists of 23 of the largest SNGOs working to meet the Humanitarian needs in line with international standards and protocols. SNA provides the umbrella for these SNGOs to coordinate and advocate common messages ensuring that the voices of affected populations get heard. We play an active role when it comes to how aid is being delivered to Syria.



Our vision:

To lead the Syrian humanitarian work and its voice to empower the rights of society.



Our mission:

An alliance of Syrian humanitarian organizations who actively and effectively advocate and coordinate at various levels the responses to the Syrian humanitarian affairs to help the Syrian people preserve their dignity and rights.



Our values:

Trust

Collaboration

Effectiveness

Participation

Equality

Our Members

Syrian NGOs Alliance (SNA) Advocacy Activities



With the approach of the expiration date of the cross-border aid operation, the alliance has attended the meeting of SCNP Network, through which they focused on the security council decision concerning cross-border aids. The alliance is also cooperating with the network to work on the communication plan and the advocacy.

- In light of planning for advocacy and external meetings, the alliance has attended the meeting of SCNP Network, whereby discussions concerning the humanitarian affairs and the regulations of the Syrian regime in the security council were held. In addition, there were discussions concerning the concentration of the Brussels Conference on funding and cross-border advocacy, in addition to the priorities to be tackled throughout the conference, such as human rights and the reconstruction.

- Following the strikes that were inflicted on Al-Bab city, the alliance issued a condemnation of these attacks. You can find the statement in [Arabic here](#) and in [English here](#).

- With regards to the extension of the Security Council decision of cross-border aid operation, the alliance has met with ARCS to search for an action plan on various advocacy channels.

- With the continuing of the Syrian people crisis, a meeting was set with the British embassy in Beirut, where many members of the alliance attended in order to discuss the current and the upcoming situation in Syria. It tackled the stable and unstable regions and the suffering of the people inside the country, in addition to the lack of services and instability. All of this was approached in order to present a clear vision of the needs.

- In order to clearly organize the humanitarian efforts, the alliance has held the plenary quarterly meeting with the attendance of the representatives of the alliance members, where they discussed the approved action plan. In addition, the coordinator gave a presentation on the achievements of the fourth quarter of the year 2021.

- In the context of the Security Council decision about the extension of cross-border aid operation, the alliance has held a workshop with its members to discuss the available options, in case the extension and the United Nations funding would not be reactivated. Throughout this workshop, the draft position paper was issued.

- In its pursuit of organizing and supporting the humanitarian work, the alliance has attended the periodic meeting of the Syrian Networks League. Throughout the meeting, discussions were held concerning the Brussels Conference and updating the Civil Society platform.

- In the framework of enhancing the sense of tolerance, the alliance has been invited to, and attended the meeting of a Speech against Hatred held by VDSF. The meeting agenda consisted of specifying the stakeholders and the targeted groups, in addition to analysing the data, and surveilling the offense of hatred and its proliferation.

- Pursuing to promote human rights and equality, the alliance has attended the meeting held by HISMA, where the last updates in Syria were discussed. Among these tackled updates were solutions for shelters and non-food items, the bulletin of the Voice of Community, and the accountability in front of the affected people in Syria. Also, a coordinator was appointed for the sexual equality and integration, in addition to many other issues.

SNA Members Key Achievements

ATAA Humanitarian Relief Association



Launch of the fourth Compassionate Heart Warmth convoy in Gaziantep, Turkey, which is composed of 80 trucks, to relieve our people in the camps of North Syria . . .



Big Heart Foundation



Big Heart launched a pilot project to assist 1085 pregnant and lactating women in Afrin through repeat voucher assistance. The project was in partnership with UN agency, with second phase in development to expand the outreach to 2,000 PLWs starting in April – December 2022, with repeat assistance for 9 months.



Hand in Hand for Aid and Development



Emergency WASH Response to IDPs in Idleb Camps project. This project supports IDPs in the camps of Dana and Maret Tamsrin sub-districts by extension and construction of water infrastructure (water network, sewage network) and connecting them to the nearby borehole and water station.



HoranFoundation



ISHA-USAID Project:

A project funded by ISHA-USAID targeting 195 shelter of the 1st and 2nd classes. Our project in Aleppo - Afrin – Jindires serves the IDPs and the host community and aims to improve the living situation by repairing the damage in shelters affected by the conflict.



ÖNDER Organization for Cooperation and Development



Local Peacebuilding Initiatives

In the line of Support local peacebuilding initiatives, ÖNDER Organization for Cooperation and Development, conducted a seminar entitled as» Citizenship and Peacebuilding



Syrian Expatriate Medical Association SEMA



Idlib Surgical Hospital restores hope to a girl whose face was disfigured by burns

Today, the girl (AB / 7 years old) leaves us with a bright face with hope and life again after several months of treatment for second and third degree burns on the face and hands.



Shafaq Organization



The Story of the Teacher Muhammad Al-Daghim
Despite all the circumstances, he did not give up as his love to spread knowledge motivates him to cross long distances to meet his little students who are used to his great teaching methods. They wait for the entrance train into the class and the smiles he draws on their beautiful faces.



Syria Relief - Turkey



The educational project aims to provide educational services for the hard-to-reach camps, by providing school tents, sending teachers, in addition to distributing stationery.

Mona says: "I love going to school, I love my friends very much and studying, and I want to follow my dream of becoming a school teacher in the future."





Due to the heavy pressure on Ibn Sina Children's Hospital in Idlib, as a result of the increased spread of pediatric diseases this year, SAMS has opened a new hospitalization section at the hospital, to meet current needs as much as possible.



News related to the Syrian Humanitarian Affairs

United Nations

Hot conflict' pushes 12 million Syrians into food insecurity

As the Syrian war has driven poverty and hunger to levels higher than at any previous point, UN Special Envoy Geir Pedersen told the Security Council on Friday that he would continue to focus on engaging the parties to bring an end to the protracted conflict.



UNICEF

2022 Humanitarian Needs Overview: Syrian Arab Republic

More recently, the accelerating economic deterioration and impacts of climate change have increasingly become additional key drivers of needs, compounding vulnerabilities even further.



Daily Times

Syria humanitarian needs reach record high: UN At least 14.6 million people in Syria are in need of humanitarian aid, up from 13.4 million last year, the UN's humanitarian agency OCHA said in a report published late Wednesday.

"Suffering in Syria is at its highest level since the crisis began," said the UN deputy regional humanitarian coordinator for the Syria conflict, Mark Cutts.



Reliefweb

The SRTF Approves a EUR2 million Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to Support Internally Displaced People in Northern Aleppo

Under this ERP, the SRTF will provide assistance consisting of 3,000 tents, 3,000 non-electrical heaters with heating materials for winter season for 4,000 families, and 8,000 food rations. Each food ration is meant to sustain a family of six for one month.

Al-Jazeera

Civilians despair as Idlib hospitals shut down due to budget cuts

"I can't buy medicine for my children," al-Jadou said, with tears in his eyes. "I'm barely able to get bread, how am I going to pay for healthcare?"



BBC

Syria war: Babies die from cold in storm-hit Idlib camps

A UN official told AFP news agency that the seven-day-old and two-month-old girls had died in Idlib province.

