# Newsletter

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**SYRIAN NGO ALLIANCE** 

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For a Better Humanitarian Response

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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



SNA attended the Brussels VI conference and the Day of Dialogue (Supporting the Future of Syria and the region).

In pursuit of promoting the cross-border renewal resolution, SNA attended virtually the biweekly meeting with InterAction to discuss advocacy efforts to renew a cross-border resolution.

In light of their support to women, SNA held a virtual meeting in coordination with UN Women to discuss and brainstorm women's participation in humanitarian response, at which four points were agreed upon to be coordinated for another meeting and to discuss the outcomes of the meeting.

SNA held a coordination meeting with the FCDO to discuss the latest developments in the humanitarian response and advocacy efforts of the Alliance regarding the renewal of the cross-border resolution.

SNA attended a workshop in Ankara on the topic of Localization and work tools through which coordination between the working organizations can be achieved. We will share the workshops outputs as soon as they are received from the organizer.

SNA attended a dialogue session and Round Table workshop in partnership with the Omran Foundation to discuss the position paper issued by the Alliance on the topic of cross-line and cross-border assistance delivery and the Alliance's position through the paper, which was adopted by a number of local and international associations from outside and within the Alliance. The workshop was held in Istanbul and Gaziantep, with the participation of representatives of the Alliance. For instance, Dr. Mazen represented the Alliance during Gaziantep's workshop and Mr. Bara'a represented the Alliance at the meeting in Istanbul.

SNA, together with the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait and several organizations working on the Syrian case, discussed the conditions of organizations' humanitarian response to encourage advocacy for the cross-border resolution to ensure the continuation of the organizations response operations from Turkey. SNA attended the DEMAC International Conference in Geneva. The Conference mainly discussed the following themes:

- Direct access of diaspora organizations to funding.
- From theory to practice: what can we learn from the emergency response to expatriates in the Ukrainian crisis?
  - Principles of humanity by execution.

Mr. Muhannad Osman attended the conference on behalf of SNA and participated as a speaker on the theme "Principles of humanity by execution".

SNA issued a statement to the organizers of the Brussels Conference on the position and vision of the Alliance regarding the participation of Syrian organizations and the outcomes of the Brussels Conference. The statement was signed by all Alliance members as well as a number of local and international organizations and partners. The statement was shared with a number of conference organizers and supporters. You can find the statement here.

# SNA Members Key Achievements

#### Al SHAM Humanitarian **Foundation**



#### ATAA Humanitarian **Relief Association**



he young man, «Jaafar Al-Sadiq Tawfiq», was displaced from the city of Al-Mayadin in the countryside of Deir ez-Zor to the city of Al-Bab, east of Aleppo. He lost his future after he left his education due to war and displacement. He tried to start over by setting up his own cell phone maintenance company but was unable to continue due to the high cost of living and his inability to secure enough capital to run it.

Ataa works to increase food security and reduce unemployment through its current project in order to support wheat value chain in 6 villages in northern Syria. benefiting 5,500 farmers, stages of the project begin with the distribution of fertilizer, the purchase and grinding of wheat, then baking, project ends with free distribution of bread to beneficiaries. Workers are selected for the wheat project, through the launch of the «cash for work» project.





Big Heart Foundation Big



Big Heart is working to provide essential WASH services to four stations (Tobal Mahmoud, Maydan, Karababa, and Afrin with support to two pumping stations Kosan and Masikan). The assistance includes solarization for Maydan and Kosan sites, along with expansion of the Water Network in Afrin. The assistance is expected to reach out to over 110,000 beneficiaries. The assistance also includes distribution of essential hygiene supplies to 6,685 households including awareness on hygiene practice and countering COVID19.



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to other peers.



Taher is a Syrian survivor, had a great willingness which was the reason behind his improvement. After installing a prosthetic leg, he decided to return to his previous professions and became an inspiration

Al-Bab Center provides prosthetics and orthopedics services in addition to the physiotherapy sessions for approximately 40 people monthly.

This Project is supported by Creating Hope in Conflict: A Humanitarian Grand Challenge.



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#### **Horan Foundation**



Within the NFI projects, and with the aim of reaching the displaced families and the poorest, the team of the Houran Humanitarian Foundation distributed cash sums to families and displaced persons in the city of Daraa in southern Syria during the current month of May, in order to cover the costs of basic and most important needs for these displaced persons, amounting to The number of beneficiaries is approximately 5,000 people.

## Ihsan Relief and Development



Eid is about patience, perseverance, self reflection, charity, and bringing smiles to the faces of the less fortunate. We made this Eid extra special for people who needed it most! We helped people enjoy the Eid in ways they wouldn't have been able to on their own! We paid supermarket debts, paid house rents, and bought sweets for those who couldn't afford them.





## ÖNDER Organization for Cooperation and Development



aunching of the exhibition (Manuscripts of the Seventh Hijri Century) in cooperation with Gaziantep University, Manuscript House in Istanbul and the Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sports. The exhibition aims to: Show 100 panels of manuscripts of the seventh Hijri century to highlight the importance of manuscripts and scholars of this century through a traveling exhibition in Turkey and Syria. The exhibition includes many cultural, artistic and heritage activities

Rahma Worldwide - Aid and Development



RahmaWorldwide opened its new office in Palestine as part of the expansion plan that the organization is working on to help needy families and the displaced people.





## Social Development International: SDI



#### **Shafaq Organization**



Swasya Football Tournament for People of Determination.. A football tournament for people with special needs was held in the city of Afrin under the auspices for Social Development International (SDI), in partnership with the Sawasiya Charitable Foundation, which is the first of its kind in northern Syria.

With the aim of integrating this category with the local community and to raise the spirit of challenge and instill hope in them and in order to restore their psychological state after losing their limbs.

More than 4,000 children benefit per month in the children's hospital in the Idlib rural, northwestern Syria. Intensive care for children is provided by Shafak Organization for free through the emergency department, the intensive care unit, the outpatient department, and the integrated pharmacy.





**SKT Organization** 



Syria Relief - Turkey



In light of the harsh living conditions that our Syrian people are suffering from in Arsal #camps in #Lebanon during #Ramadan, The month of giving, #SKT team has responded and distributed 8700 food baskets and 2500 Iftar meals to the Syrian families in Arsal camps, Lebanon.

While Syria Relief calls out warnings of a crisis that may occur as a result of reducing aid to education, our teams and hundreds of teachers continue the educational process with the best available means in schools in camps and cities, because we believe that education comes first.





#### Takaful Al Sham Organization



#### Union of Medical Care and **Relief Organizations: UOSSM**



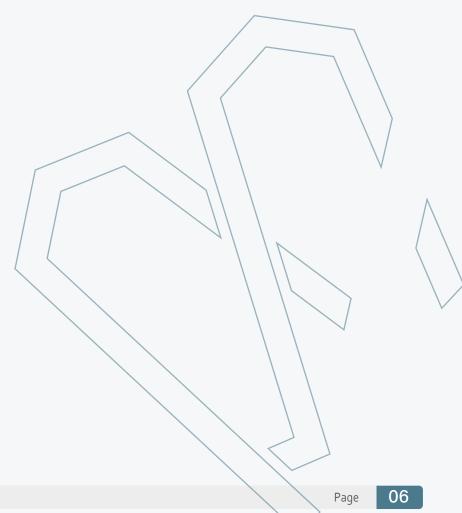
A Thriving Economy for a Better Life

The efforts of several months within the Sawaed project resulted in the opening of TAS's Market in Kafr Jales in rural Idleb. This market aims to revitalize the economic activity in the region. A second market will also be opened in Mashhad Rouhin area in the coming days

After a committee from the Syrian Board of Medical Specialties (SBOMS) visited the Al Andalus Hospital, it announced the decision to use the hospital as a training center specializing in pediatrics and general surgery. The hospital follows all standards and quidelines required by specialized authorities and councils.







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## News related to the Syrian Humanitarian Affairs

#### **United Nations**

Joint Statement on Syria

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We remain committed to reducing the suffering of the Syrian people. We highlighted the importance of sustaining and increasing humanitarian aid to Syrians through all modalities, including UN-mandated cross-border aid, and continued implementation of UNSC Resolution 2585.

#### **UN OCHA**

North-West Syria: Situation Report (17 May 2022)



#### KEY FIGURES

4.4M

Population in north-west Syria

3.1M

Food insecure people

1.7M

IDPs living in camps

4.1M

People in need in north-west Syria

2.8M

Internally displaced people (IDPs)

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#### **UN New**

Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Martin Griffiths - Briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Syria

#### **UN New**

Calling on the Security Council to ensure life-saving humanitarian aid to Syria, the UN Commission said it would be "unconscionable to consider closing last border crossing when needs are at their highest".

