



# Newsletter 2024 March

## About Syrian Ngo Alliance (SNA)

### Background

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

### Who Are We?

SNA consists of 22 SNGOs who are some 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 the voices of affected populations heard. We play an active role when it comes to how aid is being delivered in 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 NGO Alliance (SNA) Advocacy Activities

SNA participates and attends several periodic and scheduled meetings, including ICCG, NGO Forum GA meeting, SSG and HLG by SNA members' representatives, PAWG meeting of SIRF, Interaction, and SCNP following up on updated contexts that support the mandate of the SNA, providing updates on the context, funding, access, coordination, joint planning, upcoming conferences, and events including Brussel conference, Senior official meeting, Hear our voices, and the main gaps and challenges as well as the access challenges, along with products to be worked on while helping stakeholders better understand SNGOs' perspectives on the current situation and priorities.

On March 6th, SNA hosted the monthly MCWG meeting, discussion included: SNA annual report and requirement from NGO-members, updating members on B8C, SOM, SNA webinar and side event on Localization. Meeting extended with new joined members and briefed about SNA role.

On March 8th, SNA contributed to International Women's Day to stress women's empowerment and respect her roles, especially in the humanitarian context, the event was organized by one of the SNA members (PAC) and hosted by SNL.

On March 13th, Due to the importance of having local Syrian representation in important events, SNA made several contacts with the European Union office to ensure the presence of Syrian representation at the upcoming SOM conference in Brussels on 17 April, as a result of these communications, SNA was able to guarantee the presence of two seats for Syrians.

On March 14th, SNA held a webinar on "Localization in NWS", highlighting SNA's research on Localization, speaker at the webinar: Fadi Al-Diri – HIHFAD SNA member organization, Hisham Dirani – Violet SNA member organization, Katherina Arnez and Alaa Bakour an independent localization specialist who supported SNA in localization research, Monzer kolkou – Care international. the webinar began by welcoming and thanking the attendees, followed by presentation conducted by speakers, and covered mainly: the methodology used in preparing the research, challenges, and recommendations of members for LNGOs prospective, Donors and INGOs policies in term of localization, importance of Local led response, recommendation for INGOS to improve and promote localization. Participants for the webinar reached over than 100, included donors, INGOs, SNA and other forums members.

Between 17 to 19 March, SNA attended the European Humanitarian Forum for 2024 EHF2024 in person in Brussels.

EU and Member States committed to taking action in addressing conflict and preserving humanitarian space, notably in the deteriorating situation in the Gaza Strip. EU ministers expressed grave concern regarding the current humanitarian situation in the Strip and called for rapid, unhindered, safe and continued humanitarian access to the people in need.

The participants also focused on promoting compliance with International Humanitarian Law (IHL) globally in today's armed conflicts and welcomed the announcement of an independent, non-governmental initiative named "IHL in Focus". Concretely, this initiative will establish a yearly analysis on current armed conflicts and related IHL violations to contribute to setting out the state of compliance with IHL across the world. it worth to mention that SNA was the only Syria representative in the EHF2024.

On March 18th, SNA coordinator participated as a speaker in the panelist on the panel session "From politics to needs flexible funding for a more equitable distribution of aid", the objectives of the session:

-Highlight the collective need to direct the humanitarian sector's stretched resources to the most acute crises and to identify the most efficient mechanisms to achieve this.

-Draw out learning from donors and aid actors of the potential, and the limits, of flexible funding and other mechanisms in ensuring more equitable financing of crises.

-Demonstrate how donors (the EU and MS) can leverage their respective strengths and collective weight in the process of optimizing the effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian aid through quality funding/flexible funding, given the growing humanitarian funding gap.

On March 21st, SNA attended the second annual NGO leadership Exchange hosted by ICVA in Geneva twelve NGOs representatives of national fora and network were invited to 3-days series of peer workshops and stakeholder dialogues with donors, UN, and INGOs based in Geneva. Main topics covered during NGO for leadership exchange are: Navigating dilemmas and making principled decisions with the collective, Humanitarian Principles and Protection of Civilians, G12+ Donor Group in the Australian embassy in Geneva, ICVA better support NGO Fora, Elevating the voices of national and local humanitarian workers and ensuring their meaningful participation in decision-making processes, Localization and AAP within IASC system. (Photos from events).

Between 20 to 22 March, SNA Attended ICVA annual conference for 2024 and the second annual NGO Leadership Exchange in person in Geneva.

The Annual Conference fosters an open environment, uniting participants worldwide to exchange insights and experiences. The Annual Conference upholds a dynamic, diverse, safe, and trusted space for representatives from NGOs, NGO fora and other organizations globally. it worth to mention that SNA was the only Syria representative in the NGO leadership Exchange.

On March 27th, the first monthly joint coordination meetings were conducted between SNA, NGO Forum NW, and SNL as the main three platforms on behalf of NW Syria. During the meeting, several events were discussed, SOM, B8 conference, HoV to agree on the joint advocacy messages.

On March 28th , SNA attended PWAG meeting hosted by SIRF, the meeting discussed the preparation and efforts around Brussel 8 conference main topics and speakers of Day of dialogue on April 30th , updates about last SSG meeting and main outcome included freezing of the Early recovery strategy and Trust fund which was rejected by many actors including SNA, SIRF, NWS forum as it was drafted by HC form OCHA Damascus hub, additional consultation will be held to ensure a comprehensive strategy covering all hubs feedback and inputs are considered.

## SNA Products

1. SNA issued the monthly newsletter for February.



# Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) Members Key Achievements



## ATAA Humanitarian Relief Association

Our basic vision at Ataa Association is to build people and develop societies, where education was the...

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## BINAA Organization for Development

In efforts to protect the environment and public health, BINAA is constructing the largest wastewater...

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## Ghiras Al-Nahda

We have committed to restoring the warmth of Holly Month to those who have lost it! Therefore, we have..

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## Hand in Hand for Aid and Development

HIHFAD opens a new primary healthcare center in the Syria Northwest: A Beacon of Hope for..

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## Humanitarian Relief Association - IYD

The solution lies in sustainable services that uplift and support affected communities..

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### Ihsan Relief and Development

The residential apartments at the Abu Adam camp in Babsiqa are becoming more visible now...

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### Physicians Across Continents

PAC teams prioritize essential nutrition for the most vulnerable: pregnant women, breastfeeding...

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### Shafak Organization

Shafak organization held a series of events in several areas in northwest Syria to mark International Women's...

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**Safe Haven Project**  
2024 - 2023 - 2022 - 2021

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شقة سكنية  
Transitional Shelter

**5**  
فردى سكنية  
Transitional Shelters

**9854**  
شخص مستفيد  
Beneficiary

**1860**  
عائلة مستفيدة  
Beneficiary Family

### SKT organization

4 years of work, effort and giving, and now we are reaping the dividends of the fruits of this effort...

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### Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS)

Our medical team works tirelessly around the clock to fulfill #SAMS' #humanitarian mission and to deliver...

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### Syria Relief and Development (SRD)

Within the framework of joint efforts to support the educational process and ensure its continuity in the...

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### Syrian Expatriate Medical Association (SEMA)

Installation of the First Free Cardiovascular Cath Lab at the Specialized Surgical Hospital in Idlib...

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### Takaful Al Sham Charity Organization (TAS)

With anticipation and excitement, the "Bright Minds" chess competition kicked off, organized by a group of...

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### Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM)

Today, we celebrate a milestone in Northwest Syria: the completion of the first Cognitive Behavioral...

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### Violet organization for relief and development

At Violet, we are proud of the success stories of strong Syrian women who have...

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