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# Shahad.. a doctors dream

Ever since she was a little girl Shahad dreamed of becoming an eye doctor (ophthalmologist). When she was still at school the war began in Syria, bringing with it the most terrifying images of destruction and killing.

Shahad did not give up her dream and would go to school everyday in Idlib with the sounds of bombing and airplanes flying above in the air, which worried her parents a lot. This worry turned into a reality when the war reached Idlib, and Shahad and her family were now living in a war zone. Because of the frequent bombing Shahad and many students could no longer go to school and were deprived of an education. Her school was bombed and this little girl could not shake away the feeling of sadness.

Shahad and her family left Idlib and headed to Turkey. They did not want to go to far from their city in hopes of returning one day; this is what caused them to settle in Reyhanli, which is close to the Syrian border. Shahads father was worried that she would leave her dream behind.

Once they arrived in Reyhanli, Shahad was enrolled in Jeel School (a WATAN School). She says, "School makes me happy. As soon as we got to Reyhanli my dad enrolled me in Jeel School and now I'm really happy".

What makes Shahad even happier is that she lives near her school. She expressed this saying, "They best thing is that I can see my school from my home, I feel it's next to me all the time. My dream is going to begin in this school and I'm going to keep studying until I become a doctor and go back to idlib. I'm really happy with my teachers and everyone is encouraging me". Shahad completed her first year at

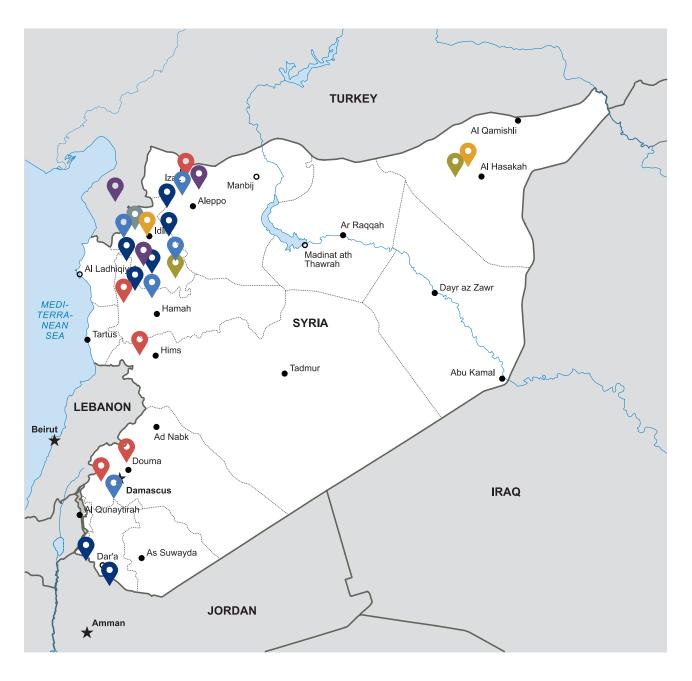


## **WATAN** in December

In December 2016 WATAN managed to reach 239,929 beneficiaries through its institutes that are active on 31 projects in various sectors. They include: capacity building, education, health and protection, food security, livelihood, shelter, water and sanitations services. These services were provided in a number of cities in Syria, Turkey and Lebanon.

# 239,929 beneficiaries





- Water Sanitation and Hygiene Sector
- Shelter & NFIs Sector
- Food Security and Livelihood Sector
- Protection Sector

- Health Sector
- Education Sector
- Civil Society
  Support Sector





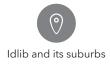
WATAN is very active in the water and sanitation sector through many projects and activities in a number of Syrian cities as well as refugee camps along the border.

The projects established in this area provide long terms services aimed at targeted communities. These include supplying water, waste disposal and sanitation services.

#### 01 | Emergency baskets

Khayr distributed emergency baskets to a large group of people newly displaced individuals that had been registered. They were able to distribute 1,950 baskets.





#### 02 | Children's baskets

Khayr distributed children's baskets along with hygiene baskets, as both are needed especially by the new displaced families in the area.









#### 03 | Supplying water

Khayr works on supplying water on a daily basis so that each person is supplied with 35 litres a day of clean drinking water. In this way they are receiving clean drinking water. The water is sterilized with chlorine and tested, and then it is ready to be poured into water tanks, which are placed in camps and communities.





#### **04** | Installation of emergency toilets

The Khayr field team set up contracts with suppliers to provide shelters and camps with emergency toilets for displaced residents in the area. These areas did not have any form of sewage system and there were a large number of displaced people living there.





#### **05** | Water and sanitation services

WATAN completed its extended sewer pipeline project (Areeha, Binish) as part of its project to eliminate the source of leishmaniasis in the Idlib countryside. This project was started a month ago after researching the reasons for the spread of this disease, which was found to be due to the open sewage system running through these villages. WATAN is working on extending this sewage pipeline to run through all the affected villages, and is 9 km long covering 155,500 beneficiaries.













Since it was established, WATAN has worked within the shelter sector on many projects that aim to improve the feeling of safety and privacy of beneficiaries, as well as to help lessen the effects of the environment by providing shelter with high global standards.

#### **Renovating homes**

The aim of the project was to renovate damaged homes with each home renovation costing between \$500-750. This project will be implemented in 2 ways. The first: after assessing and recording the damage and work needed the owner will carry out the maintenance work himself. He will be given 40% of the cost and once the work is completed and checked he will receive the rest.

The second: The work will be supervised entirely by the team, engineers supervising the project. The registration of homes process in several areas has begun, with high humanitarian and technical standards. There are over 670 registered homes and at the end of September the engineering team which consists of 3 engineers and 4 volunteers, began preparing and estimating the value of the damage. So far 49 homes have been prepared for maintenance in Kafr Roma.













The Food security and livelihood sectors are the main sectors that WATAN works on through Khayr. The need is no longer limited to food but on how to provide food and support the methods that contribute to food security and basic needs for beneficiaries. WATAN is very keen on supporting the agricultural and livestock sectors since they are the main ways to guarantee food security in Syria through several livelihood projects.

#### 01 | Distribution of electronic coupons to Syrian refugees in Turkey

Khayr distributed electronic coupons to Syrian refugees living in Urfa, Turkey. Electronic cards were distributed to families were each member receive 62 Turkish liras to be used to obtain basic foodstuffs, in addition to 120 Turkish liras per households with a child under 8 months.





#### 02 | Distribution of food baskets

The WATAN team in collaboration with the united relief office in eastern Ghouta carried out the distribution of food baskets project. The beneficiaries were registered and given food baskets in eastern Ghouta. Baskets were also distributed in rural Idlib.

The basket provides an adequate amount of food to last a month as it contains 80% of basic needs for an average sized family of 6.









#### 03 | Savings Project

The savings and loans associations in the village are working on a fundamental principle to form a voluntary assembly of a group of people that choose itself and saves money by buying shares. The savings will be invested through a fund that members can borrow from and will be paid back with an additional charge for their services. This type of association in the village is considered as a type of credit and accumulated savings association. This is a term that describes a financial institution that is run by the community on a small scale. The main aim of setting up savings and loans associations in the village is to provide a means of savings and loans to a community that does not have access to official financial services and support. In addition, loans can be provided in the form of personal insurance with the help of a social fund that provides small grants that are necessary for member that are facing difficulties.











This education program is part of generation freedom and provides educational services to students from 9 different schools at various grades in and out of Syria by qualified educational staff. In addition, it provides psychological support services for students in those schools and the implementation of many of the activities that support and enable the learning process.

It includes support for salaries and operating expenses as well as learning tools and consumables costs, and covers heating expenses, as well as providing incentives for monthly cadres working and capacity building.





#### 01 | Reyhanli School



Reyhanli Turkey

From first grade to 9 grade

The school is accredited by the Turkish Ministry of Education and offers educational services annually to approximately 530 students from Syrian refugees in the city. During the past month a variety of activities took place at the school including the importance of hygiene workshops, parents teach meeting and distribution of books to students. Also, there were a lot of sport activities.

#### 02 | Qah School



Idlib Oah



From first grade to 12 grade

Qah School is considered one of the first schools that the organization opened in Syria in 2013. The school takes more than 900 students a year. In the past 2 months many activities took place in the school including parents teacher meeting, distributing books to students, as well as many psychosocial support activities (in collaboration with Khavr).

#### 03 | Atima School



Rural

From first grade to 6 grade

The educational staff carried a workshop on the importance of cleanliness and the importance of time.

#### 04 | Talada School



Rural

From first grade to 9 grade

The educational staff carried awareness activities on the important role of the school and the need for students to stay in school. Computer classes were also aiven.

#### 05 | Banat Al Dana School



Idlib

The educational staff carried out sport activities and activities addressing the importance of cleanliness.

#### 06 | Salwa School



From first grade 1,200

With the start of the school year stationary was given out to students. A first aid workshop was also given and activities on the importance of cleanliness were also carried out.



#### 07 | Fatih School







330 Students From first grade to 6 and 9 grade anf 12 grade

The educational staff carried out a workshop on several topics including the importance of cleanliness, the value of giving and generosity, and the importance of time. There was also a football match.

### 08 | Aqrabat School





From first grade to 9 grade anf 12 grade

The educational staff carried out activities on the importance of cleanliness as well as several sport activities.

#### 09 | Farouq School



Rura Idlib



From first grade to 6 grade

A new recycling project was started as well as activities on cleanliness and hygiene.







The Khayr medical program supports 6 medical centres in Syria as well as the Khayr field hospital. The support includes salaries and operational costs in addition to drugs and medical disposables that need to be restocked, and heating needs.

In the past month a polio vaccine campaign and a regular vaccine campaign was carried out in the Khayr medical Centre, which is the main centre for vaccines.

#### 01 | Khayr Medical Centre

The centre offers services in the following areas: gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, ENT, physiotherapy, dentistry and general surgery.

During December the centre provided polio and measles vaccines to 750 children.





Rural Aleppo



#### 02 | Ibn Hayyan Centre

The centre offers services in the following areas: gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, ENT, physiotherapy, dentistry and general surgery.





Ghoutah, Damascus

#### 03 | Dar Allstishfa Centre

The centre provides health services including changing bandages, electromyography, external fixators, and patient follow up and examinations, and haemorrhoid treatment.





Rural Hama

#### 04 | Homs specialised medical centre

The centre provides health services including: endocrinology, gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, orthopaedics, urology, x rays, general surgery and dentistry.





Waer Homs

#### 05 | AlMarj Centre

The centre provides health services including: dentistry, gynaecology, paediatrics, internal medicine, orthopaedics, physiotherapy and gastroenterology.





Rural Damascus

#### 06 | Al Amal Centre

The centre provides health services including: dentistry, paediatrics, gynaecology, internal medicine, orthopaedics, physiotherapy, gastroenterology.





Damascus, eastern Ghouta

#### 07 | The x-ray centre

The centres radiology department provides the following services:

X-ray, CT scans, panorama and x-ray contrast imaging.

Khayr recently installed new and complete x ray machines including: ECO machine, solar, ventilator and contrast material.





Damascus, Eastern Ghouta





During December SYAN carried out 4 training courses in many areas. Of these, 3 were in Syria and 2 in Gazi Entap, Turkey.

#### 01 | Modern approach to operational planning

The training program "Modern approach to operational planning" enables those working in the humanitarian field to have a better understanding of planning concepts, types and levels, as well as to learn how to write effective operational plans that have a significant role in the implementation of an effective humanitarian response.



#### **02** | Analysis and data management course

This course identifies the principle guidelines in data management, policies and data collection tools. Training was given on Kobo Collect application and data management using SPSS, as well as universal principles and concepts in statistics and analysis of quantitative and qualitative variables.





#### 03 | WATAN Network meeting in Daraa

WATAN held a meeting for its Network members who are representatives of organisations in Daraa (Tafas). A number of topics were discussed including: the identification and analysis of problems and challenges that organizations and associations face when dealing with the local community, the difficulties organizations face in coordination, and suggestions and recommendations.





#### **04** | WATAN Network meeting in Idlib

WATAN held a meeting for its network members in Idlib. At this meeting the problems organisations face during an emergency response for the waves of displacement of people from Aleppo were discussed and examined. The proposed solutions and challenges pertaining to coordination between organisations to implement an effective response were also discussed.













#### 01 | Community Centres

Many activities are carried out in community centres. Also, videos are displayed so that very important social issues can be discussed. Psychological support activities and important awareness campaigns also take place here.

Lots of professional training courses are offered such as English language, hairdressing and nursing courses. There are also activities for children in and outside the centre and awareness campaigns covering 232 beneficiaries.





inside Syria

#### **02** | Protection Project

#### Clothing project:

The WATAN team in Ankara are working on a winter clothing project and distributed clothing to 415 families in Beypazari.

#### Awareness project:

The awareness team distributed brochures to 646 people and held awareness sessions for 6,015 beneficiaries.

#### **Case management:**

In this program there were 26 beneficiary cases in terms of internal and external support and follow-up. In support for specific cases program there were 137 beneficiary cases in November.





Ankara







The WATAN Network is a community sponsored by WATAN composed of Syrian civil society organisations working in the humanitarian and developmental fields, inside and outside Syria. The aim is to build an active and effective civil society and to raise the capacity and increase coordination and communication among the network members. In addition, to establishing and developing mechanisms and platforms for exchange and management of information and expertise of the 49 Syrian organisations and societies that make up the WATAN Network.

# AlBonyan AlMarsous organisation carried out a distribution of heating materials project to the displaced from Aleppo

As part if its emergency response campaign that was carried out previously AlBonyan AlMarsous organisation distributed blankets and diesel to the displaced individuals from Aleppo. A Kuwaiti benefactor funded this project, and the team worked on covering many camps to reach the greatest possible number of people in need.

AlBonyan AlMarsous is an organisation that operates within Syria and a WATAN Network member. Through its projects this organisation aims to provide aid and financial assistance and aid to poor families, and works to raise the level of care, education, health and social situation of Syrians within Syria.







Reviving Communities

## **WATAN IN BRIEF**

In 2012 **WATAN** began its journey as a framework for a group of institutes that were a result of extensive efforts of previous entities launched in 2006. **WATAN** works in many humanitarian and developmental fields through its specialized institutes. With over 5 million beneficiaries in Syria and its neighboring countries, **WATAN** continues to provide aid for Syria through relief, education, capacity building, and supporting civil society and livelihood projects to name but a few.

The integration between the **WATAN** institutes, staff members and its extensive network has enabled **WATAN** to provide more inclusive projects that meet the needs of Syrians. This extensive network and integration enables **WATAN** to reach most provinces in Syria.

Through your continuous support you are a key factor in helping **WATAN** reach people who are in need of help the most. Your support allows **WATAN** to create developmental projects that will pave the way forward for Syria's national progress.

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