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WATAN in March 2017

WATAN provides jobs after launching a MONEY-FOR-WORK project

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"SHITAA ARRAHMA" project..

More than FIVE THOUSAND beneficiaris

P15

252,103

total beneficiaries



## YAHYA's

Tale.. The story of thousand of Syrians

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## WATAN in March

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# YAHYA's Tale.. The story of thousand of Syrians

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Yahya lives with his wife and young children in a camp in rural Daraa in southern Syria. He left his home carrying his young daughter in his arms and bullets flying over his head, but dreaming of returning one day soon.

“Our family has suffered a lot, we didn’t even have the price of a tent to live in. When we finally managed to afford a tent and solved this problem we started to face other problems, mainly my children’s health problems. This was a result of contaminated drinking water that we used to drink. It was the only water we had access to, it wasn’t sterilised and we would see algae and dirt in this fountain.”

The problems in the area worsened when the sewage holes that help contain sewage disappeared.

Yahya continues, “We were afraid of the spread of diseases, especially those that are spread by contaminated water and skin and lice diseases and scabies.”

The WATAN team assessed the needs and began working on solving these problems. The team installed toilets and drilled sewage holes that would work as a sewage system to avoid a swamp and spread of diseases. The team also distributed hygiene baskets as well as sterilisation tablets with instructions for use.

“After distribution of hygiene baskets my wife and daughters have clean clothes and we have a clean home, even my grandson can now take a bath. After the toilets were installed and we were given hygiene baskets we can now protect our children and ourselves from diseases. We were living in a place where there was no sewage system or clean water.”

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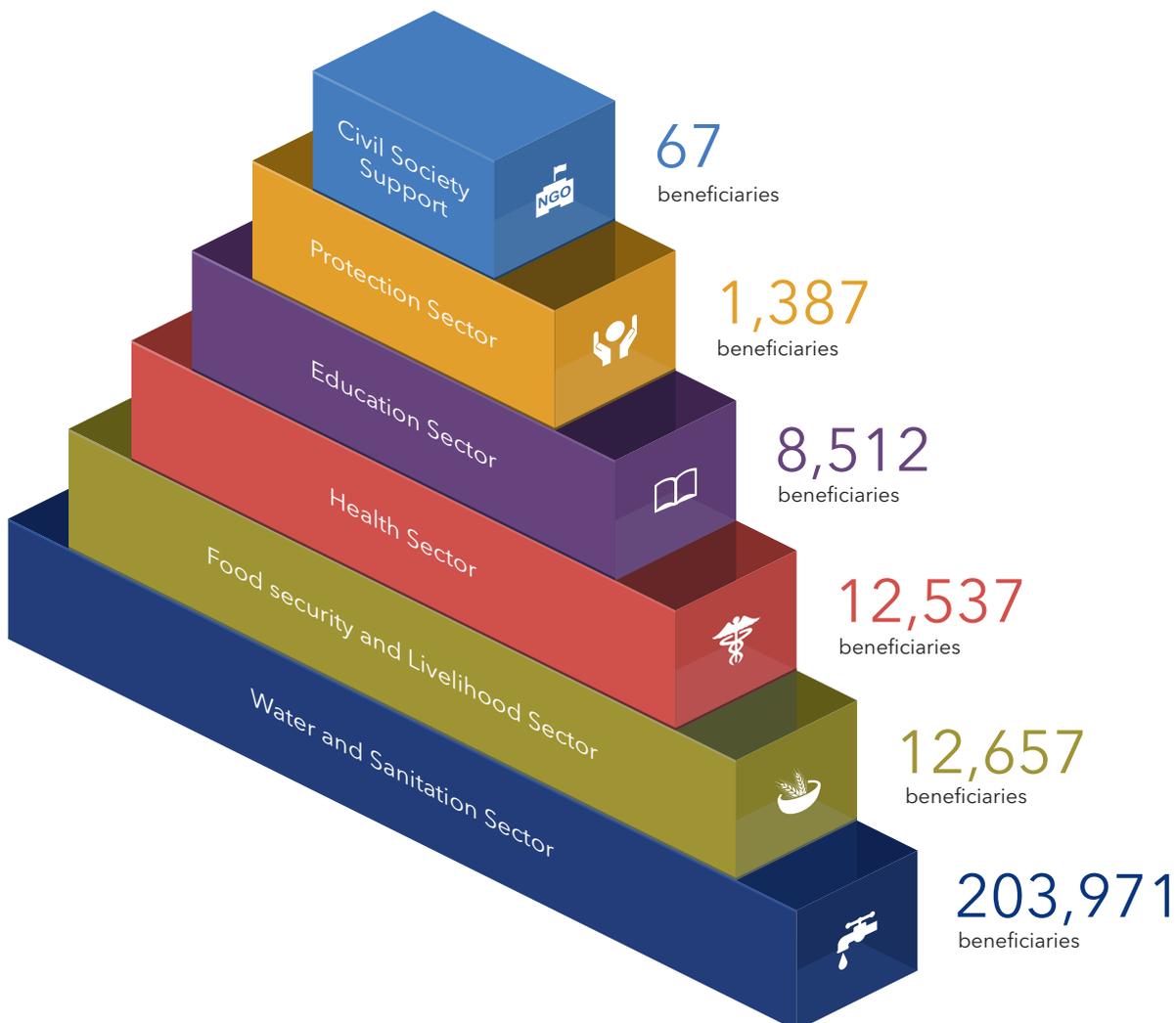
The projects established in this area provide long-term services aimed at targeted communities. These include supplying water, waste disposal and sanitation services.



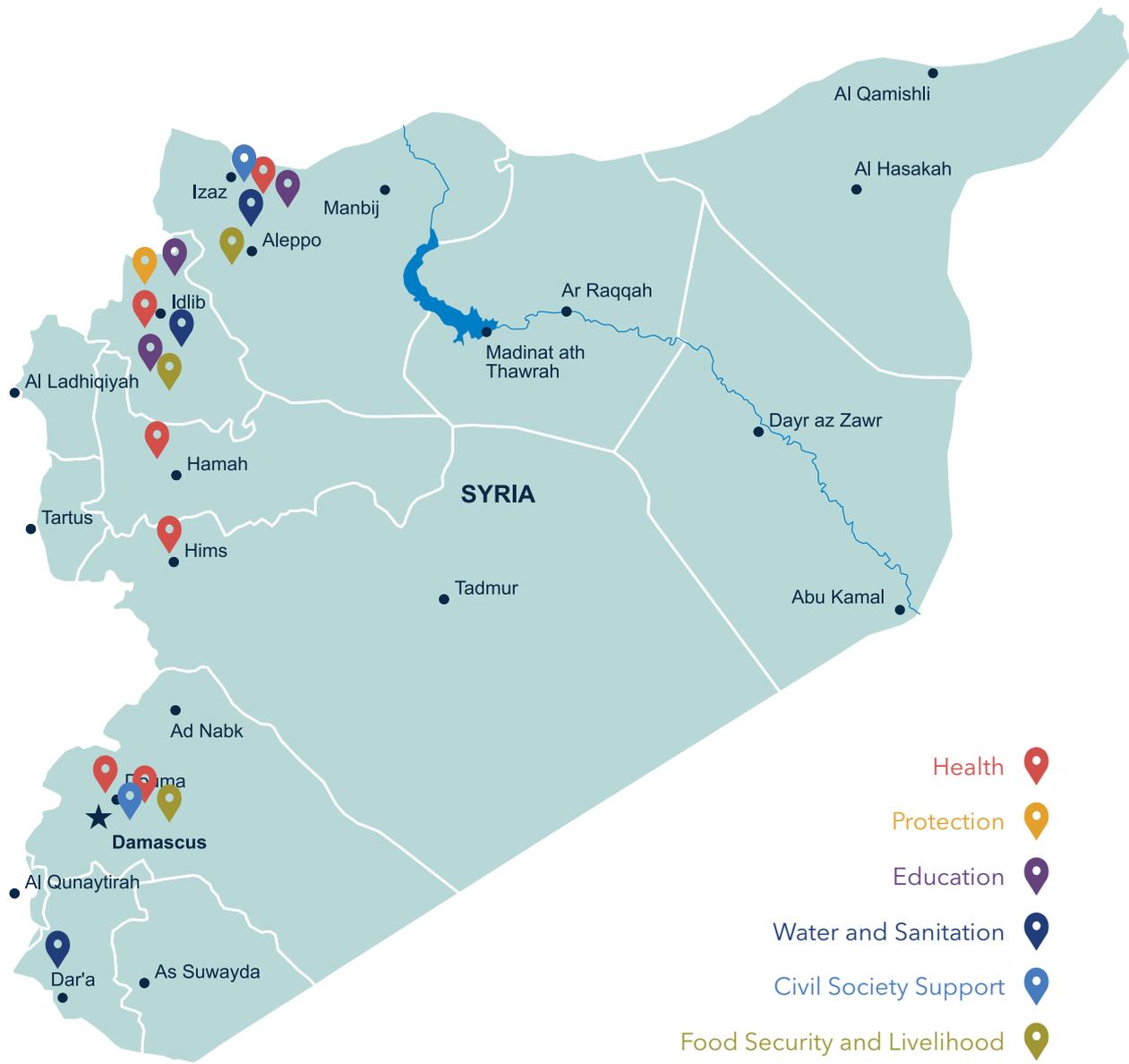
## WATAN in March

In March 2017 WATAN managed to reach 239,131 beneficiaries through its institutes that are active on 34 projects in various sectors. They include: economic empowerment, education, health and protection, food security, livelihood, shelter, and water and sanitations services. These services were provided in a number of cities in Syria, Turkey and Lebanon.

239,131   
Total beneficiaries



# Map of **WATAN**'s Activities





## Civil Society Support Sector

The civil society support program focuses on training individuals that work in civil society organisations and local councils. This is done through running approved international programs designed to meet the needs of institutions and to enable them to provide the best humanitarian services at the highest level.

WATAN is working to develop this sector to provide high-level humanitarian services to benefit from human resources and financial services.

67

beneficiaries



3

training courses





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WATAN Network Members Meeting | Rural Daraa

## 1 Financial Management in Civil Society Organizations Training

In order to build sound financial foundations in the financial sector of financial community organizations, WATANs office in rural Idlib concluded a three-day training course (24 training hours) on "Financial Management in Civil Society Organizations". The training course ranged from the foundations and accounting standards of civil society organisations to the concepts and structure of accounting systems up to lists, accounting reports and the directory of accounts.



## 2 Development projects management course PMD pro1

WATAN set up a training course for the management of development projects for its employees. There were 22 trainees.

The training was held at the Gaziantep office and covered a number of topics, the most important of which are the knowledge of how to prepare and plan projects, implementation and evaluation and to monitor and control projects.



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WATAN Network Members Meeting | Rural Idlib

## 3 WATAN Network Members meeting

WATAN held a network members meeting in rural Daraa. It was attended by representatives of 20 civil society organizations. A discussion was held on the relationship of civil society organizations with local councils.





## Education Sector

The WATAN education program provides educational services to students from 11 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 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.

8,512

Students



11

Schools





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Qah School | Rural Idlib

## 1 Reyhanli School

The first and second semester were completed in addition to psychological support activities (I am positive) to enhance the positive spirit of the students. Students also carried out gardening activities around the school and went on field trips to some areas outside the school.

  
350  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 9

  
Trukey  
(Reyhanli)

## 2 Qah School

The first and second semester were completed as well as growing plants around the school. Also, paintings were put up in the school.

  
350  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 9

  
Syria  
(Rural Idlib - Qah  
village)

## 3 Atama School

The first and second semesters were completed and a school football tournament was held for all classes. There were lots of class activities (the preparation of wall posters on commitment to education and school attendance), psychological support and promotion of positive values.

  
700  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 9

  
Syria  
(Rural Idlib -  
Atama village)

## 4 Salama Camp School

Renovation and expansion of the school began and classes for 700 students are underway.

  
1,200  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 6

  
Syria  
(North rural  
Aleppo)

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Salama Camp School | Rural Aleppo



## 5 Fatih School

The first and second semesters were completed and health awareness activities were carried out, which highlighted the importance of personal hygiene for the prevention of diseases, especially weekly bathing, hand washing, food throwing, garbage disposal and other awareness-raising activities As well as psychosocial support activities for displaced children to promote integration with the new community (cooperative work - teamwork).



## 6 Banat Al Dana School

The first and second semesters were completed, sports activities were organized through a football tournament for all classes in the school, in addition to cultural and scientific competitions to encourage research and develop the public culture, so as to be a source of learning and the establishment of model classes based on modern teaching methods and modern strategies and to stimulate learning and develop students' creativity and research abilities.



## 7 Aqrabat School

The first and second semesters were completed, there were health awareness activities which highlighted the importance of personal health to prevent diseases such as weekly bathing, hand washing and food, throwing garbage in correct places and other activities in support of personal awareness, There was also psychosocial support activities for displaced children to promote integration with the new community (cooperative action - teamwork), as well as implementation of wall posters to introduce students to the importance of coming to school and to adhere to the daily schedule and the impact on their future.



## 8 Talada School

The first and second semesters were completed, and wall posters were made. There were also reinforcement classes. Extracurricular activities were also held (outdoor lessons - science courses in nature to promote scientific material).

  
460  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 9

  
Syria  
(Rural Idlib -  
Talada village)

## 9 Farouq School

The first and second semesters were completed and psychosocial support (problem solving skills) was implemented. There were also health awareness activities that highlighted the importance of personal health to prevent disease.

  
150  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 6

  
Syria  
(Rural Idlib - Sarmada)

## 10 Salwa School

The first and second semesters were completed, psychological support activities were provided, and extracurricular activities focused on spreading the culture of dialogue between peers and the surrounding society.

  
1,200  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 9

  
Syria  
(Rural Idlib - Salwa  
village)

## 11 Mohammad Al-Sheikh School

Renovation of this school began as well as classes for 630 students, in addition to psychological support activities.

  
630  
students

  
Grades  
1 - 6

  
Syria  
(north rural Aleppo)

# Food Security and Livelihood Sector

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.



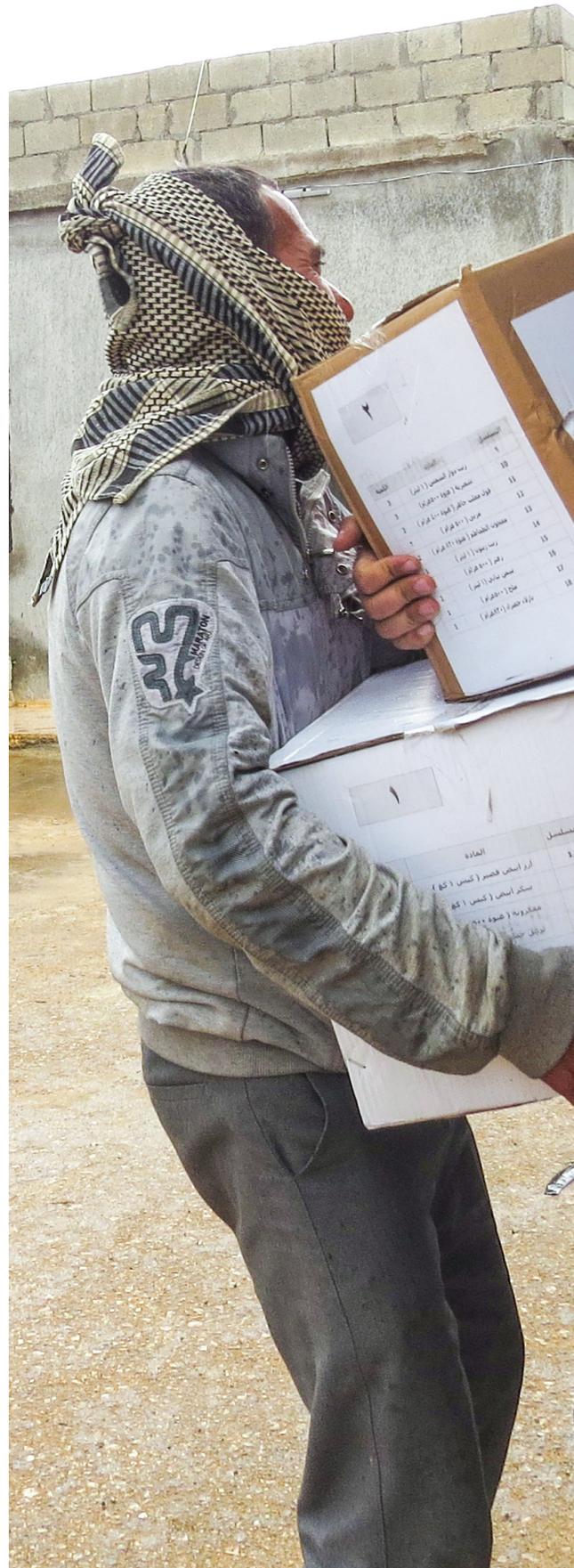
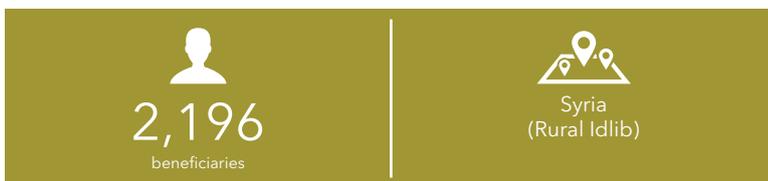
## 1 Distribution of electronic coupons to Syrian refugees in Turkey

Khayr distributed electronic coupons to Syrian refugees living in Urfa, Turkey. Electronic cards were distributed to families to be used to obtain basic foodstuffs and winter related items. In addition, each family member was given 62 Turkish liras.



## 2 Support for agricultural needs

WATAN works to support agricultural needs through the distribution of fertilizers and other agricultural needs in Ma'arat al-Nu'man in rural Idlib.



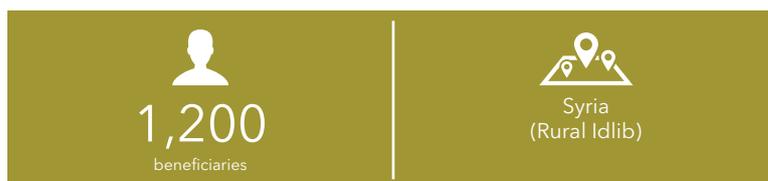
### 3 Support of olive farmers

WATAN started this project to help olive farmers in rural Idlib whose production tools had been damaged due to the conflict (ploughing - fertilizing - trim - anti - Harvesting - Marketing). The aim of this project is to establish an association that will contribute to the coordination of farmers and to support further production. The support of this project included 25,000 Kg of mineral fertilizer, with 100 /Kg for each farmer. This project will provide jobs for 45 workers through pruning workshops, paper fertilizer workshops, insecticides and fungicides. There will also be technical support through the established association.



### 4 Livestock support

WATAN is working towards improving livestock in Syria through several projects. In March, WATAN launched a project to support livestock in Salwa and Talada in rural Idlib through distributing cattle to around 200 families.



### 5 Distribution of food baskets

WATAN, in cooperation with RAF, continued the distribution of food baskets in rural Idlib to include more than 6,200 beneficiaries.





# Water and Sanitation Sector

WATAN is very active in the water and sanitation sector through many projects and activities in a number of Syrian cities and 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.

203,971  
beneficiaries



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Activities



## 1 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 last year 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 has extended this sewage pipeline to run through all the affected villages, and is 9 km long covering 155,500 beneficiaries.

155,500  
beneficiaries



9  
Km



Syria  
(Rural Idlib)

## 2 Renovating water stations

After hearing so many complaints about the lack of water in rural Hasaka and the difficulty in having access to water, WATAN sent a team out to the Ras Al Ain area in rural Hasaka. This was done to assess the non-functioning water stations. Once this was done, the team set about re-servicing the four stations in the area so water could reach the greatest possible number of families.

9,230  
beneficiaries



4  
stations



Syria  
(Rural Hasaka)

### 3 Cash for work project

This project was launched in Dana, rural Idlib. It includes cleaning roads and public areas, in addition to the drainage and maintenance of sewage pipes. The project aims to provide job opportunities for residents in this city and provide a source of livelihood. The project was not limited to men but also included women who cleaned the city's mosques and schools to preserve the cleanliness of the houses of worship and places of education in the city of Dana. The project included about 4,710 beneficiaries.

This project is one of the development projects undertaken by WATAN in its endeavor to alleviate the suffering of people in Syria.

  
4,710  
beneficiaries

  
Syria  
(Rural Idlib)



## 4 Infrastructure project

WATAN began its infrastructure project by paving 4 agricultural roads in Harza and Wahda Arshadia in Burj Al Namra area, in addition to the restoration of Barrakat Saramada.



## 5 Winter Relief Project

Within the framework of the winter relief campaign, WATAN distributed 863 emergency and winter baskets to displaced people from Aleppo in Awram AlKubra, Zahrat AlMadain, Dahiyat AlKahraba, Kafnaha and Maarat Masrieen.



## 6 Distribution of shelter and emergency baskets

WATAN distributed emergency baskets which include blankets, sponge, kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies, mats, and pastiche insulation in Maara Shurif, Talmanis, Ma'asran, Sinjar, Deir Al Gharbi, Marashmasha, Hass, Kafroma, Hayesh, Abu Makki, Deir ALSharqi.



## 7 Distribution of hygiene baskets

WATANs team in Syria distributed 610 hygiene baskets in Deir Hassan, Qah, Kafkermin and Hayesh, to include more than 3,660 beneficiaries.







## Health Sector

The WATAN medical program supports 5 medical centres in Syria as well as specialised medical centres that provide complete free medical services. This includes Khayr medical centre that was set up last year, and was part of an emergency response campaign and has regular vaccine campaigns. The support includes salaries and operational costs in addition to drugs and medical disposables that need to be restocked, and heating needs.

12,537

beneficiaries



6

projects





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Ibn Hayyan Centre | Rural Damascus

## 1 Khayr Medical Centre

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

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

  
2,249  
beneficiaries

  
750  
children

  
Syria  
(North Rural  
Aleppo)

## 2 Ibn Hayyan Centre

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

  
3,788  
beneficiaries

  
Syria  
(Rural Damascus,  
Eastern Ghoutah)

## 3 Dar Allstishfa Centre

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

  
487  
beneficiaries

  
Syria  
(Rural Hama)



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AlMaaj Centre | Rural Damascus

## 4 AlMarj Centre

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

  
**3,718**  
beneficiaries

  
Syria (Rural  
Damascus,  
Eastern Ghouta)

## 5 Al Amal Centre

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

  
**1,421**  
beneficiaries

  
Syria  
(Rural Idlib)

## 6 The x-ray centre

The centres radiology department provides the following services:  
x-ray, CT scans, panorama and x-ray contrast imaging.

  
**874**  
beneficiaries

  
Syria (Rural  
Damascus,  
Eastern Ghouta)







## Protection Sector

Last year WATAN began working in the protection field and focused on safety and dignity of the rights of people affected by disasters and conflicts through free distribution of basic needs of clothing, food, heating. It also focuses on spreading awareness and discussing important social issues related to organising families, safe motherhood and psychosocial support through community centres and outreach teams.

1,387

beneficiaries



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Projects



### 1 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.

In addition, work has been carried out on the implementation of small-scale projects (wool knitting / making ceramics / painting on canvas / calligraphy / photography).

425  
beneficiaries



Syria  
(Rural Idlib)





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Protection Project | Ankara

## 2 Protection Project

The WATAN team in Ankara continued its outreach project and case management psychosocial support projects.

### Awareness project:

The awareness team distributed brochures and held awareness sessions covering 896 beneficiaries.

### Case management:

In this program there were 66 beneficiary cases in terms of internal and external support and follow-up.



962

beneficiaries



Turkey  
(Ankara, Ankara  
countryside)





# WATAN Network News

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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, it aims at 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.

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## **Al-Bonyan Al-Marsoos organisation.. ‘Saqya Rahma’ Project in Talbisa**

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Al-Bonyan Al-Marsoos Organization is working on the Saqya Rahma project in the city of Talbisa, which is under siege. The project aims to deliver water to the area after it was cut off due to the siege imposed on the city.

Al-Bonyan Al-Marsoos which is a member of WATAN Network, works within Syria and aims to provide help and financial aid and in-kind assistance to families in need. It also works to raise educational, health and social levels of Syrians inside Syria.

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## **Kahatain Association .. Many projects inside Syria that aim to help orphans and displaced people**

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The Kahatain team has worked on many projects inside Syria aimed at assisting orphans and displaced people. The association's team organized a children's entertainment event at its headquarters. It also distributed winter gifts for orphans in Idlib's office, and for the fifth consecutive year orphan sponsorships were distributed in Idlib.

The team distributed relief materials to the displaced in Bashariya village in Jisr Al-Shughour and also distributed food aid to the displaced in the camps on the Bab Al-Hawa road.

Kahatain is a member of the WATAN Network, and is a civil society non-profit organization dedicated to the care of orphaned children through the provision of financial aid and in-kind assistance in order to achieve its strategic goal of ensuring the sponsorship of every Syrian child.

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## **WATAN Network members meeting**

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## **WATAN** IN BRIEF

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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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