

IRAQ



Project name: Health care and nutrition support for internally displaced refugees in Dohuk province

Registration number: SAMRS/2018/SYR/1/1

Main sector priority: Zero hunger and Good health and well being

Contractor: St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work

Slovak ODA grant: €199,990

Project implementation: September 2018 – October 2019

The humanitarian project helped reduce morbidity and mortality of the internally displaced, and created conditions for providing quality basic health care in a country suffering from a refugee crisis. It focused on 8,000 people living in the Dawoodia refugee camp and 19,000 inhabitants of Dohuk (Sharya, Sina, Sheladze, Balqosh and Gersheen), who have no access to health care. The Dawodia camp health centre provided treatment to 10,030 patients. A mobile clinic in the Sharya, Sina, Sheladze, Balqosh and Gersheen rural areas treated 10,749 patients. An anti-malnutrition programme for 711 children living in the Dawodia camp was provided and a vaccination programme was also performed. Target groups' health condition has improved. There was a decrease in infectious diseases, especially in children, as well as postpartum complications in mothers and new-borns, and malnutrition in children under five years of age. The communities show continuing interest in health care, in particular in areas where the mobile clinic is operating.



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Project name: Building potable water wells in Bozan municipality
Registration number: SAMRS/2018/SYR/1/9
Main sector priority: Clean water and sanitation
Contractor: Slovak Catholic Charity
Slovak ODA grant: €200,000
Project implementation: October 2018 – September 2019

The project focused on strengthening the social cohesion of refugee and host communities, and helped improve people's living conditions through building an infrastructure of potable water wells and pipelines to bring drinking water to all households in Iraq's Bozan municipality. At the same time it provided for awareness of the needs and means of protecting water resources available to Bozan, and increased agricultural and animal production activities in both local communities.

Individual project activities were based on official requests of Bozan's mayor and technical instructions from the engineer who developed the construction and/or well renewal plan. The pumps drawing water from the wells into over-the-ground reservoirs are linked to the municipal water pipeline system and use power from the public electricity network. Each well has a standby generator that will provide power to keep the pump running if necessary or if the public network has a long outage. Fuel for the diesel electricity generators is provided by the local community.

In addition to the primary results, it was also possible to create better conditions for household women and for children and youth, who can now go to school instead of helping arrange for drinking water for their families.



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LEBANON



Project name: Educating children, youth and women from Syrian refugee population, increasing capacities in providing psycho-social support in eastern Beirut

Registration number: SAMRS/2017/SYR/1/14

Main sector priority: Quality education

Contractor: People in Need Slovakia, n.o.

Slovak ODA grant: €190,985.94

Project implementation: March 2018 – February 2019

A humanitarian project in eastern Beirut, Lebanon, focused on strengthening resilience of Syrian refugee communities in Beirut regarding negative and detrimental impacts of the war conflict and expatriation, through increased access to adequate education and psycho-social support. The project assisted 360 children of pre-school and school age (5 to 14 years old) and 320 girls (14 to 18 years old) from the Syrian and Palestinian refugee community and the Lebanese community, 100 women from the Syrian and Palestinian refugee community and the Lebanese community, 520 parents and care givers, 7 teachers and educators, and 45 foreign and local volunteers. A series of training and other courses for children, youth, women and educators along with psycho-social support activities focused on mitigating the tragic situation of some refugee communities in the Shatila camp and averting their becoming a lost generation.



Project name: Education as a way of securing livelihood for Syrian and Lebanese children and youth in Akkar area

Registration number: SAMRS/2018/SYR/1/10

Main sector priority: Quality education

Contractor: People in Need Slovakia, n.o.

Slovak ODA grant: €192,204.53

Project implementation: September 2018 – September 2019

This humanitarian project's goal was to mitigate the impact of Syrian crisis on the future of children and youth from the Syrian refugee community in the Akkar area of Lebanon. The aim was to contribute to sustainable access and continual school attendance for the formal education of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese children aged 6 to 14 years, as well as to provide better opportunities to Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese youth aged 14 to 20 years, aimed at securing their livelihood. The enrolment of 271 children in schools and the completion of the school year by 270 children, as well as vocational training courses completed by 45 young people, positively influenced their development. The project followed up on long-term activities implemented by the partner organization in several locations (Bkarzla and Tel Abbas), further deepened relationships with local communities and expanded the partner organization's work to other two locations, Mishmish and Rahbe. However, with a view to the overall social and economic context in which the project was implemented, it is difficult to ensure the positive impact of the education process on the supported children in the long run, as the reasons why most parents either fail to enrol their children in school or stop their school attendance are external. These include, most typically, lack of funds, worries about the children's safety and bad relations with one of the local communities. These reasons have outlived the project end, and most require fundamental structural changes.



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SYRIA



Project name: Running emergency obstetric and gynaecological and specialized health care in Homs area, Syria

Registration number: SAMRS/2017/SYR/1/11

Main sector priority: Good health and well-being

Contractor: MAGNA

Slovak ODA grant: €199,276.02

Project implementation: January 2018 – March 2019



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The project sought to reduce morbidity and mortality of women and children by improving their access to quality obstetric, gynaecological, neonatal and paediatric health care. Thus it helped provide sustainable coverage of medical interventions, necessary to save lives of a vulnerable Syrian population. As part of the project a (24/7) operation capacity at a specialized health care facility for children and women was created, as well as a functional gynaecological-obstetric centre for new-borns and children up to 5 years of age and a mobile outpatient department. Supplies of drugs and medications, medical material and equipment were secured. Local health care personnel numbers grew and their expertise improved. The project focused on the original inhabitants living in the besieged area and also on an internally displaced population (46,000 people live in the project intervention area, of which approx. 25,300 are displaced). Women and children account for up to 65% of the population. Many of those among the internally displaced had already been displaced two or three times, and their numbers are growing due to unceasing conflict in other parts of Homs and Hama provinces. Given the worsening security situation, the contractor requested redeploying the project away from its venue in North Homs after the first quarter of project implementation. Activities shifted to Al Farabi hospital in an area controlled by the opposition (Aleppo, Idlib and Hama provinces). The unstable situation requires further involvement of international humanitarian organizations, and any deterioration of the security situation in north-west Syria may further complicate the humanitarian situation and increase basic needs.

