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Letter from the ADRA Syria Country Director:

Dear Friends,

During 2021, ADRA Syria reached 977,977 men, women, and children directly through 21 life-sustaining and early recovery projects in eight governorates around the country. We did not do it alone. The support and trust of our partners and donors meant that we could continue to deliver our vital purpose of serving humanity so that all may live as God intended.

ADRA Syria's success in reaching vulnerable individuals, families, and communities is a also testament to the commitment and compassion of our staff, volunteers, and partner agencies. It wasn't always easy as Syria's deteriorating economy, high inflation, and fuel shortages proved challenging to ADRA's operations. Yet, by adjusting our processes and working closely with our donor community, we were able to succeed despite those difficulties.

Lives were changed in 2021 because of ADRA's interventions. Children can now attend school near home, sitting in new desks, staying warm in the winter months because of school rehabilitation. Families have moved back home to houses which had been damaged in the crisis since ADRA restored the walls, doors, windows, and WASH facilities. Residents can now walk safely and with confidence in streets that used to be filled with debris and had been dark and dangerous without streetlighting. Communities can keep their neighborhoods clean using new garbage bins. Water networks and sewerage systems are functioning, bringing vital services to cities and villages, making them ready to receive their displaced back home. Men, women, and children living with disabilities are now more mobile and have had some of their independence restored since receiving assistive devices. Families have been fed and livelihoods renewed, contributing to family food security.

While there is more for us to do in the coming years, we are proud of the work ADRA accomplished in 2021 and invite you to explore our achievements in the following pages.

Best regards,

Nagi Khalil



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BACKGROUND

ADRA Syria is part of a global humanitarian network which delivers relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 118 countries-regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, gender, or religious association. In Syria, ADRA focuses on the wholistic well-being of those affected by prolonged years of conflict through household and community-based interventions in emergency response, education, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), food security, protection, shelter, livelihood, and health.

In 2021, ADRA worked tirelessly to tailor its work and to best use its resources and capacity for individuals and communities in a total of eight Syrian governorates (Aleppo, Damascus, Dara'a, Deir ez-Zour, Homs, Idlib, Quneitra, and Rural Damascus), designing activities in line with sector priorities, identified needs, and recommendations of the relevant parties.



A total of **977,977** beneficiaries were reached through the **8** sectors ADRA operates



EDUCATION
26,637



WASH
789,963



FOOD SECURITY
69,186



PROTECTION
22,980



SHELTER
2,871



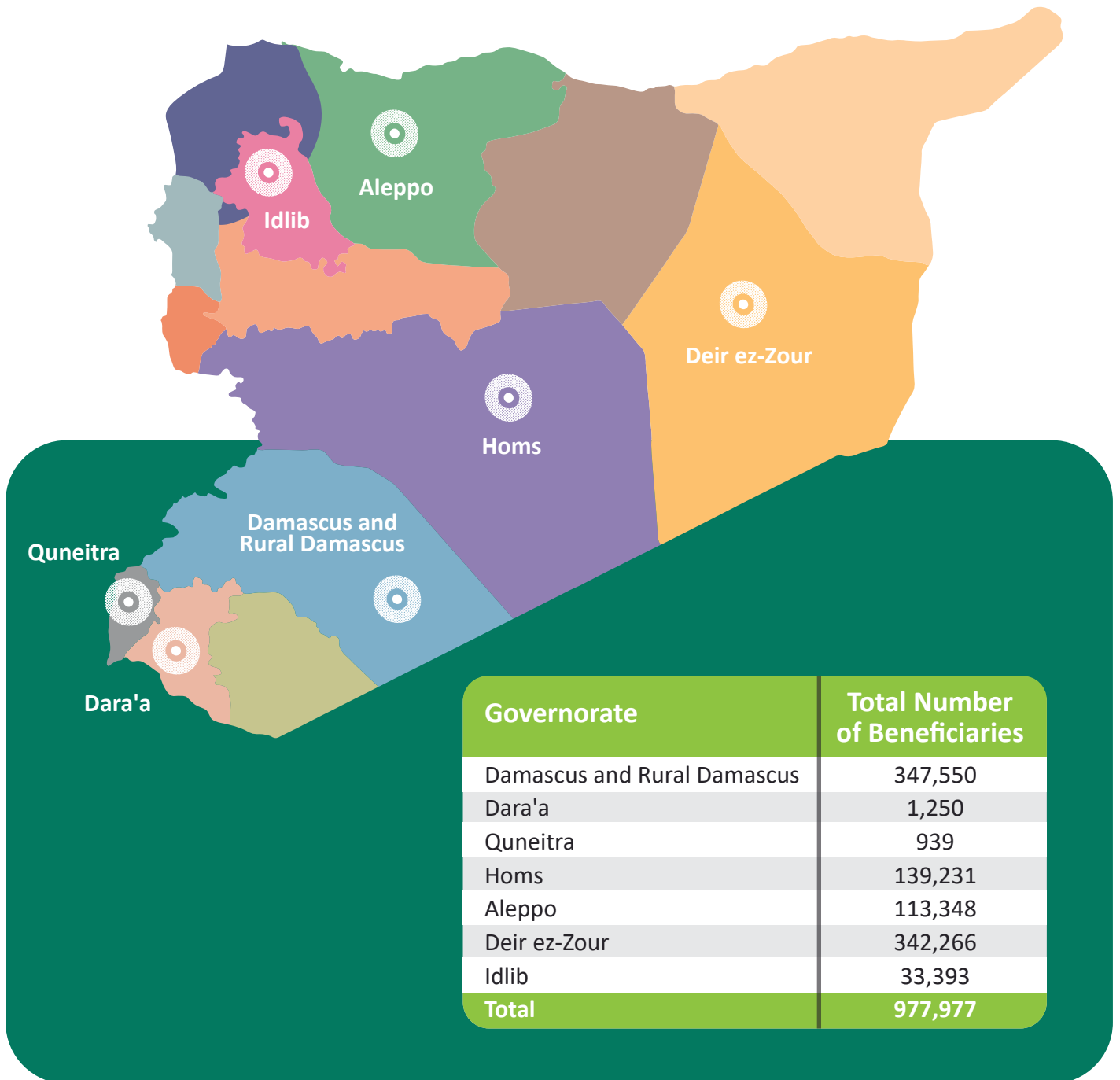
LIVELIHOOD
3,790



HEALTH
61,050



EMERGENCY
RESPONSE (COVID-19)
1,500





EDUCATION

As education is the building block for the future of any society, much of ADRA's work in 2021 focused on this vital sector. ADRA invested in much-needed infrastructure through school rehabilitation, and replacing or fixing damaged or destroyed school furniture, provided teacher training to improve the level of education in the classroom, discouraged children attending school from dropping-out through remedial classes and other services, and finally, reaching out to children in the community who were not in school for various reasons through out-of-school children (OOSC) programs. Aleppo, Homs, Quneitra, and Rural Damascus all hosted education interventions.



Achievements in education include the following:

- Rehabilitation of **26** schools (serving **13,057** students)
- Provision of school desks and furniture for the schools that were rehabilitated, as well as **8** schools in Aleppo serving an additional **5,589** students
- Provision of capacity building workshops for teachers in Active Learning and Psychosocial Support (PSS) for **518** male and female teachers



Before



After



Before



After



- Provision of remedial classes and educational support for out of school children in basic subjects and extra-curricular activities provided to **5,482** male and female students.
- Provision of education support for out-of-school children (**524** beneficiaries of male and female).





- Provision of **6,192** school kits.
- Provision of cash support to help with daily expense for **103** students who came from Lebanon to sit for the Syrian National exams.





WASH

Some of the most badly affected services in Syria are water and sanitation, which has often made it difficult for families to return to their home areas. Lack of clean, running water and working sewerage systems are also causes for health concerns. ADRA prioritized interventions in the WASH sector, reaching a total of 789,963 beneficiaries through the activities outlined in this section:





Before



After

Rehabilitation:

- 19 water networks.
- 5 boreholes.
- 5 high tanks.
- 12 sewerage systems, and
- 1 sewerage system pumping station including the electricity system to run the station.



Installation:

- 3 pumps with solar panels for water pumping stations.
- 2 reverse osmosis units, and
- 3 sewerage system pumps.



Distribution:

- **1,150** household water tanks.
- **100** school water tanks, and
- **400** community garbage bins.



- Removal of **83,000** m³ of debris.





- **56,070** hygiene kits and cleaning materials
As the world continued to reel from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, ADRA persisted helping communities prevent the spread of the deadly disease through the distribution of hygiene kits and cleaning materials for individuals, families, schools, and health centers.





FOOD SECURITY

Years of conflict and a downward spiraling economy has had a devastating effect on food security. In 2021, it was estimated that **12 million** people were food insecure in Syria (**54%** of the population) and another **1.9 million** were at risk of food insecurity. ADRA responded through the provision of food vouchers, valued to supply up to **70%** of family nutritional needs. These vouchers were distributed on a monthly basis for five cycles, improving food security, reducing negative coping mechanisms, giving the beneficiaries a chance to repay debt, purchase necessary medications, and save for future expenses. A total of **69,186** vulnerable Syrians were helped through ADRA's Food Security projects in Homs and Rural Damascus.





LIVELIHOOD

To address long-term issues of food insecurity, ADRA provided business management training to **784** men and women in Aleppo, Homs, and Rural Damascus who had business experience and lost their means of livelihood during the crisis. Each trainee submitted business proposals and **758** of them were provided with in-kind grants to re-start their businesses. Projects included retail businesses (grocery stores, specialty or clothing shops), livestock, agriculture, or skills-based operations (carpentry, black-smithing, or sewing/tailoring).

Through the livelihood projects, **2,010** individuals now have access to stable, long-term income.





PROTECTION

ADRA's protection activities in 2021 aimed to assist individuals and communities which were at risk, including persons with disabilities (PWD) and other vulnerable community members, benefitting **22,980** individuals.



Cash Assistance: ADRA identified **3,000** families of PWDs in Damascus and Rural Damascus which were especially vulnerable during the economic crisis. These families were provided with **5** monthly cash distributions to help cover their basic needs.



Streetlights: ADRA installed **74** solar streetlights in **4** communities in Aleppo and Deir ez-Zour, providing protection for residents and business owners moving on the streets after dark.

Electricity lines: ADRA connected the electricity line in **3** locations in Homs, which not only provided protection to residents by powering the streetlights, but also allowed businesses to remain open in the evening hours.



Assistive Devices: ADRA distributed **1,130** assistive devices for women, men, and children with special needs in Deir ez-Zour, including manual and electric wheelchairs and walkers for adults and children, quad-canes, and canes for the visually impaired.



Recreational Spaces:

ADRA installed **14** wooden benches in Al-Rableh Park in Homs where visitors to the park can rest while socializing outdoors.

Disability Center Rehabilitation: ADRA rehabilitated the Ayyash Disability Center in Deir ez-Zour and provided the required equipment and furniture to serve **500** regular beneficiaries.

Before



After





SHELTER

Shelter remains a priority for many households wishing to return to their homes following displacement to safer areas during the crisis. Contributing to restoring their sense of stability and ensuring protection, ADRA rehabilitated **67** apartments in Aleppo and Rural Damascus, and provided **400** shelter kits to homeowners, benefiting **2,871** individuals. Rehabilitation included replacing broken or missing doors and windows, fixing or replacing WASH and kitchen facilities, painting, and completing safety measures in the common areas, such as hand railings on stairwells, locking doors to roof access, and walls around the roof.





Before



After



Before



After



Before



After



HEALTH

Restoring access to basic health care is essential throughout Syria. Many health clinics were damaged, destroyed, or simply had no maintenance during the conflict, affecting their ability to provide quality services to those seeking medical attention. In 2021, ADRA rehabilitated three health centers in Homs and Deir ez-Zour, benefitting **61,050** residents from neighboring areas.



Before



After



Before



After



EMERGENCY RESPONSE (COVID-19)

Responding to the difficulties the COVID-19 lock-downs and quarantine imposed on some of the most vulnerable, ADRA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MoSAL), distributed 1,500 meals to persons in need through 14 charitable centers and associations in Damascus and Rural Damascus.



THANKS AND APPRECIATION

In an ever-changing world, ADRA's presence endures. We've been improving lives for more than eight years in Syria. ADRA Syria's important work would not be possible without the continued compassion and support of others. As Syria faces new challenges, critical support from our partners and donors ensures that our life-changing interventions continue. Every partner, every donor, and every supporter make a difference. Thank you for choosing to help ADRA Syria bring hope to vulnerable women, men, and children throughout the country.

In 2021, ADRA Syria's generous donors include USAID, UNHCR, ECHO, Syria Humanitarian Fund (SHF), Czech Republic, SIDA, DANIDA, Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund-Österreichs, and the ADRA network, who not only provided financial support but technical guidance and encouragement through the multiple challenges faced.

ADRA also thanks our strategic local partners and ministries, Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), and the technical working groups and sectors.

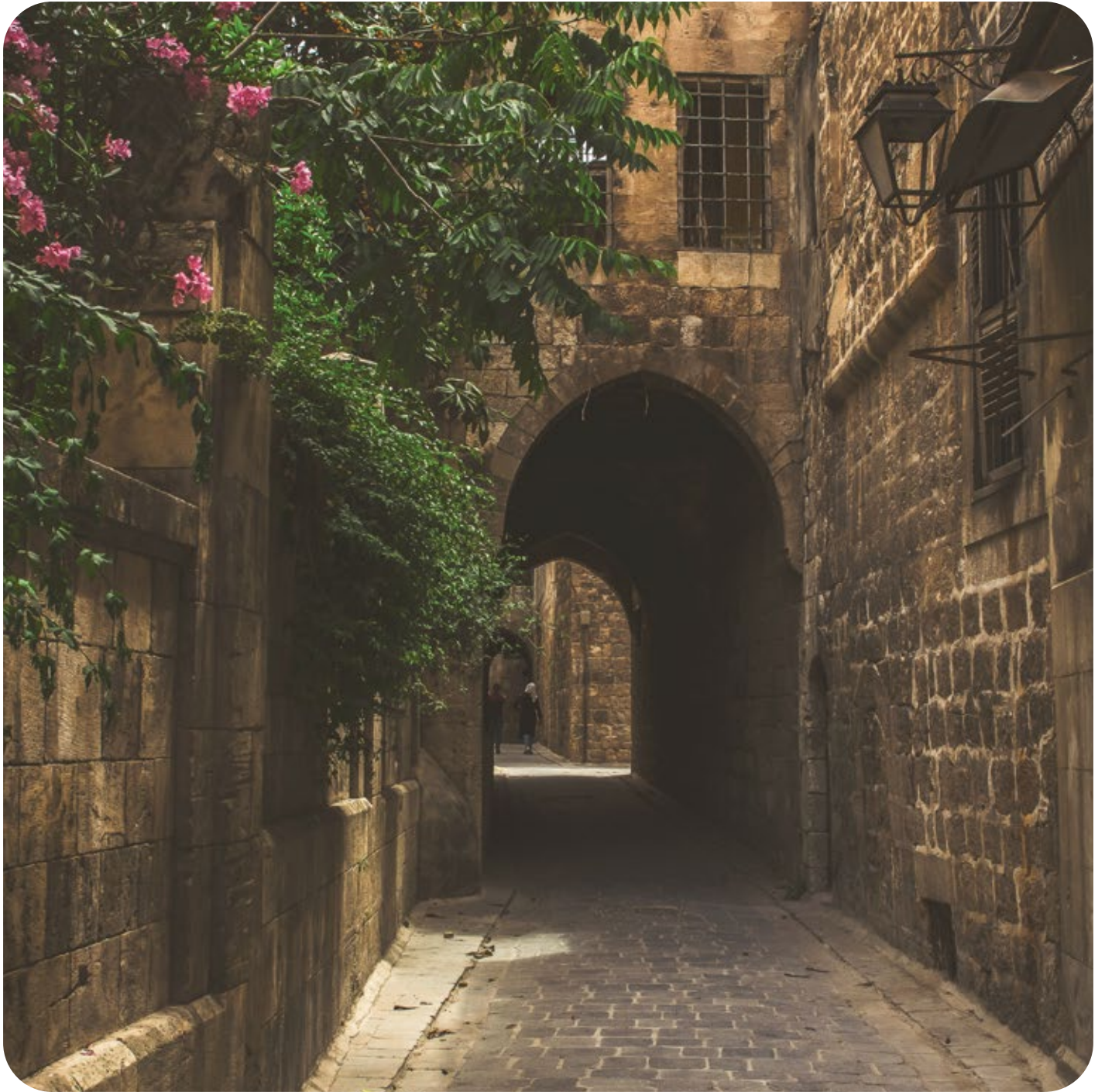
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To serve humanity so all may live as
God intended



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