

# PROGRAMME REPORT

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*A young patient  
receives physiotherapy  
at the Prosthetics Clinic  
in A'zaz, northern Syria*



# OUR IMPACT

In the first half of 2025, Action Syria helped **3,055 people**.

**We worked with two local partners to provide:**



Education for **82** children.



Support for **2,946** people with limb difference, including **59** prosthetics, **161** orthotic devices and **3,916** physiotherapy sessions.



Salaries for **6** education staff, **6** prosthetics experts, **2** physiotherapists and **13** support staff.

Today in Syria, **90%** of the population live in poverty, **16.7 million** people need humanitarian aid, and approximately 2 million Syrian refugee children are out of school, with an additional **1.6 million** at risk of dropping out.

We work with local partners who are addressing these issues, and while our resources are a drop in the ocean compared to what Syrian communities need, we know that we can make a tangible difference to the lives of thousands of Syrians each year.

Thank you for helping us do that.

**48%** of those reached were **women and girls**.  
**32%** were **children**.







# INTRODUCTION

This report covers our work with partners since the prior January 2025 report. The period is marked by the fall of Assad and the hope and uncertainty that came with that as a new interim government took control of the country. It has not been straightforward; a broken economy, widespread displacement and poverty, seeing openly the full extent of the previous regime's destruction and torture, destroyed homes and cities, lack of security and infrastructure for services from health to education – all of this presents a complex environment. Critically, the atrocities caused by sectarian violence seen in the coastal region of Lattakia in March [\[1\]](#), and more recently in Suwayda in the south, show the very fragile and volatile situation Syrians continue to face [\[2\]](#).

While the interim government has made strides internationally, and to some extent nationally, many questions remain – particularly for Syrian communities who wish to see appropriate accountability, justice and rebuilding of their country for all Syrians.

This new context gave us pause, as we reviewed the situation in Syria and how we can continue to make an impact with Syrian communities. Our programme results in the following pages reflect this with pared back programmes as we researched how we can support long-term and new partners throughout Syria. Our focus remains on working with local partners to make sure Syrian communities have the medical care and education they need, every day and when emergencies strike. For this period, we were lucky to continue working with some amazing organisations who provide schools for children who have no other alternative, and prosthetics, psychological support and physiotherapy for people with limb difference. We are also delighted to report two new partnerships launching in July 2025, with Abjad and MARS, rehabilitating school classrooms in rural Damascus to provide safe, comfortable learning spaces for children, whose education has been severely interrupted by conflict and unusable schools. Further information will be in our next report.

**Our long-term and new partners have been operating throughout the civil war and we know they are a critical part of Syria's future. We are so proud of the work we are able to achieve with them, thanks to your generous support. It is clear that this work will continue to be needed as Syrian communities navigate this challenging time.**

# Our Programmes

## Health







## Prosthetics

**A'zaz, northwest Syria – Physicians Across Continents (PAC)**

*Every person with limb difference deserves the right care and support*

**Three million** Syrians have been injured during the conflict, including **86,000** people whose injuries led to amputations [3]. In reality, this number is likely far higher, particularly following the earthquakes which struck the Turkish-Syrian border in early 2023. We have worked with our partner, PAC, since 2022, supporting patients through the provision of prosthetics, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and psychological support. The aim is to enhance their living conditions and give them the opportunity to regain independence, pursue employment, education, and sporting activities.

Extending our programme with PAC to the end of May, we covered the salaries of **1** prosthetics doctor, **5** prosthetics technicians, **2** physiotherapists and **7** support staff. We are so proud to have kept the Hope Step Centre open during this time (it is the only one of its kind providing these services for free in A'zaz), while supporting the livelihoods of the staff who run it.

Since our last programme report, the team have supported a total of **2,946** patients, **59** prosthetics and **161** orthotic devices. The number of services provided in total was **4,254**, including **3,916** physiotherapy sessions and maintenance for **118** prosthetics and orthotic devices.

*Ahmad, age 4, with his new ankle-foot orthotic to help him balance and walk independently.*





# PEOPLE WE'VE SUPPORTED



## Qamar's Story, Prosthetics, Syria

Qamar is nine years old. She was born with a congenital limb difference affecting her lower right leg and first visited the centre two years ago for support. Back then, she was fitted with a customised prosthetic limb to help her walk and she has received regular check-ups and maintenance as needed.

For children, prosthetics often need to be adjusted or replaced as they grow. Earlier this year, Qamar returned to our centre for a routine assessment. During the evaluation, the team noticed that her prosthesis had become too tight, especially around the socket area, causing her pain and discomfort, and she had begun resorting to using crutches for balance. The team took new measurements and provided a new, comfortable, well-fitting prosthetic.

Today, Qamar is walking confidently again, without crutches.

### Qamar, age 9, receives care at the Hope Step Centre

*"When Qamar first got her prosthetic leg, I remember the joy on her face. She could walk like other children, play, and even go to school with more confidence. The staff have always been supportive and kind. This recent visit was no different — they noticed she was struggling and quickly made her a new leg. Now, she's walking comfortably again, without crutches. I'm truly grateful for everything they've done for her,"*





# Our Programmes

## Education







## Education for Syrian Refugees

**Bekaa Valley, Lebanon – SAWA for Development & Aid**

*Every child deserves the right to education*

**1.5 million** Syrian refugees live in Lebanon [\[4\]](#). The fall of Assad has opened the opportunity for Syrians to return to Syria, but significant barriers remain to all doing so - many do not have the right papers to return, others have no homes to return to, and the security situation remains a challenge. In Lebanon, education for Syrian refugee children remains a critical need, which we continue to respond to with our partner SAWA.

**44%** of Syrian school-aged refugees in Lebanon do not attend school [\[5\]](#). This leaves them vulnerable to child labour and child marriage, significantly limiting their future opportunities. The economic crisis in Lebanon means there are not enough spaces in schools and, even if they can find a space, many are unable to afford transport or school stationery. With SAWA, we are doing all we can to address these barriers, providing a school for **82** Syrian refugee children (**55%** girls) in the Bekaa Valley. Each day, the children arrive from neighbouring camps to learn Arabic, English, science and maths. We provide buses to get our students safely to and from school, as well as the materials they need to study. Without this centre, many of these children would have no access to education at all.

Many of our students have experienced conflict, forced displacement, and do not know life outside of the camps. The majority of their **six teachers** are from the same community and have lived through similar experiences. Action Syria funds the salaries of these teachers plus **six support staff** to provide a safe, supportive environment and the education these children need for a brighter future.

**Key activities over the period have included a Spelling Bee competition and Tech Forward, an educational robotics initiative designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of coding and electronics. This initiative aimed to ignite curiosity, strengthen skills, and conclude the school year with an engaging, fun and enriching learning experience.**



# PEOPLE WE'VE SUPPORTED



## Saly's Story, Education, Lebanon

Saly is a shining example of what courage and hard work can achieve. Unlike the typical success stories marked by hardship, Saly's journey has been one of steady excellence—rising from the top to even greater heights.

A dedicated and ambitious student, she proved her talent during a robotics program with TechForward, where she led her team in building a successful line-following robot! As the leader of the team, Saly not only guided the technical work but also inspired her teammates with her confidence and vision. She stood out above her peers, proving that girls have the power to lead, innovate, and excel in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. The team proudly cheer Saly on, celebrating her achievements and encouraging her to keep aiming high.



### **Saly, age 12**

*Her success is more than just a personal win—it shows the value for every girl of daring to dream. Saly reminds us that greatness isn't a destination - it's a journey, and hers is only just beginning.*



# Thank You

**The work outlined in these pages would not have been possible without you.**

When giving a donation or time, it can be hard to quantify what that really means. For us, it is so much more than a line on a bank statement and, even the feeling of having done something good; it means a Syrian refugee child can excel at school with hope for her future and a young girl whose life has been hampered by limb difference is now able to do more. Thank you to all of you who have taken action and supported us. **Together, we are changing lives.**

True change occurs when we stand together. This year, more than ever, there is scope to do so much more with the Syrian communities we serve. While we hope for a world in which our services are no longer required, we are here for as long as we are needed. We cannot do that alone, but thanks to you, we know we are not.

With thanks from us all,

**The Action Syria Team**





## FURTHER READING

[1] 'Syria clashes - what happened?' [[Available here](#)].

[2] 'Syria declares new Suwayda ceasefire, deploys forces to 'restore security'' [[Available here](#)].

[3] 'Nine years of war and internal conflicts in Syria: a call for physical rehabilitation services' [[Available here](#)].

[4] 'UNHCR Lebanon at a Glance' [[Available here](#)].

[5] 'UNHCR - Education Lebanon' [[Available here](#)].



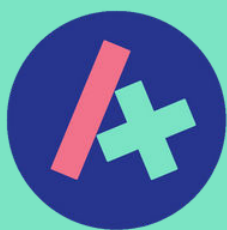


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