



EDUCATION

At Action Syria, we believe education is one of the most powerful investments we can make — not just in individual futures, but in the future of Syria itself.

Many Syrian children remain out of school. Some remain in Lebanon as refugees. Others have returned to Syria, where schools are damaged or destroyed.

That's why we've made education a core pillar of our work — and why this year, we've committed to funding three essential education projects across Syria and Lebanon:

- SAWA's school for Syrian refugee children in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon.
- Abjad's school rehabilitation in Zamalka.
- MARS's classroom restoration in Daraya.

Together, these projects are helping children learn, reconnect, and imagine a future beyond conflict.

"School means my future, it means everything to me."

Ahmed, age 12



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THE CHALLENGE

Syria's education system is in crisis. Over 2 million children are out of school, and 7,000 schools have been damaged by war or earthquakes. Many are unsafe or lack basics like toilets and electricity.

Without safe, accessible education, children face rising risks of child labour, early marriage, and permanent dropout. **The need is urgent — and growing.**

HOW WE WORK

We partner with local organisations who know their communities best — and we stay flexible so we can support what matters most. Here's how:

- **Long-term commitment:** We've supported education in Lebanon for years and will continue for as long as it's needed.
- **New grants:** We're supporting two new education initiatives with the aim to move these to long-term partnerships.
- **Rigorous due diligence:** Every partner goes through a full vetting process, including legal registration and safeguarding protocols.
- **Accountability:** We stay connected to partners through regular reporting, so we can share honest updates on your impact.



WHAT WE'RE FUNDING

SAWA – Lebanon (Bekaa Valley)

SAWA's school in Lebanon provides full-time education for **80** Syrian children — **52%** of them girls — with lessons in Arabic, English, maths, science, and more. The school also offers psychosocial support, safe transport, heating in winter, and strong community involvement. Action Syria funds the full operating costs (£88,200), including salaries for six teachers and support staff.

Abjad – Rural Damascus

With Abjad, we're rehabilitating a public school in rural Damascus — restoring access to education for **750** children. The project includes after-school support, accelerated learning, psychosocial care, and upgrades to water, sanitation, power, and accessibility — including improved access for children with disabilities. We're covering **81%** of the cost — £9,975.

MARS – Damascus Suburbs

With MARS, we're renovating four classrooms — including a model classroom — in a boys' high school in Daraya still recovering from siege. The project will benefit **200** students and serve as a template for other schools.

We're contributing £9,957 toward the £12,307 total cost, covering furniture, repairs, lighting, and teaching tools.

AKRAM'S STORY

Akram was quiet and withdrawn when he started school — bright, but unsure of himself. With encouragement from his teachers and support from the protection team, he slowly began to connect with classmates, and find his place.

By the end of the year, Akram had become one of the top students in his class — leading the Grade 5A robotics team with creativity and confidence. His journey shows what a supportive learning environment can make possible.



LOOKING AHEAD

Our vision is simple: education for every Syrian child who needs it.

We'll keep funding SAWA's school in Lebanon for as long as it's needed — and aim to grow our new partnerships with Abjad and MARS into lasting collaborations inside Syria.

We can't do it without sustained support. That's why the Education Pot matters: it lets donors directly back this work — and helps us grow it.



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