



#### **HEALTH**

From our very beginnings, Action Syria has funded medical care — starting with prosthetics, and growing to support primary health services in some of Syria's most underserved regions.

Medical support remains at the core of our mission — alongside education and emergency response. It's where we began, and it's where we must continue. But right now, we're not funding any health programmes. That's not because the need isn't there. It's because we don't have the funds to say yes.

The Health Pot exists to change that. It's how we stay ready — whether that's restarting prosthetics services, supporting local clinics, or responding to urgent health needs. It allows us to act quickly, with trusted partners and targeted impact.







# THE CHALLENGE

Syria's healthcare system is in crisis. Over 15 million people need medical care, yet only 37% of health centres are functioning.

One of the most urgent needs is prosthetics and rehabilitation. At least 86,000 Syrians have lost limbs, many of them children who outgrow their prosthetics within months. Without repairs, psychosocial support, or replacements, they lose not just mobility, but independence and confidence.

From prosthetics to primary care, the need is huge — but we can't act without funding.

"When I wear my braces, I feel like I'm almost flying!" Hala, age 7

### **HOW WE WORK**

For years, we've worked with trusted health partners like SAMS and PAC to deliver vital care — from prosthetics and physical rehabilitation with psychosocial support, to primary healthcare for chronic illness, maternal health, and more.

Due to funding constraints, this support is currently on pause — not because the need has gone, but because these projects require longer-term investment than we can currently commit to.

We only fund partners who meet rigorous standards, from legal registration to safeguarding — and stay closely connected through regular reporting and feedback. That means we can track impact and share updates with supporters.

#### WHAT WE'RE FUNDING

#### PAC - Prosthetics Clinic, Syria

With our partner PAC, we've supported free prosthetics, orthotics, physiotherapy, and psychosocial care for children and adults with limb difference.

Last year, we supported 3,399 people including a total 61 prosthetics, 193 orthotic devices, and delivered 1,470 psychosocial sessions. Last funded in spring 2025, PAC now plans to relocate the centre to Aleppo, aiming to reach 600–700 people over 8 months — including delivery of 80 prosthetics, 400 orthotics, and 3,500 physiotherapy sessions.

Running the clinic costs around £11,000 a month. We're ready to support it again — but doing so requires sustained, long-term funding.

### SAMS - Health Centre, Syria

With our partner SAMS, we supported the only primary healthcare centre serving over **41,000** people in the Tel Abiad subdistrict — a region with no other medical services. The centre provided general medicine, maternal care, and free insulin to those who needed it most.

During the programme, we provided:

- 12,975 people with medical services. including 63 individuals with disabilities.
- Delivered 5,823 paediatric consultations,
  1,815 dental consultations and 1,947 reproductive healthcare consultations.



## **QAMAR'S STORY**

Qamar was just nine when she received her first prosthetic leg through our partner PAC. Born with a limb difference, she struggled to walk — but her new customised prosthetic limb changed everything.

Two years later, as she grew, her prosthetic was causing her pain and discomfort. The team took new measurements and provided a new, comfortable, well-fitting prosthetic.

Today, Qamar is walking confidently again, without crutches.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

We know how to do this work. We know who we'd fund. We have the systems in place. What we don't yet have — is the funding to do it.

That's why the Health Pot matters. With it, we can move fast and restart life-saving services.



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