

EDUCATION

At Action Syria, we believe education is an essential pathway to recovery for Syrian children.

After years of disruption from conflict and displacement, education can help children build stability, routine and hope. It gives families confidence in a brighter future for their children.

Yet for many Syrian children, the simple act of learning in a safe, supportive environment remains out of reach.

That's why education remains a core pillar of our work — and why we've committed to ensuring access to safe learning opportunities for Syrian children in both Syria and Lebanon.

Since the fall of the Assad regime, we've been restoring classrooms at schools in rural Damascus, providing full-time education for Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and giving children and teachers the tools they need to thrive.



The challenge

Nearly two years on from the fall of the Assad regime, many children are returning to their classrooms, hoping for a safe and welcoming space to learn. But, 14 years of displacement and conflict have left an education system in ruins.

Schools are under-resourced, classrooms are in a state of disrepair and teachers are without the training and support they need. 2 million children in Syria are still out of school, unable to access the education they deserve. In Lebanon, nearly half of Syrian refugee children are out of school due to paperwork barriers, transport costs and lack of places.

Without safe, accessible education, children are at risk of being left behind.

How we work

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

- **Long-term commitment:** supporting Syrian communities for as long as we are needed, and funding programmes for the long term.
- **Agility:** quickly adapting to the changing context, working with local partners to provide support where it's needed most.
- **Rigorous due diligence:** vetting and carefully selecting local partners to ensure funds are used safely.
- **Accountability:** receiving regular reporting from our local partners, so that we can share honest updates on your impact.

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

Ahmed, age 12

Recent programmes

School for Syrian refugee children

In partnership with SAWA, we have provided education for 100 Syrian refugee children in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. The school offers a full curriculum alongside music, art and sports. Students also receive psychosocial support and safe transport to and from school. Without this school, many children simply wouldn't be able to access education.

School restorations

In Syria, over 7,000 schools were destroyed or damaged by conflict. Since the fall of the Assad regime, we funded three new projects, each costing £10,000, to restore schools in rural Damascus.

- In Zamalka, we rehabilitated a primary school now able to host 900 students, with improved classrooms, sanitation, electricity and accessibility, alongside training for 21 teachers.
- In Nashabiyeh, we upgraded 14 classrooms and essential facilities — including accessibility improvements and solar power — benefitting 450 students.
- In Daraya, we restored four classrooms, including a model classroom, to support up to 200 students and set a replicable standard for future improvements.

Together with our local partners MARS and Abjad Initiative, we've not just fixed classrooms — but protected childhoods and ensured safe, inclusive spaces to learn and grow.

The Education Pot helps us to sustain this work — and grow it.

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Rama's story

Rama's school in rural Damascus had been severely neglected and was unsafe. With damaged windows, broken desks and unreliable sanitation facilities, for Rama school was "a place that caused more stress than hope".

But last winter, alongside our local partner Abjad Initiative, Action Syria helped rehabilitate Rama's school, restoring access to education for 450 students. Now, Rama is learning in a safe environment, with greater motivation to attend school. The rehabilitation has created a more engaging learning environment and has renewed confidence in education for Rama's family.



Looking ahead

Until now, Action Syria has been funding the full operating costs (£70,000) of the school for Syrian refugee children, including salaries for teachers and support staff. We intend to continue our support, instead contributing a proportion of the costs subject to funding available.

We are also seeking support to fund more school rehabilitations, helping children return to safe classrooms.

As well as sustaining our current programmes, we hope to expand our education work to include areas such as integrated mental health support and teacher training.