



**SYRIA IMPACT  
REPORT 2025**

# REBUILDING HOPE IN SYRIA: FROM CRISIS TO RESILIENCE

## 2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE



## INCLUSION AND VULNERABILITY



## PRIMARY SECTORAL IMPACT



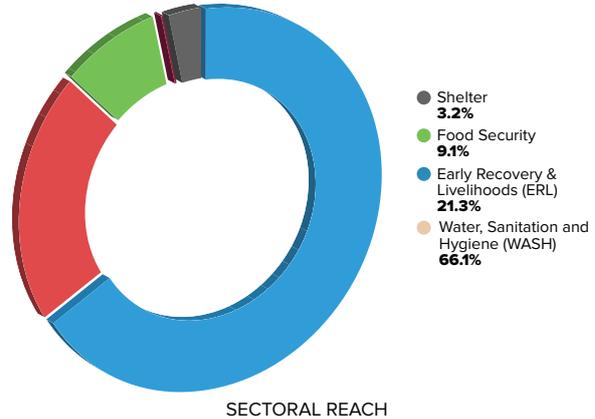
# STRATEGIC CONTEXT: NAVIGATING CRISIS IN SYRIA

After more than a decade of conflict, communities across Syria continue to face widespread displacement, damaged infrastructure, and severely limited access to basic services. The 2023 earthquake further intensified vulnerabilities, leaving families without safe shelter, clean water, reliable healthcare, or stable livelihoods.

In 2025, Action for Humanity Canada (AFHC) prioritized a combined humanitarian and early recovery approach in Syria, addressing immediate lifesaving needs while investing in infrastructure rehabilitation and community systems that support longer-term recovery and resilience.

AFHC delivered integrated humanitarian and recovery support across Syria through the following six sectors:

1. **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)**
2. **Early Recovery & Livelihoods (ERL)**
3. **Child Care & Orphan Support**
4. **Food Security**
5. **Shelter**



## WASH

Access to safe water remains one of the most urgent needs for conflict-affected and returning communities across Syria. Prolonged infrastructure damage, unreliable electricity and dependence on unsafe water sources continue to expose families to serious public health risks.

AFHC delivered large-scale, sustainable WASH interventions focused on restoring core water infrastructure and strengthening local capacity to ensure long-term access to clean and reliable water.

Direct HHs	Indirect Benef.	Adult Female	Adult Male	Girls	Boys	PwDs
15,143	93,000	22,495	21,575	25,340	23,590	10,230

### Impact Snapshot

- Total individuals reached: 15,143**
- Direct households supported: 93,000**
- Children supported: 48,930**
- Persons with disabilities supported: 10,230**

### Key interventions included:

- Rehabilitation of major water stations and distribution networks
- Installation of large-scale solar power systems
- Camp and community sanitation infrastructure improvements
- Water quality monitoring and training for local water authorities and station staff

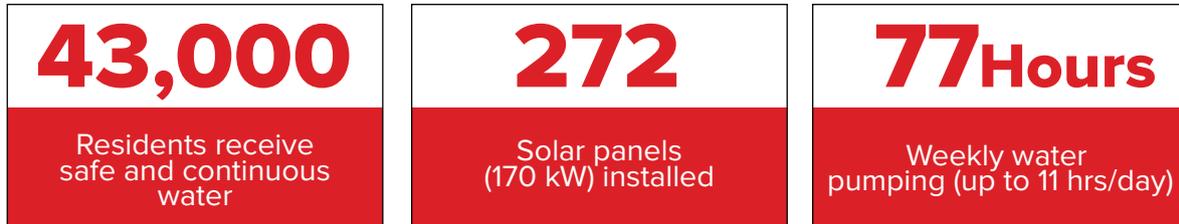


## Project Highlights

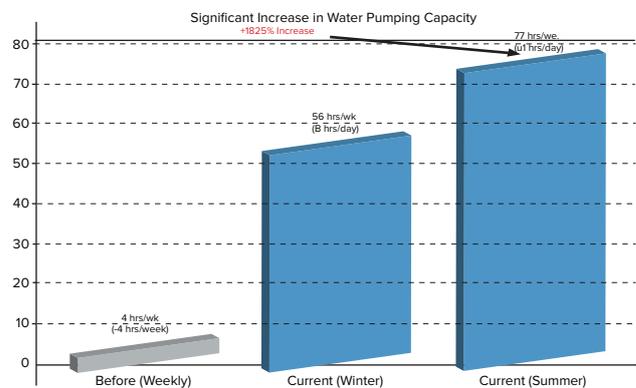
**Project Title:** Water for Life NES

**Location:** Hajin Subdistrict, Deir-ez-Zor

AFHC rehabilitated Hajin’s main water station and equipped it with a **large-scale solar energy system** to ensure continuous operation and reliable water delivery.



This intervention supplies water to approximately 70% of Hajin city and significantly reduces the risk of service interruptions caused by electricity shortages.



**“Before the project, the water was never enough, and my children were often sick because of contaminated water. Now water is more available, and our daily life is much easier.”**

— **Um Mohammed, 60, Hajin**

Um Mohammed lives with her extended family in an overcrowded household and previously relied on expensive and unsafe trucked water. Since the rehabilitation of the Hajin water station, her family now has regular access to clean water, water-related illnesses have decreased, and the financial burden of purchasing water has been reduced.

**“Before the project, we only received water for a very short time each week and my children were often sick. Now we have water regularly and our lives are much easier.”**

— **Yassin Ibrahim Al-Rasheed, 45, Hajin**

Yassin and his family of five previously depended on expensive and unsafe trucked water. Since the rehabilitation of the station, waterborne diseases such as diarrhea and cholera have significantly decreased, and the family no longer needs to spend scarce income on contaminated water.

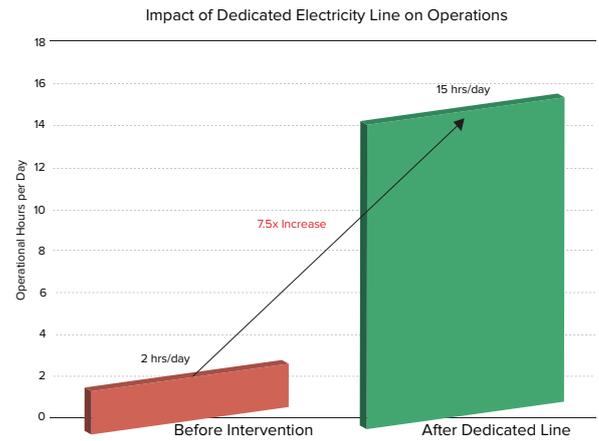


**Project Title:** Deir-ez-Zor Dignity & Resilience Initiative: Clean Water and Solar-Powered Security  
**Location:** Deir-ez-Zor Governorate, Syria

Building on the success of the Hajin intervention, AFHC is currently implementing a large-scale urban WASH and early recovery project in Deir-ez-Zor City. The project focuses on the rehabilitation and reactivation of **Al-Othmania Water Station**, one of the city’s most strategically located but severely under-powered facilities.

**Solar-powered Public Lighting**

Along key streets to improve safety, mobility and protection outcomes for women, children and other vulnerable groups.



**50,000**  
 Residents receive safe and continuous water

**3,000 m<sup>3</sup>**  
 Production of potable water per day

**15 Hours**  
 of daily operations (up from 2 hrs)



# EARLY RECOVERY & LIVELIHOODS

In 2025, Early Recovery and Livelihoods (ERL) programming reflected AFHC’s long-term commitment to supporting Syria’s recovery and rebuilding efforts. While humanitarian assistance remains essential, sustainable impact requires moving beyond immediate relief toward restoring systems, infrastructure, and opportunities that enable communities to stand on their own. In protracted crisis settings like Syria, ERL interventions are crucial for bridging the gap between emergency response and development by strengthening local institutions, rehabilitating essential public spaces, and creating the conditions for economic participation, social cohesion, and community resilience.

Direct HHs	Indirect Benef.	Adult Female	Adult Male	Girls	Boys	PwDs
5,000	30,000	7,800	7,200	7,500	7,500	2,000

## Impact Snapshot

**Total individuals reached: 30,000**  
**Direct households supported: 5,000**  
**Children supported: 13,000**  
**Persons with disabilities supported: 2,000**

## Key interventions included:

- Vocational training and skills development
- Livelihood and entrepreneurship initiatives
- Psychosocial support and protection services
- Youth engagement and educational activities

## Project Highlights

**Project Title:** Rehabilitation for Human Resources Development Center and Directorate of Endowments  
**Location:** Aleppo, Syria

In Aleppo City, AFHC is currently implementing an early recovery initiative focused on rehabilitating two key public facilities: **the Human Resources Development Center** and **the Directorate of Endowments office**. These buildings were restored and equipped to serve as **community and training hubs, creating safe and accessible spaces for learning, skills development, and community services**. The project supports long-term recovery by strengthening institutional capacity and improving access to services for conflict-affected populations, particularly women, youth, and persons with disabilities.

This project will host AFHC programs **over a five-year period**. Through a strategic partnership with local authorities, the project demonstrates a sustainable, area-based recovery model that reinforces social cohesion and builds resilience in post-conflict Aleppo.



# CHILD CARE & ORPHAN SUPPORT

AFHC delivered targeted child protection and household stabilization support to orphaned and vulnerable children, ensuring continuity of care, access to basic needs, and reduced protection risks.

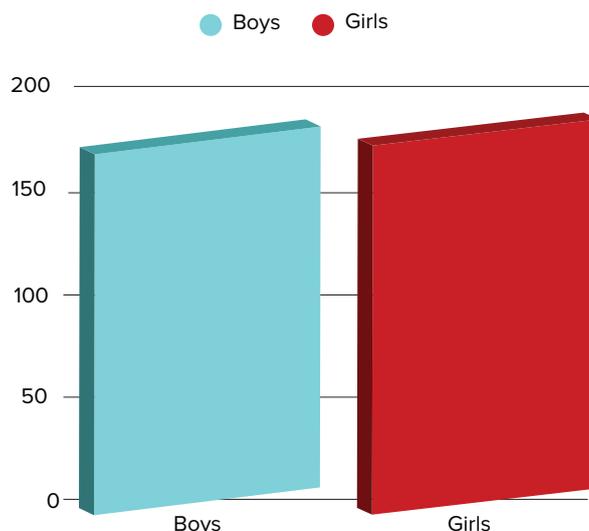
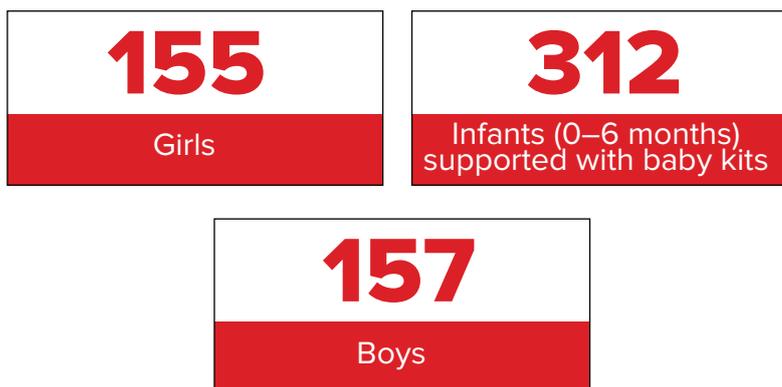
Direct HHs	Indirect Benef.	Adult Female	Adult Male	Girls	Boys	PwDs
218	402	24	17	180	181	26

## Impact Snapshot

**Total individuals reached: 402**      **Direct households supported: 218**  
**Children supported: 361**              **Persons with disabilities supported: 26**

AFHC provided structured **cash assistance** to orphaned and highly vulnerable children to help caregivers **meet essential needs such as food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, and education-related expenses**. This predictable support reduced financial strain on households and helped mitigate protection risks linked to poverty and instability.

In addition to cash support, AFHC implemented a targeted **baby kit distribution project** to support internally displaced families living in collective centres and camps.



Each kit included essential **hygiene and newborn care items** such as diapers, wipes, clothing, towels, and bathing products, helping mothers care for their infants with dignity in overcrowded displacement settings.

## Human Interest Story

### Supporting a Mother to Care for Her Children

“This support helped us manage our household and meet the needs of my children.”

— Beneficiary Mother, Syria

A widowed mother living in rural Idlib cares for eight children under extremely difficult economic conditions, with no stable source of income or external support. Providing food, clothing, and basic necessities for such a large family has been a constant struggle.

Through AFHC’s orphan sponsorship program, the family receives monthly financial assistance, helping cover essential household needs and supporting the children’s wellbeing. The assistance has eased financial pressure and allowed the mother to better provide for her children despite ongoing hardship.

# FOOD SECURITY

In 2025, prolonged conflict, economic instability, and displacement continued to severely limit household access to food across Syria. Rising prices, loss of income, and weakened local markets left many displaced and vulnerable families struggling to meet even their most basic nutritional needs, particularly during Ramadan, a period of heightened financial and social pressure.

In response, AFHC implemented targeted food security interventions combining **in-kind food assistance and cash-based support**. Through the distribution of culturally appropriate food baskets and Zakat al-Fitr cash transfers, AFHC helped crisis-affected households meet essential food needs while preserving dignity and strengthening household resilience during a critical time of year.

Direct HHs	Indirect Benef.	Adult Female	Adult Male	Girls	Boys	PwDs
2,477	12,729	3,150	2,450	3,570	3,559	304

## Impact Snapshot

**Total individuals reached: 12,729**

**Direct households supported: 2,477**

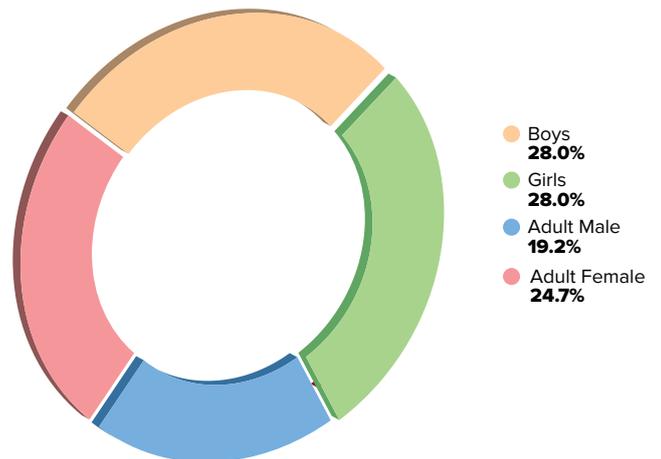
**Children reached: 7,129**

**Persons with disabilities supported: 304**

## Key Food Aid Interventions Delivered:

- Distribution of family food parcels during emergency and seasonal periods
- Ramadan food assistance aligned with cultural and religious practices
- Cash-based food support through Al-Fitr program
- Community-based targeting to prioritize displaced and vulnerable households

Beneficiary Demographic Breakdown



**Ramadan Campaign**  
**400 families**  
**2,400 individuals**

Received food parcels and ready-to-eat meals

**Al Fitra Program**  
**2,027 families**  
**10,329 individuals**

Received cash-based food assistance

Ramadan Campaign **19%** Al Fitra Program **81%**



# HUMAN INTEREST STORY

## Small Steps Toward Independence

**“Every small improvement means the world to us. With continued support, we believe he can grow stronger and more independent.”**

**Abdulhafeez**, a 12-year-old orphan from Aleppo, lives with intellectual disability and quadriplegia caused by complications at birth. After losing his father during the conflict, he has faced ongoing health and mobility challenges. Through AFHC support, he now receives regular physical therapy, essential medications, and assistance with school expenses, helping him gradually improve his mobility and continue his education despite significant obstacles.



# SHELTER

In Syria, AFHC implemented a shelter project to support internally displaced families affected by long-term conflict and the 2023 earthquake. As part of a broader residential village initiative (Al-Tahrir Village), **dignified transitional homes were constructed, each equipped with two rooms, a kitchen, latrine, and access to water, sewage, and electricity.**

The project prioritized highly vulnerable households, including female-headed families, older persons, and individuals with disabilities. Beyond housing, the initiative supported **essential infrastructure such as sanitation systems, paved roads, solar lighting, and community facilities, including a school and health clinic**, contributing to a safer and more sustainable living environment.

Country	Direct HHs	Indirect Benef.	Adult Female	Adult Male	Girls	Boys	PwDs
Syria	1080	4500	1035	990	1260	1215	135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>4500</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1260</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>135</b>

## Impact Snapshot

**Total individuals reached: 4,500**  
**Direct households supported: 1,080**

## Key interventions included:

- Construction of transitional homes for displaced families
- Installation of water, sanitation, and basic service infrastructure
- Site development including roads, lighting, and communal facilities
- Coordination with local authorities to support sustainable settlement management

## WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS

Al-Tahrir Village was developed in direct response to barriers preventing displaced families from returning home. In April 2025, AFH conducted a survey across 55 displacement camps to better understand these challenges.

Findings showed that:

- 86%** said there was no infrastructure: no roads, schools, or hospitals.
- 40%** raised concerns about poor health conditions and disease.
- 79%** lacked any source of income.
- 42%** said their homes were partially destroyed and uninhabitable.
- 64%** reported their homes were too badly damaged.
- 58%** had no means of transportation to return.

The village was designed to address these challenges by providing safe housing, reliable water and sanitation systems, and access to nearby services, including education and healthcare. Families unable to return to their original homes now have a secure environment to rebuild their lives. The initiative also reflects a broader shift from short-term humanitarian assistance toward longer-term, community-led recovery, helping create the conditions for safety, stability, and dignity.

# LOOKING FORWARD

With 138,090 lives reached in 2025, AFHC has demonstrated how targeted humanitarian and early recovery interventions can restore essential services, strengthen resilience, and support communities on the path toward recovery.

However, significant needs remain across Syria. Continued investment is critical to sustain progress, rebuild infrastructure, and support vulnerable families as they work toward stability and self-reliance. AFHC remains committed to partnering with communities to help rebuild Syria, one community at a time

## NOTE

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