

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**ACTION
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HUMANITY**
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GROUNDING IN REALITY, DRIVEN BY ACTION

FROM THE ACTION FOR HUMANITY TEAM

Every program begins with a plan, but the realities faced by communities and program teams rarely stay the same. Across our country offices, September brought different needs, challenges, and opportunities that shaped how programs progressed on the ground. In Palestine, teams adjusted activities to reflect changing community needs and operational realities; in Yemen, existing program capacity was rapidly mobilized to respond to new displacement following renewed conflict; while in Pakistan and Jordan, teams continued strengthening programs in response to community needs and emerging opportunities. In Syria, programs progressed across education, protection, health, livelihoods and infrastructure despite ongoing approval and operational challenges. While the contexts are different, each example reflects the same commitment to keeping our programs relevant to the people and communities they are designed to support. These experiences show the different ways our teams translate what they encounter on the ground into practical program decisions and action.

This edition brings these developments together, alongside a new section celebrating some of the achievements coming from our country offices. From securing significant new funding and launching new opportunities to reaching important program milestones, these successes reflect the initiative, relationships, and hard work behind our programs. We hope this new section provides an opportunity to recognise the progress being made across our country offices and to share some of the positive developments that sit alongside the challenges of our day-to-day work.



COUNTRY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REACHED	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED
Syria	27,753	5,633
Palestine	6,276	1,046
Yemen	5,217	1,406
Pakistan	4,842	4,786
Jordan	859	551
TOTAL	44,947	13,422

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HIGHLIGHTS IN
NUMBERS

44,947
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED

13,422
HOUSEHOLDS
SUPPORTED



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SEPTEMBER 2026

COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

September marked a period of continued progress across Action For Humanity Syria's programs, with several activities moving from preparation into delivery and implementation. The start of the 2026–2027 school year brought renewed activity across education programs, while vocational training and apprenticeships, child protection and psychosocial support, health services, and community-led initiatives continued to reach vulnerable communities. Rehabilitation works also advanced across targeted facilities, with several infrastructure and WASH interventions progressing through procurement and technical approval processes.

Progress was achieved despite ongoing economic pressures, protection concerns, and delays in obtaining governmental and technical approvals for some activities. In response, the team continued working closely with relevant authorities and partners to move pending activities forward. Looking ahead, priorities include activating the Darayya non-formal education centre, expanding back-to-school and learning activities, progressing school rehabilitation and handover in Deir ez-Zor, and advancing health facility rehabilitation, medical procurement, and reproductive health training. WASH activities will also move towards implementation as outstanding approvals and supplier arrangements are finalised.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE



27,753
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED



5,633
HOUSEHOLDS
SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Protection services reached women and children through case management, psychosocial support, legal assistance, life-skills activities, parenting sessions, and explosive ordnance risk education, including support for 260 women and 250 girls.
- Livelihoods support strengthened skills and income opportunities through apprenticeships for 84 participants, training for 10 women, support to 196 livestock breeders, and 50 short-term Cash-for-Work opportunities. Assistance was also provided to 774 orphaned children.
- Support to 3 schools and 50 teachers helped 1,000 students access education, while rehabilitation of schools and teacher training facilities and recruitment of new teachers continued.
- Health programs continued supporting hospitals and communities in Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor through service delivery, facility rehabilitation, medical procurement, and reproductive health training.
- WASH and water and sewage rehabilitation projects also progressed through technical approvals and procurement.



STORY OF THE MONTH

Ahmad Al Saleh, a 15-year-old boy, was brought to the Emergency Department at Shiheil Hospital, supported by Action for Humanity Syria, suffering from a severe respiratory infection that required immediate medical attention.

Upon arrival, Ahmad was assessed by the medical team and received the necessary treatment, medication, and close monitoring. Thanks to the timely care provided by the hospital staff, his condition improved significantly over the following days, allowing him to recover and return to his normal daily activities.

For families in the area, Shiheil Hospital provides vital healthcare close to home, reducing the need for long and costly journeys to distant health facilities, particularly in emergencies. Ahmad's recovery highlights the importance of accessible healthcare services for vulnerable communities. Ahmad's father said:

“WHEN AHMAD BECAME SERIOUSLY ILL, WE WERE VERY WORRIED. THE MEDICAL TEAM AT SHIHEIL HOSPITAL ACTED QUICKLY AND PROVIDED EXCELLENT CARE. HAVING THIS HOSPITAL NEARBY SAVED US TIME, MONEY, AND STRESS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HELPED MY SON RECOVER AND RETURN TO HIS NORMAL LIFE.”



PALESTINE

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SEPTEMBER 2026

COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

Responding to changing needs on the ground remained central to Action For Humanity Palestine's work in Gaza. during September, with teams adapting health, rehabilitation, cash, and WASH interventions as the community needs, market conditions, and access constraints evolved. Health and rehabilitation services continued to provide vision care and assistive devices for people with disabilities and conflict-related injuries, while cash assistance supported vulnerable children and families to meet essential needs with greater flexibility and dignity. Several projects also demonstrated the importance of adapting implementation to real-time needs. Rehabilitation support was adjusted according to real-time assessments. Despite the challenges of market price fluctuations, the team was able to make necessary adjustments within approved resources. Looking ahead, October activities will focus on continuing rehabilitation and cash assistance while progressing water infrastructure works, including the rehabilitation and construction of agricultural and domestic water wells. Subject to access and operational conditions, the team will also support water trucking to help maintain access to safe drinking water for displaced and vulnerable communities.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE



6,276
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED



1,046
HOUSEHOLDS
SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Delivered 20 prosthetic limbs and 173 orthotic and rehabilitation devices, supporting persons with disabilities and limb loss to improve mobility, functional independence, and quality of life.
- Conducted 312 laboratory eye examinations to assess visual acuity and identify children requiring vision support. 392 prescription eyeglasses were also provided to children in need.
- Provided unrestricted cash assistance to 149 vulnerable orphaned children, supporting them and their families in meeting essential needs and maintaining dignity amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis.
- Continued supporting access to safe and sustainable water through the construction and rehabilitation of water wells, including wells designated for agricultural use and domestic water supply, helping strengthen water access for vulnerable and displaced communities.



STORY OF THE MONTH

For Lamar, receiving a pair of prescription glasses has made an important difference in her everyday life. Living in a family of four facing unemployment, chronic health conditions, food insecurity, education costs, and other financial pressures, accessing vision care would have added another burden to the household.

After Lamar participated in a vision assessment, Action for Humanity Palestine's Vision for Hope project provided her with the corrective eyeglasses she needed. Today, Lamar can see more clearly, participate more effectively in her lessons, and continue her education with greater confidence.

Her family continues to face serious challenges, including healthcare needs, insufficient food, outstanding education fees, and limited financial resources. Nevertheless, Lamar's new glasses represent a meaningful step toward ensuring that her circumstances do not prevent her from learning and pursuing her education. Lamar said:

“ I AM VERY THANKFUL TO ACTION FOR HUMANITY FOR GIVING ME MY GLASSES. I CAN NOW SEE CLEARLY AND FOLLOW MY LESSONS BETTER AT SCHOOL. ”



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COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

September brought a sharp deterioration in Yemen's humanitarian situation, as renewed fighting from 3 September displaced around 130,000 people and placed further pressure on already stretched communities and essential services. In response, Action For Humanity Yemen adapted its ongoing programs while expanding support for newly displaced families, using existing health, WASH, education, and livelihoods capacities to respond to emerging needs. Outreach health services were mobilised to reach displaced communities, while coordination with humanitarian partners helped identify priority gaps and areas requiring additional support.

Alongside this emergency response, existing programs continued to strengthen access to essential services and longer-term recovery opportunities. Primary healthcare and reproductive health services remained available, while construction progressed on new classrooms and gender-sensitive WASH facilities and on a solar-powered water system. Livelihood initiatives also advanced through greenhouse support and preparations for micro-business grants to help vulnerable households restore income and build resilience. Looking ahead, the team will continue supporting newly displaced families through food and essential non-food assistance, while maintaining healthcare, education, WASH, and livelihood activities and preparing to scale up its response as needs evolve.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE



5,217
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED



1,406
HOUSEHOLDS
SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Deployed an outreach mobile health team to support newly displaced people, providing essential healthcare closer to displaced families and communities receiving new arrivals.
- Supported access to essential primary healthcare services through Al Anad Health Facility, providing critical services to vulnerable communities, including child health consultations, reproductive healthcare, routine immunization, malnutrition screening, and referral services.
- Healthcare service delivery was also supported through the provision of medicines, medical supplies, and incentives for healthcare workers.
- Continued construction activities at 2 schools in Lahj, supporting the rehabilitation of 4 additional classrooms and gender-sensitive WASH facilities.
- Ongoing implementation of a greenhouse initiative, with construction and installation activities progressing for 20 greenhouses in Halmayn District, Lahj, which will support 140 farmers by strengthening sustainable agricultural production and food security when it is completed.



STORY OF THE MONTH

In a rural community in Lahj Governorate, Nahed is five months pregnant, carrying hope for a healthy baby after tragically losing a previous pregnancy due to pregnancy-related hypertension and limited access to antenatal care.

For women in remote communities, long distances, limited transportation and travel costs can make regular maternal healthcare difficult to access, increasing the risk of complications going undetected.

Today, Nahed is receiving regular antenatal care through Action For Humanity Yemen's maternal health project. Trained midwives visit women in their homes and communities, providing check-ups, health education, guidance, and essential vitamins and supplements.

Following her previous loss, these regular visits have given Nahed reassurance and greater confidence throughout her current pregnancy. She said:

“

THIS TIME, I FEEL MORE REASSURED BECAUSE SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING UP ON MY HEALTH AND GUIDING ME THROUGHOUT MY PREGNANCY.

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COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

From resilient housing to more inclusive health and community services, September saw Action For Humanity Pakistan reach several important milestones across its programs. The first housing cluster was completed and inaugurated, providing vulnerable families with safer homes alongside community infrastructure and tailored livelihood support to help strengthen household resilience. Health and inclusion programs also progressed, with school-based eye care continuing to provide screenings, spectacles, medication and referrals. The team also completed a dedicated Sensory Unit for individuals with Down Syndrome and continued developmental assessments and preparations for accessible vocational and life-skills facilities.

Work to strengthen access to safe water also advanced through the formation of water user committees, water-quality testing, community awareness activities, and assessments for new solar-powered water wells. The team also continued developing an integrated kitchen-gardening model and progressing construction of reverse osmosis plants, while adapting outreach approaches where communities had concerns about treated water. Despite challenges including difficult construction conditions, inflation, and seasonal constraints on school-based activities, the team adjusted schedules, strengthened community engagement, and worked closely with local stakeholders to keep implementation on track. October priorities include expanding water infrastructure, continuing school-based eye care, and developing individual therapy plans and sensory-based sessions for children with Down Syndrome.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE



4,842
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED



4,786
HOUSEHOLDS
SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- 3,936 school children screened for refractive errors and other eye-related conditions.
- 339 children identified with refractive errors, of which 127 received prescription glasses, 54 received medication, and 13 were referred to hospitals for further investigation and specialised evaluation. The Paediatric Eye Diagnostic Centre also catered to 840 cases.
- Completed the renovation of a dedicated Sensory Unit, with appropriate sensory integration and occupational therapy equipment, which supports strengthening sensory regulation and fine and gross motor development of children with Down Syndrome.
- Completion and inauguration of the first SMART Housing Cluster project, supporting 66 individuals severely affected by floods by providing 10 climate-resilient, flood-resistant, and solar-powered houses.



STORY OF THE MONTH

For Nadia Bibi, stitching clothes was a way to contribute to her family's income, but working with someone else's sewing machine came with limitations. A mother of four, Nadia would borrow a relative's machine to stitch clothes for others, earning a small income from the work. Since the machine was not her own, she could only use it for limited hours, making it difficult to take on more orders or complete them at her own pace. Her husband, Muhammad Sajid, worked as a daily-wage labourer, and the family relied on their combined earnings to support their household of six. Their income was modest and often insufficient to provide the stability they needed.

Through Action For Humanity Pakistan's Smart and Resilient Housing Cluster Project, Nadia's family received a climate-resilient home along with microbusiness revival assistance in the form of a sewing machine. Having a machine of her own has changed how she approaches her work. Nadia can now stitch for longer hours without having to depend on a relative's availability. She can complete orders more conveniently and within the required time, while keeping the income from her work for her family. Nadia said:

“HAVING MY OWN SEWING MACHINE HAS MADE MY WORK MUCH EASIER. I CAN STITCH WHENEVER I NEED TO AND COMPLETE ORDERS ON TIME.”

For Nadia, the sewing machine is more than a means of earning. It has given her greater independence over her work and helped turn a skill she already had into a more reliable source of income. Alongside a safe and resilient home, the livelihood support has given her family an opportunity to rebuild with greater stability and confidence.



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September saw Action For Humanity Jordan build on the progress of its livelihoods and economic empowerment work, with the livelihood project, LIFE+, moving beyond vocational training to help participants and previous graduates access longer-term economic opportunities. The Advanced Market Enablement track was launched for previous LIFE project graduates in Mafraq and Karak to strengthen pathways into employment, entrepreneurship, and markets. The team also expanded its wider program portfolio during the month, implementing the second quarter of the Orphan and Family Sponsorship Programme and preparing to launch multipurpose cash assistance for vulnerable Gazan families in Jordan. At the same time, the team developed various new projects across livelihoods and protection and progressed partnerships with government and humanitarian organisations, strengthening the foundations for future programming. In October, priorities include continuing LIFE+ and graduate support, launching cash assistance for vulnerable Gazan families, maintaining sponsorship assistance, and developing new partnerships and interventions responsive to community needs.



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AT A
GLANCE**



859
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED



551
HOUSEHOLDS
SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Delivered sewing and barbering vocational training under the LIFE+ Project to 280 participants in Jerash and Madaba. 194 LIFE project graduates also enrolled on the Advanced Market Enablement track in Mafraq and Karak, which helped strengthen their readiness to access markets and develop income-generating opportunities.
- Completed the LIFE+ project mid-term evaluation, identifying follow-up actions to strengthen protection, awareness, communication with participants, and quality of activity implementation.
- Implemented the second quarter of the Orphan and Family Sponsorship Programme, benefiting 77 orphaned children and their household members, representing 385 individuals in total.
- Preparation initiated for implementing the first quarter multi-purpose cash assistance project for the most vulnerable Gazan families in Jordan.



STORY OF THE MONTH

Nafila is a Syrian refugee living with her family in a tent in Al-Wala, near Madaba. Her family depends mainly on seasonal agricultural work, which means they move from one area to another depending on the harvest season. They live without regular access to water and electricity, making their daily living conditions particularly challenging.

Despite these circumstances, Nafila was determined to learn sewing and build a different future for herself. She travels for around an hour and a half to reach the LIFE+ training centre operated by Action For Humanity Jordan and covers the additional transportation costs herself from the limited income her family earns from agricultural work. Before joining LIFE+, she had used her savings to buy a sewing machine, but heavy winter rain caused the family's tent to collapse, and the machine was damaged beyond repair.

Nafila learned about the LIFE+ project through people she knew and enrolled as soon as she found out the training was free. She joined the sewing training and has attended every session without missing a day. Through LIFE+, she is receiving free vocational sewing training and transportation support, with a training kit and potential market-linkage opportunities after completing the course.

“ I CONSIDER THIS PROJECT A HOPE FOR LIVING AND A PROOF TO THOSE AROUND ME THAT I AM CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING MY DREAM DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND DESPITE THE BULLYING. MY REACHING THE TRAINING STAGE IS ITSELF AN ACHIEVEMENT. I ASPIRE TO HAVE MY OWN SEWING MACHINE, ACHIEVE MY DREAM, AND TEACH OTHER GIRLS AROUND ME. ”

CELEBRATING PROGRESS

Two funding milestones were secured by our country offices in September:



YEMEN

–USD1.89M SECURED FROM ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

- Donor: Islamic Development Bank
- Funding: USD 1.89 million
- Project location: Mukalla, Hadhramout
- Focus: Green business incubation & entrepreneurship
 - Construction of a new solar-powered Bina Green Business Incubator
 - Providing co-working spaces, training rooms, technology labs and digital services
 - Designed to support start-ups and microenterprises
 - Incorporates renewable energy, energy-efficient design, and sustainable materials
- **Why it matters:** It expands opportunities for entrepreneurs while creating a greener, climate-smart space for business development.



PAKISTAN

–GBP50K SECURED FROM GUERNSEY OVERSEAS AID & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- Donor: Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission
- Funding: GBP 50,000
- Project location: Rampur-III, Muzaffargarh, South Punjab
- Reach: 350 flood-affected households, approximately 2,450 people affected by the 2026 monsoon floods
- Focus: Emergency response & early recovery
 - Distribution of food packs including hot meals and dry rations, WASH & dignity kits, and debris clearance kits
- **Why it matters:** It provides immediate support to families displaced by flooding while helping communities begin the recovery process.

UPCOMING

As we move into the final months of the year, our country teams will continue turning what they learn from communities and changing contexts into practical action. Priorities across our programs will range from responding to emerging humanitarian needs and strengthening essential services, to expanding livelihoods, education, health, WASH, and protection opportunities that support longer-term recovery. As circumstances continue to evolve, teams will remain focused on understanding what communities need and finding practical ways to respond.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our country teams, partners, donors, supporters, and colleagues across Action For Humanity for the commitment behind this work. Many of the achievements highlighted in this edition are the result of teams working through complex challenges, building trusted partnerships, and finding solutions that are not always visible from the outside. We look forward to sharing more of these stories in future editions, including more of the good news, new opportunities, and program milestones taking shape across our country offices. Stay tuned!





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