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BEYOND ASSISTANCE: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN EVERYDAY LIVES

FROM THE ACTION FOR HUMANITY TEAM

October was a month of impactful humanitarian action and sustainable development across Syria and Yemen. Through medical interventions, emergency assistance, and livelihood-strengthening programs, AFH continued to support vulnerable communities while investing in long-term resilience and recovery.

In Syria, our Medical Mission delivered vital healthcare services and strengthened local medical capacity, providing over **564** medical consultations, supporting **144** surgical procedures, training **252** healthcare professionals, and delivering **15** specialist medical lectures.

In Yemen, our emergency response efforts enabled **7,700+** people to access essential healthcare services, provided 288 people with critical in-kind assistance, and supported **150** children with nutritional commodities to help improve their health and wellbeing.

Alongside our humanitarian work, the **Islamic Development Bank-funded** Yemen Project continued to drive economic empowerment through business incubation initiatives, supporting entrepreneurs and fostering sustainable livelihood opportunities within local communities.

These achievements reflect AFH's commitment to delivering immediate relief while creating pathways towards stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.



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LOOKING AHEAD

For a more detailed breakdown of our activities throughout October, each country section in this newsletter provides insight into the impactful work delivered by Action For Humanity on the ground. From emergency humanitarian assistance and healthcare interventions to capacity building and economic empowerment initiatives, these updates highlight how our teams and partners are helping communities overcome challenges, rebuild livelihoods, and create lasting change.

Explore each section to learn more about the achievements, milestones, and stories of impact that made October a month of meaningful progress across our programs.



COUNTRY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REACHED	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED
Syria	21,100	4,220
Palestine	5,272	1,052
Yemen	8,934	2,160
Pakistan	10,317	1,265
Jordan	3,346	407
TOTAL	**48,969**	**9,104**

OCTOBER '26 HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS

48,969
INDIVIDUALS REACHED

9,104
HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

SYRIA

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 2026

COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

Action For Humanity Syria continued supporting conflict-affected, displaced and returning communities across Syria through education, protection, healthcare, WASH and community recovery programs. Key achievements included the completion of specialized medical missions, rehabilitation of learning facilities, improvements to sanitation infrastructure and training for maternal and newborn healthcare professionals. Community recovery efforts also progressed through youth- and women-led initiatives, support for women-led agribusinesses and village savings and loan associations, helping communities rebuild livelihoods, strengthen resilience and develop local capacity.

Looking ahead, priorities include sustaining education and child protection services, completing rehabilitation works at Darayya Community Centre, progressing the Water Sector Project to on-site implementation and expanding community-led initiatives in Darayya. Psychosocial support and case management services will also remain a key focus.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

21,100
INDIVIDUALS REACHED

4,220
HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Distributed 30,608 literacy books and 1,450 school bags to students in Idlib, Aleppo, and Rural Damascus, while 42 education personnel received incentives to support continued learning activities.
- Completed the rehabilitation of the learning centre in Rural Damascus, providing a safe and accessible space for war-affected children to receive non-formal education and psychosocial support.
- Trained 100 school committees and climate club members across 5 schools to develop climate anticipatory action plans.
- Constructed a 140-metre sewage network to improve sanitation infrastructure.
- Delivered 30 pieces of medical equipment to Deir ez-Zor National Hospital.
- Medical missions across 3 governorates provided more than 300 specialist consultations and over 60 major surgeries. In addition, 16 midwives and resident doctors completed Skilled Birth Attendance.



STORY OF THE MONTH

Thirteen-year-old Zaid Adnan Al-Shahadah faced significant challenges in continuing his education after his school was heavily damaged by the conflict. With his local school no longer operational, he was forced to enroll in another school located far from his home. Every morning, Zaid had to wake up early and travel a long distance to attend classes, enduring a difficult daily journey just to continue his studies. Despite these hardships, Zaid remained committed to his education. He understood the importance of learning and was determined not to let the circumstances prevent him from pursuing his dreams. Day after day, he made the long trip to school, driven by the hope of building a better future.

Things changed when Action for Humanity Syria, rehabilitated and restored his school. Once the renovation was completed, the school reopened its doors and welcomed students back. For Zaid, returning to his former school was a moment of great joy and relief.

> **"I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE BACK AT MY SCHOOL. I NO LONGER HAVE TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES EVERY DAY, AND I FEEL COMFORTABLE LEARNING IN A PLACE THAT I KNOW AND LOVE."**

The positive impact of the rehabilitation extended beyond Zaid and reached his entire family. With the school now close to home, his parents no longer worried about his safety during the long commute. The family also benefited from the time saved each day, allowing Zaid to focus more on his studies, rest, and spend time with his loved ones. For Zaid, returning to school means more than simply studying in a restored building. It represents a return to stability, a supportive learning environment, and renewed hope for the future. For his family, it is a source of reassurance and optimism that their son can continue his education in a safe and accessible place.

PALESTINE

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COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

As humanitarian needs in Gaza remain critical, Action For Humanity Palestine continued delivering essential healthcare, rehabilitation, clean water and emergency shelter support to conflict-affected families.

Key interventions focused on restoring mobility and independence for people living with disabilities and conflict-related injuries through prosthetic limbs and assistive devices. Progress also continued on rehabilitating and constructing water wells, while displaced families received vital shelter and winterization assistance to help them cope with increasingly difficult living conditions.

A key achievement was our collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), through which the team secured a substantial in-kind donation of tents. This contribution significantly strengthened our November winter emergency response, enabling us to provide much-needed shelter to displaced families facing harsh weather conditions.

Looking ahead, the response will expand to include cash assistance for pregnant and breastfeeding women and orphaned children, alongside food distributions and further emergency shelter support. Priorities also include improving access to safe water, expanding eye-care services through diagnostic assessments and prescription glasses, and rehabilitating home gardens to help families restore livelihoods, strengthen food security and rebuild their resilience.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

5,272
INDIVIDUALS REACHED

1,052
HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Provided 20 prosthetic limbs and 46 orthotic and rehabilitation devices, supporting people affected by limb loss, injuries, and mobility limitations.
- Continued the water-well intervention, covering the rehabilitation and construction of 4 wells for domestic and agricultural use, with an estimated reach of 2,570 individuals.
- Distributed 944 blankets under the International Organization for Migration (IOM)-supported emergency shelter and winterization response, reaching an estimated 2,636 individuals.



STORY OF THE MONTH

In a displacement tent west of Gaza City, Fadi Sakher Qandil, 34, a father of four, faces the daily realities of displacement after losing his home and livelihood as a small trader due to the conflict. Access to water had become one of his family's greatest daily struggles, requiring long journeys and hours of waiting to obtain limited quantities of desalinated water from distribution trucks for their basic household needs.

To ease this hardship, Action For Humanity Palestine funded and implemented a water well at Al-Amin Mohammed Camp, providing a more accessible water source for Fadi and hundreds of displaced families.

Beyond meeting daily washing and hygiene needs, the well helped reduce the exhausting search for water and restore a greater sense of dignity and independence within the community.
Today, Fadi looks to the future with renewed hope and a stronger ability to care for his family. His experience highlights how water interventions go beyond emergency assistance: they can ease daily burdens, restore dignity, and help displaced families regain a measure of stability amid crises.

YEMEN

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 2026

COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

The humanitarian situation in Yemen remained critical in October, with conflict-related displacement continuing across several governorates. More than 180,000 people had been displaced since the escalation of conflict in September, adding pressure on already stretched communities and essential services. In response, Action For Humanity Yemen continued supporting both newly displaced families and host communities through its existing programs and emergency assistance. Mobile health teams provided essential healthcare in displacement sites and underserved areas, complementing services at Al Anad Health Facility. Emergency food and non-food assistance also reached newly displaced households, while solar-powered water systems continued providing safe water to communities hosting displaced families. Classroom construction further expanded learning opportunities for displaced and host-community children in a safer, more inclusive environment.



With displacement and disease risks continuing to affect vulnerable communities, maintaining access to essential services remains a priority. The team will continue providing primary healthcare, including immunization, reproductive health services and malnutrition screening, while progressing classroom construction and gender-sensitive WASH facilities. Work on solar-powered water infrastructure will also continue, alongside the handover and training for greenhouse interventions and the identification of vulnerable households for micro-business grants. These activities aim to address immediate needs while supporting communities to restore livelihoods and strengthen their longer-term recovery.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

8,934
INDIVIDUALS REACHED

2,160
HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Mobile health teams reached 5 displacement sites, providing consultations, immunization, nutrition screening, health awareness and referrals. Primary healthcare services also continued at Al Anad Health Facility.
- Provided 40 food parcels and essential household items to 288 newly displaced individuals to help meet immediate needs following displacement.
- Constructed 10 safe shelters, benefiting approximately 700 people, with household latrines to improve living conditions, privacy and sanitation.
- Completed Al Faqeed Qasem Al-Elemray School in Lahj, featuring 4 classrooms and 2 gender-sensitive WASH facilities.
- Distributed hearing aids to 40 children with hearing impairments, supporting communication and social inclusion.
- Provided medical grants to 7 women living with breast cancer to help cover essential treatment costs.
- Completed 20 greenhouses in Halmayn District, supporting 140 vulnerable farmers with agricultural tools and seeds to strengthen food production and income opportunities.



STORY OF THE MONTH

For Nada Najeeb Nasser, from Al-Khisah, Aden, discovering she had breast cancer came as a shock. Coming from a low-income family, she now faces the challenge of accessing treatment while struggling with the financial burden of her condition.

After discovering a lump, Nada underwent medical examinations and a biopsy, which confirmed that it was cancerous. The diagnosis brought fear and uncertainty, particularly as her family could not afford the treatment and travel costs associated with her care.

Through its breast cancer support project, Action For Humanity Yemen is providing Nada with financial assistance to help cover treatment and transportation expenses. This support aims to ease some of the financial pressure and help her access the medical care she needs.

Nada's experience highlights the importance of making breast cancer treatment more accessible, particularly for women who face financial barriers to diagnosis and care.

PAKISTAN

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COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

October saw continued progress in strengthening community infrastructure and expanding livelihood opportunities across Pakistan. The second resilient SMART housing cluster was inaugurated, alongside two solar-powered reverse osmosis (RO) plants, improving access to safer housing and clean water for vulnerable communities. The Women's Artisan Skills and Innovation Centre was also established, creating new opportunities for women to develop practical skills and strengthen their livelihoods. Health and disability inclusion programs also reached important milestones. School-based eye screenings and services at the Pediatric Eye Care Diagnostic Centre continued, while the disability inclusion project saw its training kitchen become operational, with the first group completing training and developmental assessments underway for children. Emergency assistance also reached flood-affected families through the distribution of food packs and WASH-dignity kits. In November, priorities will include expanding livelihood support, progressing additional water infrastructure, continuing eye-care services, and strengthening occupational therapy and life-skills activities for children with disabilities.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

10,317
INDIVIDUALS REACHED

1,265
HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Women's Artisan Skill and Innovation Centre were made operational with stitching and embroidery materials distributed to 50 women artisans.
- Completed Resilient and SMART housing cluster for 10 flood-affected households, providing safe and improved housing.
- Constructed 2 solar-powered reverse osmosis (RO) plants, improving clean water access to 5,333 individuals.
- Conducted developmental assessments of 45 children with Down Syndrome to tailor a plan for required therapy sessions.
- Established and equipped an accessible training kitchen for children with Down Syndrome, with appropriate kitchen infrastructure, adaptive equipment, and safety features. A batch of 10 students received culinary and life skills training in the training kitchen.
- Reached 2,614 children and patients through school-based screenings, services at the Pediatric Eye Care Diagnostic Centre, and a cataract surgery camp in Larkana. Support included identifying and referring vision problems, prescribing spectacles and medication, and completing 132 cataract surgeries to restore sight.

STORY OF THE MONTH

Fatima, a 10-year-old student with Down Syndrome walked into the newly established Training Kitchen by Action For Humanity Pakistan at KDSP Down Syndrome Organisation. She had a big smile and lots of enthusiasm. She washed her hands, tied on her apron and began preparing for the day's meal. She chopped the vegetables, meticulously measured the ingredients and begin cooking Daal Chawal, a dish their families often cook at home. But this time, she was the one preparing it.

For children with Down syndrome, learning to cook is about more than food. It is about independence, confidence and being able to say, "I can do this myself." At the KDSP Islamabad chapter, that opportunity did not exist. The room meant for kitchen training was empty, with no stove, no storage and no place to wash hands. The children enrolled in the Education For Life program had the motivation to learn, but not the space.

Action For Humanity Pakistan transformed that room into a fully equipped, accessible Training Kitchen, built around safety and hygiene for children with disabilities. It now has a dishwashing station, electric stoves, an oven, a refrigerator for safe food storage and cabinets to keep everything organized and within reach.

In the sessions Fatima practices the hygiene routines, follows instructions step by step, works as part of a team and sees a task through to the end. These are skills that build independence, and she takes them back home with her. The instructor appreciated the support of Action For Humanity Pakistan saying:

> **"A ONCE-EMPTY ROOM IS NOW A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME ARE LEARNING TO SAY, "I CAN DO THIS MYSELF."**

JORDAN

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COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

Action For Humanity Jordan continued strengthening livelihood opportunities for refugees and host communities through the livelihood project, LIFE+, with vocational training increasingly linked to entrepreneurship and potential income generation. Alongside practical skills development, awareness-raising activities and entrepreneurship sessions encouraged participants to explore how their skills could be turned into sustainable business opportunities. The Advanced Market Enablement track also continued supporting LIFE graduates in exploring pathways towards employment and access to markets. Direct assistance to vulnerable households remained an important part of the team's work. The first quarterly payment under the Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance project was delivered to vulnerable families from Gaza living in Jordan, with different arrangements made to ensure families could access the support more conveniently. Coordination under the Orphan and Family Sponsorship Program also continued. In November, the office will maintain vocational training and graduate support, follow up on the progress of cash assistance recipients, and continue sponsorship support, while documenting beneficiary experiences and progress towards sustainable livelihoods.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

3,346
INDIVIDUALS REACHED

407
HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

- Continued vocational training and monitoring under the LIFE+ project in Jerash and Madaba for 382 trainees.
- Delivered face-to-face and online business development training in Mafraq and Karak for 77 LIFE project graduates in Karak and Mafraq.
- Delivered an awareness event for female LIFE+ trainees in the beauty and sewing programs in Madaba, highlighting early detection and regular screening.
- Distributed the first quarterly cash assistance payment to 13 vulnerable households, with continued follow-up and coordination activities for 65 orphaned children under the Orphans and Family Sponsorship Program.



STORY OF THE MONTH

Reem Abu Bakrah, 48, arrived in Jordan from Gaza in December 2023 with her son, Mohammad, intending to visit her mother. The escalation of the war prevented her return, leaving her separated from her husband and children in Gaza. She later lost her son, Qusai, and continues to face emotional and financial challenges while caring for Mohammad.

Through AFH's LIFE+ Vocational Training Project, Reem joined sewing classes, gaining practical skills and rebuilding her confidence. She has already started using these skills to repair and alter Mohammad's clothes, reducing household expenses. Her son proudly tells others, "My mom is a seamstress!" — a simple expression of encouragement that motivates her to continue learning.

Reem also receives multipurpose cash assistance through the Gaza Families Support Project, helping her cover rent, food and household expenses. The support has enabled her to purchase essential items, including a wardrobe for Mohammad, fulfilling a long-held wish. Reem said:

> **"THE CASH ASSISTANCE HAS EASED THE BURDEN OF RENT, FOOD AND BILLS, WHILE THE SEWING TRAINING THROUGH THE LIFE+ PROJECT HAS RESTORED MY CONFIDENCE AND HELPED ME FEEL THAT I CAN STILL LEARN, BE PRODUCTIVE AND DEPEND ON MYSELF."**

Reem's story demonstrates how combining cash assistance with vocational training can make a meaningful difference in the lives of families facing difficult circumstances. Cash support has helped her meet some of her immediate daily needs, while vocational training has equipped her with a new skill and renewed her hope of establishing her own source of income. Supporting Reem at this stage means more than meeting her immediate needs. It could help her transition from reliance on assistance towards building a sustainable source of income, offering her and her son a more secure and independent future.

CELEBRATING PROGRESS

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



PAKISTAN

– JOINING A MAJOR EDUCATION INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Action For Humanity Pakistan reached an important milestone with the signing of a Letter of Cooperation to join a multi-million-dollar initiative addressing the needs of out-of-school children, funded by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and Education Above All Foundation (EAA).

- **Joining a major education initiative:** Action For Humanity Pakistan joined the initiative as an implementing partner, contributing to a wider effort to address the challenge of out-of-school children in Pakistan.
- **Strengthening education partnerships:** The collaboration with IsDB and EAA provides an opportunity for the team to contribute to a large-scale education initiative and strengthen its engagement with key development partners.
- **Supporting access to education:** Through this initiative, the team will be part of collective efforts to expand educational opportunities for children who are currently out of school.



PALESTINE

– A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM) AND EXPANDING IN-KIND ASSISTANCE

October marked an important milestone for Action For Humanity Palestine, with the commencement of its partnership with IOM, supported by European Union funding.

- **Expanded humanitarian assistance:** Action For Humanity Palestine began delivering in-kind assistance, including emergency tents and blankets, to vulnerable and displaced households in Gaza.
- **Strengthened operational capacity:** The partnership provides the team with an opportunity to build experience in large-scale in-kind assistance distributions and strengthen its capacity to respond to humanitarian needs.
- **Opportunities for future growth:** This collaboration lays the groundwork for the team to build on its experience with IOM and explore opportunities to expand the scale and reach future assistance.

UPCOMING

November will see us continue building on the progress made across our programs, with a strong focus on delivering meaningful support to the communities we serve.

In Palestine, our immediate priority will be responding to the devastating impact of heavy rainfall and flooding in Gaza, where displaced families living in makeshift shelters face worsening conditions as winter approaches. Our teams will focus on providing emergency shelter, winterization assistance and essential supplies to help protect families from flooding, cold weather and further displacement. In Yemen, we will continue delivering emergency assistance and essential services to vulnerable communities facing ongoing humanitarian challenges.

In Syria, we will advance our work in education, community recovery and essential infrastructure, supporting communities as they rebuild their lives. Meanwhile, in Pakistan and Jordan, our programs will focus on strengthening livelihoods, vocational skills and inclusion, creating opportunities for individuals and families to become more self-reliant.

As we approach the end of the year, humanitarian needs remain significant, particularly for families facing another difficult winter. Our commitment to standing alongside these communities remains unwavering. None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our country teams, local partners, donors, supporters and colleagues who continue to make these efforts possible.

Thank you for your continued support and for standing with the communities we serve. Together, we will continue responding to urgent needs while helping communities build a more secure and resilient future.




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