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“No words can do justice to the despair and devastation that millions of Syrians experience every day.”

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(Resident of Aleppo)

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Foundation Humanitarian Relief Syria – the Netherlands

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2012-2014

In September 2012 the SHHS started fundraising for humanitarian relief in Aleppo province to about 10,000 refugees, a number that extended rapidly to an area with estimated 150,000 refugees. The Dutch well known NGO "Wilde Ganzen" (Wild Geese) agreed to support us. We also started a cooperation with our local Syrian partner organisation 'Al Nur'.

In 2013 and 2014 we continued by raising funds and donations from Dutch citizens and organizations. In collaboration with "Wilde Ganzen" SHHS started the education project:

- 16 schools were (re-)opened which benefited more than 3,000 children, 55% of them girls in Aleppo province in Syria
- SHHS financially supported schools for Syrian orphans in Kilis, Turkey, for disabled children in the city of Aleppo and in the refugee camp near Kah, province of Idlib (Syria).

In the same period SHHS started the financial support of:

- an ambulance service (Ambulance Without Borders) in northern Syria. They took care of more than 2,600 wounded in 2015.
- a health centre for 50,000 refugees in camps near Kah, Idlib province, with a range of some 1,500 patients per month. This centre was also designated as MSF vaccination centre.

2015:

Women's support:

- first steps were taken for the Project "La Rose" in the city of Gaziantep: financial support for women / ex-prisoners and increase their resilience.

Health care:

We continued the projects mentioned above and in addition the expansion of the project healthcare:

- construction of a kitchen serving hot meals for 325 children – in the school for Syrian orphans, Kilis (Turkey)
- support of a rehabilitation and physical therapy practice for Syrian refugees in Kilis (Turkey), (target 3,000 people).

Education:

By force of circumstances Syrian people started home classes. SHHS supports this new education project in northern Syria, for the benefit of at least 180 children; also acquiring a small salary for the 6 - 10 teachers.

Food:

Chicken farm northern Syria: chickens serving eggs to improve nutrition and a better balanced diet (protein!). Results: 1500 to 2000 eggs per day - partly free of charge to needy persons; and an income for 10-20 people.

Projects and plans 2016

Besides continuation of humanitarian relief and continuation of the current projects our attention in 2016 is going to:

- Extension of the classrooms of the school for Syrian orphans in Kilis (70 children on the waiting list)
- Expansion of the physical therapy practice in Kilis with the necessary medical equipment due to high demand.
- A new physical therapy practice for Syrian refugees in the city of Gaziantep.
- A Centre for Syrian refugee women in Gaziantep for empowerment, social gathering, recovery of traumatic experiences, increasing their resilience, support in care for children especially young girls.
- Supporting a school for disabled children in the city of Aleppo.

Surely in the course of the year new requests for help will reach us, depending on the local situation and political developments.

About Foundation Humanitarian Relief Syria - SHHS

The starting point of the SHHS is and remains: to support refugees in the region of northern Syria (province Aleppo) and across the border with Turkey (Kilis and Gaziantep).

The fund raising by SHHS, is increasing every year: from about € 20.000 in 2013, to almost € 95.000 in 2015, thanks to an increasing number of donations from private persons, organisations, funds, schools and churches.

We conclude that there is confidence in what we achieve and how we spend the money: everything for the project - virtually no cost. SHHS is a foundation based on volunteers. No salaries are payed. Many friends came up with ideas and activities to raise funds, such as benefit concerts and lectures. We pay our own costs, even for travels to Turkey (every two months) to meet the Syrian partner organisation and contact persons of the projects.

This year we, board members of the SHHS will again put our heart and soul to ease the life for as many people as possible.

And we hope very much you will continue to support SHHS.

Thanks!

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Appendix: brief project descriptions

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Project descriptions

Ambulances Without Borders:



This project is about an ambulance service, founded by a group of young people (in an undisclosed region for security reasons) in northern Syria - by bombings affected severely since 2012. The region has 770,000 residents (locals and refugees). The service is widely recognized as a well-functioning, indispensable for lifesaving organization. Wounded and patients, if necessary, are brought to Turkey for treatment.

The organization has five ambulances. The number of employees is 25 of which 18 paramedics in the ambulances, in three services. They receive a small fee if donations to the service are sufficient. Average number of assisted injured / patients per month 150-200, greatly increased since autumn 2015 due to severe increase in the bombing.

The total number of wounded and helped patients in 2015 totalled 2,600. SHHS is one of the organizations supporting the service with a monthly fee.

Orphans School Kilis:



A large number of Syrian refugees in Kilis city also means a large number of children. Especially for Syrian orphans aged 6 to 15 years, there is a school for teaching, tutoring, after-school care and nutrition as possible. The school has 370 Syrian orphans (end 2015); there is a waiting list of 72 children. The classrooms are located in containers painted in bright colours surrounding a safe and sheltered courtyard.

The school needed a kitchen with dining room, so the kids can get a hot meal. SHHS has provided the resources - the kitchen and dining room has been in use since autumn 2015.

Also SHHS bought air conditioners for heating in winter and cooling in summer for 3 classrooms. Expansion of the classrooms is needed in order to eliminate the waiting list.

Health centre Kah:



The centre is located in Syria, west of Aleppo - near the Turkish border. There is a number of refugee camps: 150-160 small makeshift tent camps - number of refugees in the camps: in each camp stay around 1500 people, of which over 70% women and children. Therefore total approximately 225,000 - 250,000 refugees.

The health centre opened in November 2014 with support from SHHS. It consists of a concrete building with one room, where some privacy can be ensured through a curtain. In 2015 a drinking water supply, a toilet and a sink was installed. There is no heating and no air conditioning. For electricity the centre depends on a generator which is running on (very expensive) diesel. You'll find a family doctor, a pharmacist, a dentist and a midwife. The employees only receive a small fee.

The centre is designated as a vaccination centre for the region by MSF.

There are an average of 1,500 patients per month. In addition, the doctor will, if necessary "house calls": to the tent of the sick refugees. Besides the formation expenses SHHS supported the centre until October 2015 with a monthly fee to cover the expenses.

Rehab and physical therapy practice Kilis: (since 2012)



Syrians whom for treatment temporarily had to come to a Turkish hospital (because of the destruction of health care in Syria), found hospitality and temporary care and guidance in this centre, as long as necessary for the treatment. These were chronically ill patients, cancer patients and war wounded. The centre provided care for physical therapy and psychological assistance, necessary medications, counselling and transportation to the hospital (translations), sleeping accommodation and food for the patient and a family member. Also, assistance and guidance in the fitting of artificial legs / - arms and thereby exercise was an important part of the work.

The border was closed at the beginning of the summer of 2015 between Syria and Turkey , after this hospitality was no longer required / possible.

In the town of Kilis live around 125,000 Syrian refugees. The centre now works as a physical therapy practice also psychological support for refugees in Kilis. This practice started in early September 2015. Number of patients in late December: 46. More than 400 treatments were given in December. On the waiting list are more than 240 patients.

Experience has shown that psychological help is required by 30% of patients.

In the centre there are four physical therapists, one of them also a family doctor, and one psychologist. They receive a very small salary.

SHHS financially support this centre with a monthly contribution and has also provided funds for the purchase of some necessary medical devices. Patients even come from Gaziantep so it is considered, as the financial resources permit, to open a practice like this for Syrian refugees in Gaziantep.

Home Schools Northern Syria:



The children in the villages in northern Syria now don't go to school for over 1.5 years. The mothers regret this very much. Some of them, herself a teacher, dare to give lessons to the children in a home environment. For security reasons, in small groups with the teacher at home. End December 2015 there were six classes with 9-12 children each.

The teachers receive a small compensation which forms a small income to meet the needs of their own family. SHHS has pledged a contribution for this current school year. Further funding will depend on the evaluation.

Chicken Farm Northern Syria:



In the province of Aleppo, in the north of the country, some 35 villages have become overcrowded with refugees from the city of Aleppo and elsewhere, inaccessible to foreign aid organizations. Since September 2012, the foundation is trying to soften the need for the currently around 150,000 people who live in that region, with assistance of the Syrian partner organization of the SHHS.

Besides a constant shortage of food, nutrition is very one-sided and unhealthy, and there is a lack of income for refugees and local residents in rural areas. We were asked to assist in the development of agricultural projects for employment and nutrition, starting on a small scale.

A chicken farm would be a good opportunity. Elsewhere in the country is proved to be a good option. Barns, food and water is available. It provide employment and income while the eggs are a very good source of needed protein especially for the children.

Around 50% of the eggs can be sold - around 50% will be provided free of charge.

In December 2015 2000 young hens were purchased funded by SHHS and a local co-investor.

It brings 1800 eggs each day. The first eggs are distributed. The demand is huge!

It is expected that at least 10-20 people find work through this project: caretakers, salespeople, drivers.