

### UNFPA Delivers Aid to Previously Unreached South of AlRaqqa

On 30th of January, UNFPA - Syria was able to reach Al-Raqqa countryside and provide health services in the area. In cooperation with our local partner, Monastery Saint James the mutilated (MSJM), 1800 winter- hygiene kits were distributed to women & young girls. The UNFPA - Syria is the first UN organization to reach the village of Dabsi Afnan in the south of AlRaqqa, where there are approximately 2,000 families. The area lacks any health centers except for the mobile medical unit of (MSJM), which is supported by UNFPA-Syria.



### New Clinic Brings Reproductive Health Care to Syria's Underserved Al-Tabqa



On January 7th, 2018, the 1st UNFPA supported clinic has started receiving patients in Al Tabqa area in AL Raqqa. Since the opening of the clinic at the beginning of January” up till 21st of January, we have provided medical and reproductive health services in the clinic to approximately 460 women”, Dr. Adnan, stated from Al Tabqa after visiting the clinic. We are so thrilled to see all the essential services provided to very poor families from the area. We have ensured that the clinic is fully equipped with the needed medical equipments & fundamental furniture to be the 1st UNFPA supported clinic in Al Tabqa and the 1st UN agency to operate a fixed clinic providing the reproductive health services with our local NGO partner “Al Mawadda”.

### Turning Youth's Technology Ideas Into Viable Projects

On 18 January, the Syrian Computer Society (SCS), supported by UNFPA in Syria, organized an induction day for Wikilogia Hackathon. The event took place in Aleppo with the presence of electricity & Information technology dean faculties, members of the SCS and members of the Administrative committee. It included a brief on previous achievements of the joint programme as well as explanations on how to participate in the Hackathon and its paths.



The programme will start in the beginning of the spring break in February. It is a unique opportunity to turn youth's technology ideas into viable projects through an intensive training and with the guidance of professional mentors. It is worth noting that the top projects will receive financial awards.



## First Aid Course to Women in Homs, Baba Amro

The UNFPA- supported mobile teams are keen to deliver the knowledge to those who need it without visiting the center. In this context, the mobile teams of the Women's Development Center in cooperation with AOUN NGO, conducted the first aid course in Homs, Baba Amr area on 16 January. The women learned many significant skills such as measuring vital signs and how to behave with the unconscious persons. As well as, the aids in case of wounds, burns and fractures in a way that they reduce the pain and exacerbation of the injured persons until the arrival of specialists, all falls under the skills of accidents management.



At the end, first-aid kits were distributed to women, which are the most essential tools to be found in each home.

## Building the capacity of health workers in Al -Hasakah and Qamishli



As part of the UNFPA plan to build the capacity of the health workers and health service providers of the UNFPA-supported NGOs. Between 14 & 22 January, the UNFPA Reproductive Health team implemented training activities for 18 doctors working in the health facilities of our local partners in Hasakah and Qamishli.

The workshop training covered training on the Minimum Package for Reproductive Health Services (MISP) and Training on clinical management of survivors of violence (CMR).

## Reaching remote villages in Hama countryside with medical care

On 17 January, the UNFPA- supported reproductive health mobile teams of Al Bir NGO, funded by ECHO (European Commission Humanitarian Office), visited the villages of Maardaftin in the western Hama countryside. The visit included an awareness session and information about the risks of early pregnancy. Thirty-nine women and girls were targeted and provided with medical treatments, medications, counseling and psycho-social counseling sessions.





### Planning rapid response plan to provide women & girl specific needs

On 15 January, UNFPA participated in the inter agencies needs assessment in north Rural of Hama for 2200 families displaced to Souran, Al-Hamra and Hama Governorate. The outcome of assessment is to plan rapid response plan that can provide women and girl specific needs in the area.

This is the second interagency assessment mission to the area, triggered by the new displacement and internal displaced persons movement from Idlib and surrounding Areas.



### Empowering Syrian Women for a Better Future



On 28 January, the Relief and Development Center in Aleppo, supported by UNFPA, organized an awareness-raising session on women empowerment, its advantages in addition to the challenges. It is worth mentioning that the center will continue its services provision during 2018, including psycho-social support, legal consultation and language learning courses aiming to empower young girls.

### UNFPA-Supported Initiative Aims to Raise Awareness About Adolescent Marriage in Syria

On 15 January, the humanitarian center at the Monastery of Saint James the Mutilated (MSJM), supported by UNFPA organized an awareness-raising session in Qara, Rural Damascus entitled “Adolescents Marriage”. The session highlighted the legal age of marriage and the reasons that drive families and parents to marry off their children in a very early age. Additionally, it spotted the light on the negative effects of early marriage on both the physical and mental health.



### Equipping Women in Homs With New Information & Knowledge



On 20 January, the mobile team of the Women Safe Space project of Aoun NGO supported by UNFPA held two workshops on reading books in Baba Amr neighborhood, in Homs. The women discussed two books they have read. The group explained their point of views and the main chapters and topics that the book handled. In the end, the women received the books as gifts.



UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

While UNFPA assistance must remain concerned with saving lives and safeguarding human dignity, preparing Syrian people for future recovery, reconstruction, reconciliation and stability, is equally a priority.

UNFPA Syria focusses on:

- Improving access to high-quality reproductive health care.
- Scaling-up gender-based violence prevention and response.
- Enhancing youth participation and inclusiveness.
- Supporting capacities to collect and use gender-and age-disaggregated data for tailoring response and recovery programming.

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