

Humanitarian Crisis in Syria



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SITUATION UPDATE

As of November 2025, nearly one year after Assad regime's collapse on 8th December 2024, Syria endures one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, with 16.5 million people – including 7.8 million children – in need of aid, 7.4 million internally displaced and over 1.2 million returnees in need of basic services.

Children are the most affected. Currently 2.4 million children are out-of-school and 1.6 million at risk of dropout. Explosive ordnances have caused over 493 incidents since January, killing or injuring hundreds, mostly women and children.

Safe water remains scarce; in central areas supply is limited to few days per week, with limited reach caused by unmaintained networks, while 40% of rural systems are nonfunctional. Economic collapse has pushed a sharp rise in child labor, in an economy where minimum wage is covering under 10% of the food basket. Shattered health services, medicine shortages, rising trauma and gender-based violence further endanger women and girls.

KEY DATA

12%
of children in targeted areas are out of school

34%
of HH have insufficient access to water

68%
of HH are affected by diarrhea

48%
of HH cannot afford soap and **63%** have poor waste disposal increasing health risks

WEWORLD INTERVENTION

Operational Presence

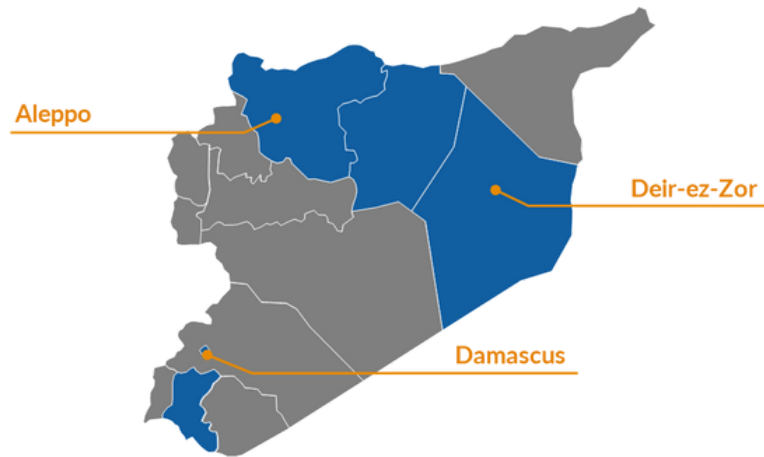
WeWorld operates in Syria since 2011. Its current operational capacities consist of over **60 staff**, **3 offices** situated in **Damascus, Aleppo and Deir-Ez-Zor**, and programmes in over **60 communities** in **Aleppo, Raqqa, Deir-Ez-Zor, and Daraa Governorates**. WeWorld works in rural most underserved areas, and applies an integrated area-based approach, coordinating different components and sectors: **Emergency Response, Education, WASH, Livelihoods, integrating child protection, community engagement**, as well as the inclusion of children and people with disabilities within the overall programming.

Ongoing Response

WeWorld continues to provide **assistance to marginalised communities to improve access to Education and WASH services, as well as access to Livelihoods**. Children and other marginalised groups are identified as priority groups in the response. This includes:

- **Access to safe and sufficient WASH services** through infrastructure repair, support on water systems operation and maintenance.
- **Access to inclusive quality education** services through improving access to safe and equipped learning facilities, non-formal education, and continuous teachers' professional development.
- **Access to sustainable livelihoods** and dignified employment through market assessments and linkages, technical and vocational training, and support to businesses.

In parallel, WeWorld maintains its preparedness to respond to urgent lifesaving needs in case of shocks in current areas of interventions or across Syria.



Day of Dialogue in Damascus

WeWorld participated in the Day of Dialogue held for the first time in Damascus on November 15th, a key platform for Syrian civil society organisations to share perspectives, exchange experiences, and help shape the policies that guide international support. The Dialogue revealed, for the first time, a meaningful and visible presence from Damascus and a remarkably vibrant Syrian civil society, far more dynamic and vocal than expected. **Civil society actors asserted clear demands for democratization, greater political space, and meaningful participation in government decision-making, while calling for a unified and transparent national process that includes all regions and constituencies. Youth engagement emerged as a central priority, with strong calls for continuous dialogue spaces, capacity development, and a more prominent role for young people in shaping Syria's future. For international actors, and as indication for WeWorld future interventions in the country, the Dialogue underscored the need to maintain support not only through service provision but also by strengthening civil society's capacities and advocacy space.**

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

While WeWorld insists on the importance of continued, uninterrupted, and increased support to urgent humanitarian needs, we recognise the need to complement it with long term developmental programming through the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus approach. In line with this, and in addition to the ongoing response, WeWorld plans within its revised strategy to:

- Engage in a cross-border response strategy with WeWorld Lebanon targeting Syrian returnees from Lebanon, and then expanding it to reach all returnees to Syria in WeWorld's areas of intervention.
- Work hand in hand with Ministries and other Local Authorities defining long-term engagement strategies on capacity building, governance, and systems strengthening across WeWorld's sectors of interest.
- Expanding localisation efforts, on both levels of utilising local organisation's and authorities' capacities but also strengthening engagement of local communities and supporting community led initiatives.

- Conducting regular market assessments, engaging with the private sector, **extending micro, small, and medium enterprises support and expanding support to farmers and irrigation systems.**

Combining both continued humanitarian response and complementing it with the nexus approach, WeWorld aims to strengthen the resilience and self-reliance of Syrian communities by improving access to basic services, livelihood opportunities, and enhancing food security.

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