

Local Development

The Local Development Organization (LDO) has worked on the issuance of a monthly bulletin to highlight the news and activities of local councils and civil society organizations in Syria.

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Opening Speech



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Nowadays, information is one of the main pillars in the development processes of local communities. This information is the all more important in light of the rapid and successive changes in events in various fields. It is imperative for decision makers in local organizations and councils to obtain such information in a timely manner and to have a knowledge of all events in the communities so that they can make appropriate decisions to meet the growing needs and can build future programs and projects.

Therefore, the Local Development Organization (LDO) has launched its monthly bulletin initiative on the activities and events of local councils and civil society organizations in northern Syria. The bulletin can inspire the organization to meet the needs of local communities, develop work, share experiences and information and contribute to achieve the desired competition among them, with the aim of providing the best services to the local population.

The Activities of Local Councils and Organizations in Aleppo Governorate



The first phase of the equipping the communication cabling infrastructure

Al Bab Region

The Activities of Local Council of Al Bab City:

The Council launched, in cooperation with the Directorate of Education at Gaziantep city, a training course for teachers in order to raise their level, targeting 200 M/F teachers.

Gaziantep University opened a branch in Al Bab city, which includes the following faculties: "Economics, Business Administration and International Trade and Logistics".

Launch of the Project of "Sewage Systems Repair" at Zamzam neighborhood, over 400 meters long, serving more than 200 families.

The Council finalized the process of equipping the communication infrastructure in preparation for the start of the second phase, which includes the extension of camera-surveillance systems

and communication lines in the city.

Under the auspices of the Council, the first course of driving training was launched in the city.

"Violet" Organization launched, in collaboration with the local council, the project of "Cash for Work", which includes spraying olive trees and vocational training for women, targeting 910 workers.

In partnership with Qatar Red Crescent, "Midad Education without Borders" held a graduation ceremony for the Vocational Training Center, which aims to train people in mud-building techniques and environmentally friendly buildings, targeting 480 trainees in the first phase.

The Activities of Local Councils and Organizations in Aleppo Governorate

In cooperation with the local council, "Sahabat Watan" Organization held an exhibition of handicrafts, which includes works such as embroidery and drawing, in "Al shaab Park" in Al Bab city.

The Activities of Local Council of Ar-Ra'ee Town:

The issuance of driving licenses in the town.

Using asphalt patch to repair and maintain pot-holes on the main road connecting the town of Ar-Ra'ee with the village of Zulf.

In cooperation with the Turkish Water Foundation, the local council launched a project to draw water, which is accumulated in swamps in agricultural land. The aim of the project is to dig a channel with a length of 4500 meters, a depth of 3 meters and a width of 7 meters.

A'zaz Region

The Activities of Local Council of A'zaz City:



Paving the road of A'zaz – Kafra

The Council paved the road of "A'zaz - Kafra", which is considered the link with the surrounding cities, with a length of 9 km and a width of 7.30 cm.

Gaziantep University opened a new branch, which includes "Faculty of Sharia" in A'zaz city.



Expanding the water network – A'zaz

In cooperation with "Vision" Organization, the local council expanded the water network in the northern district.

The council received a vacuum truck for sewer clean out. The truck, which contributes to solving all problems of sewage blockage, was provided by "Vision" Organization.

The issuance of driving licenses for citizens in the city and its countryside.

To empower women educationally and vocationally, the Council opened a Center for Women and Children in the city, targeting 217 beneficiaries of women and children.

In cooperation with "International Relief (IHR)" Organization, the local council launched "the Livestock Project", which includes a campaign to treat sheep owned by breeders in Shamarekh community, Tatia village and Tilil al-Sham village.

The council launched a maintenance project of two bridges: the first bridge is between (Kafra gan – Kafr shosh), and the second one is between (Kafr gan - Tel Hussein); these two bridges are of great importance as they connect the town with the rest of the cities.

The Activities of Local Councils and Organizations in Aleppo Governorate

"Sard" Organization repaired, in cooperation with the local council of Kafr gan, approximately 1,500 houses in the town. Most houses were damaged during the liberation of the area from ISIS.

Jarablus Region

The Activities of Local Council of Jarablus City and its Countryside:



Destroying Rotten Potatoes in Jarablus

In the presence of a committee that is composed of "the council, the police and the national army", the local council destroyed a quantity of potatoes as a result of infection with the Colorado insect, depending on the decision of Jarablus Court and Disclosure Committee.

Gaziantep University opened new institutes, which are affiliated to its branch in the city of Jarablus.

In cooperation with the Local Council, "Violet" Organization implemented a project to draw water for solar-powered drip irrigation systems instead of generator and diesel fuel in order to save the cost of production.

Afrin Region

The Activities of Local Council of Afrin City and its Countryside:



Completing pumping water of midanky

Completing the project of pumping water of Midanky dam to Afrin city, with the aim of improving the water service by installing electricity conversion stations and extending an electricity network to operate the dam with maximum power, which will increase the hours of pumping water weekly and reduce the cost.

Gaziantep University opened a branch in Afrin city, which includes the following faculties: Education and Turkish Language.

The Council opened the Child Malnutrition Clinic, the only clinic of its kind in the city.

Maintenance of sewage in Villas Street through establishing Rikars and moving excess soil.

In cooperation with the Miras Center of Al-Sham Humanitarian Foundation, the Council held a workshop on the effective communication skills to develop the capacity of its staff and improve the service.

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In cooperation with the Health Office of Afrin Local Council, "SDI" Organization opened a blood donation center with a storage capacity of 375 blood units, covering the entire city.

"SDI" Organization opened a center for physical therapy and prosthetics in the city.



Physical Therapy Center - Afrin

Atareb Region

The Activities of Local Council of Atareb City:

The local council rehabilitated most of the city's telephone networks in order to activate the internet service Adsl.

"SDI" Organization resumed, in cooperation with Qatar Red Crescent, the registration in order to submit a grant application to restore a number of damaged houses.

Kafr Naha Region

The Activities of Local Council of Kafr Naha Town:

Distributing 450 emergency food baskets to newly displaced families, in cooperation with "Ihsan" Organization.

Distributing non-food emergency baskets to 200 displaced families, in cooperation with "Mercy" Organization.

Providing 150 families with financial grants, which amounted to \$ 125, in cooperation with "Big Heart" Organization.

Distributing free bread to 300 displaced families, in cooperation with the "White Hands" Organization.

The Activities of Local Councils and Organizations in Aleppo Governorate



The Project of Maintenance of the western entrance of Daret Azza

Jebel Saman Region

The Activities of Local Council of Daret Azza City:

The launching of the second phase of the main road maintenance, including the asphaltting of roads from the western entrance of Daret Azza to Tall El-Karama.

The council controlled the rents and prices of houses, which have doubled after the largest influx of IDPs. The rent was set at 10,000 SP per room and 35000 for the house with 4 rooms.

Molham Volunteering Team distributed cards for buying clothes to 550 displaced families, it is worth \$ 50.

(IYD) Humanitarian Relief Association distributed 550 cleaning materials baskets to newly displaced families in the city.

The Organization of "Ahl Horan Association" launched a project of restoration of 300 houses in the city.

The Activities of Local Council of Andan City:

Equipping 35 houses for IDPs from Idleb countryside, in cooperation with "Arche nova" Organization.

Equipping 15 houses for IDPs from Idleb countryside, in cooperation with "ATAA Charity Foundation".

The Activities of Local Councils and Organizations in Idleb Governorate

City Center Region Idleb

The Activities of Local Council of Idleb City:



Education First" project launched in Idleb"

The local council opened the road between the Directorate of Health and the National Hospital to alleviate traffic congestion at the roundabout way.

As part of "the Livelihoods Project", (IYD) "Humanitarian Relief Association" has provided reproductive care and artificial insemination to 400 cows raised by over 300 families.

"People in Need" Organization established two vocational and technical education centers in Idleb, benefiting 120 (female) students, who are learning sewing and embroidery in addition to 338 (male) students, who are learning different professions.

Training workshops for teachers and administrators were held within the events of the "Education Cannot Wait" project, in partnership between "Orange", "In Syria" and "Human Appeal", and in cooperation with the Directorate of Education in Idleb.

"Bonyan" Organization launched the "Education First" project, which aims to raise the ed-

ucational level of school leavers. It includes the age groups from 5 to 17 years and targets two thousand boys and girls.

"Bonyan" Organization equipped, in cooperation with the local council of Idleb city, 80 buildings to accommodate 260 displaced families.

"Al Karama Center of Shafaq" Organization held the first swimming championship of its kind, in which 130 swimmers from most Syrian governorates have participated in addition to those with special needs

The Activities of Local Council of Sarmin Town:

In a meeting of the Senate, the Local Council of Sarmin town appointed the Engineer "Ali Marwan Taksh" as Chairman of the Council on 17/9/2019 after the end of the twelfth presidential session

"Ihsan" Organization distributed, in cooperation with UNICEF, more than 840 hygiene kits to the displaced persons.

"MENTOR" Organization launched a pesticide spraying campaign against leishmaniasis, in cooperation with the local council in the town.

The Local Council of Hazano Municipality:

Hazano municipality witnessed the formation of a new local council on 8/9/2019 chaired by "Mustafa Abdel Latif Zain".

Harim District

The Activities of Local Council of Sarmada Town:



Cleaning the Sewage

Cleaning the LampHole

The local council prepared urban redevelopment schemes for the town to stabilize the situation and prevent future violations.

Paving the main street in the town.

Cleaning the sewage lines in preparation for the winter season.

Replacing the main pumping line in the south of Sarmada and installing a new pipe with a length of 255 m and a diameter of 160 mm.

Completion of the first phase of feeding the water network in the southwestern region of the city by installing water meters in houses.

Repairing the sewage line in Alslnth area and tackling the problems extending from the main street with an estimated distance of 300 m towards Alslnth.

"Physicians Across Continents" Organization established a medical center and a mobile clinic, in cooperation with the local council in the town.

The Local Council of Eskat Municipality:

The Council rehabilitated, in cooperation with the residents, the unfinished houses in the town of Eskat. Then, some houses were provided free of charge to 100 displaced families.

The Council developed a plan to establish a private school for people with special needs, in cooperation with the Swedish Charity Organization.

The Local Council of Azmarin Municipality:

The local council constructed a bridge on the road between Azmarin municipality and Salqin town at the Saidia site at the northern entrance of Azmarin to facilitate traffic flow.

The Local Council of Kafr Takharim City:

The local council moved "Al bazaar" from the center of the city to its outskirts as a result of the overcrowding occurred after the recent waves of displacement.

Rehabilitation of the water network established between the town and the villages of Ibreta and Jid'in, in cooperation with "GOL" Organization, which led to the arrival of water to the villages after four years of interruption.

The council collected fees for cleaning services provided, which were preceded by an awareness campaign to urge people on participation.

The Activities of Local Councils and Organizations in Idleb Governorate

The Council held, in cooperation with "Orange" Organization, a dialogue workshop, with the aim of making proposals on the possibility of implementing collective pilot projects for women.

Qatar Red Crescent launched, in cooperation with the local council, a project to buy and distribute cows' milk to people for conversion into cheese and dairy products, targeting 100 families.

Ma'arrat An Nu'man - District The Activities of Local Council of Ma'arrat An Nu'man City:



Continuing to clean the streets

The local council repaired all potable water tanks in the city after they were damaged by the recent bombing campaign, and he continued to pump water by reservoirs.

Continuing to clean the streets and neighborhoods on a daily basis despite the bad security situation suffered by the residents of the city in the previous period.

"Mercy Without Borders" Organization provided various activities to empower young people and activate their role in the community with-

in the "Imprint Youth" clubs, targeting adolescents and youth.

Ariha - District The Activities of Local Council of Ariha City:

The local council provided, in cooperation with "Ihsan Relief and Development" Organization, statistics on the damaged houses in the city by the shelling, with the aim of completely or partially restoring them, benefiting approximately 25,000 people.

"Syrian Child Protection Network" launched the project of "Case Management" to target cases requiring assistance from the age of one to 18 years. The number of beneficiaries for the month of August reached 200 girls and boys.

"Al-Ameen for Humanitarian Support" Organization conducted a training course entitled "Principles of Humanitarian Action" for 15 girls, aimed at further consolidating the values of humanitarian action.

"UOSSM" Organization delivered, in cooperation with The Directorate of Health of Idleb City, a set of medical devices to a number of medical facilities in the city.

Jisr-Ash-Shugur - District **The Activities of Local Council of Jisr-Ash-Shugur City:**

The local council repaired the potholes of the streets by filling them with gravel and sand.

Restoration and rehabilitation of the slaughterhouse of the city after the recent shelling.

"MENTOR" Organization launched a pesticide spraying campaign against leishmaniasis, in co-operation with the local council in the city.

In partnership with the local council, "Violet" Organization installed solar panels for farmers benefiting from "Irrigation of Agricultural Lands" project (Small-Scale Projects).



The Activities of Professional Unions Working in Northern Syria



Free Bar Association

"The Free Bar Association – Aleppo Branch held a lecture entitled "Rules of Competence

The Free Bar Association (Aleppo Branch):

Bar Association's Training Committee held a lecture entitled "Rules of Competence" to train lawyers.

The Association conducted a test for qualified trainee lawyers to be promoted to the rank of lawyers, in the presence of the chairman and members of the branches' council.

The Free Bar Association (Idleb Branch):

Elections for the council of Association Branch and its complementary members were held on the 26th of this month.

The Association of Free Syrian Engineers (Aleppo Branch):

The Training and Rehabilitation Center of the Association Branch conducted, in cooperation

with the Local Development and Small-Project Support Office (LDSPS), several professional and scientific training courses for the Association members.

The Association of Free Syrian Engineers (Idleb Branch):

The Association of Engineers held a meeting with "Saad Charity Foundation", in which a memorandum of understanding was signed between the two parties in order to consolidate the relationship between the Association and Civil Society Organizations.

Confederation of Free Trade Unions:

The Council of the Free Trade Unions Confederation in Aleppo held a meeting with "MIDMAR" Organization to discuss the mechanism of empowering unions in northern Syria.

The Activities of the Local Development Organization

The Local Development Organization (LDO) launched the "Voice of Syrian Women" Project, which aims to contribute to support and empower local non-governmental organizations concerned with women and their participation in the development process in the community, build their capacities and strengthen their role in the liberated areas through the development of the institutional and administrative environment within the women's associations. The project has cooperated with six associations:

1. Raidat Association.
2. Hawaa Association.
3. Syrian Women's Conglomerate.
4. Qualifying Women and Children.
5. Yasmeen for Development.



Orm Eljoz

Launching women's voice Project

The following activities were carried out during the last month in cooperation with the above-mentioned associations:

- A dialogue session entitled "Women's Education and its Importance in Society" was held in the city of Kafr Takharim with the local community and attended by 25 people, mostly women.

- In Kafr Takharim City, a project management training was held and attended by 20 women.
- 4 Training courses entitled "Principles of Management and Good Governance" were conducted for women's associations in Daret Azza, Kafr Naha, Ma'arrat An Nu'man and Ariha, attended by 20 women in each region.
- Trainings on "Communication Skills" were held in the regions of Kafr Takharim, Ma'arrat An Nu'man and Orm Eljoz for women's associations, attended by 20 women in each region.
- A training course entitled "Basics of Accounting" was conducted with women's associations in Orm Eljoz and Kafr Takharim and attended by 20 women in each region.
- In Orm Eljoz town, ICDL course was held and attended by 20 women.
- In Kafr Takharim and Orm Eljoz, a training entitled "Economic Feasibility" was held and attended by 20 women in each region.



Ma'arrat An Nu'man

Preparing child-friendly Spaces

The Activities of the Local Development Organization

Within the Project of "Future of Local Administration and Governance in Syria", which aims to develop the activities of the governance platform that includes three organizations: Local Development Organization (LDO), Local Administration Councils Unit (LACU) and Local Development and Small-Projects Support Office (LDSPS), who contributes to exchange infor-

mation and experiences, expand discussions on local administration and governance in Syria, develop the strategic plan, build the capacity of these organizations, produce reports and research on the previous stage, and develop work in the local councils and governance sector in the next stages;



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LDO activities during the current Month

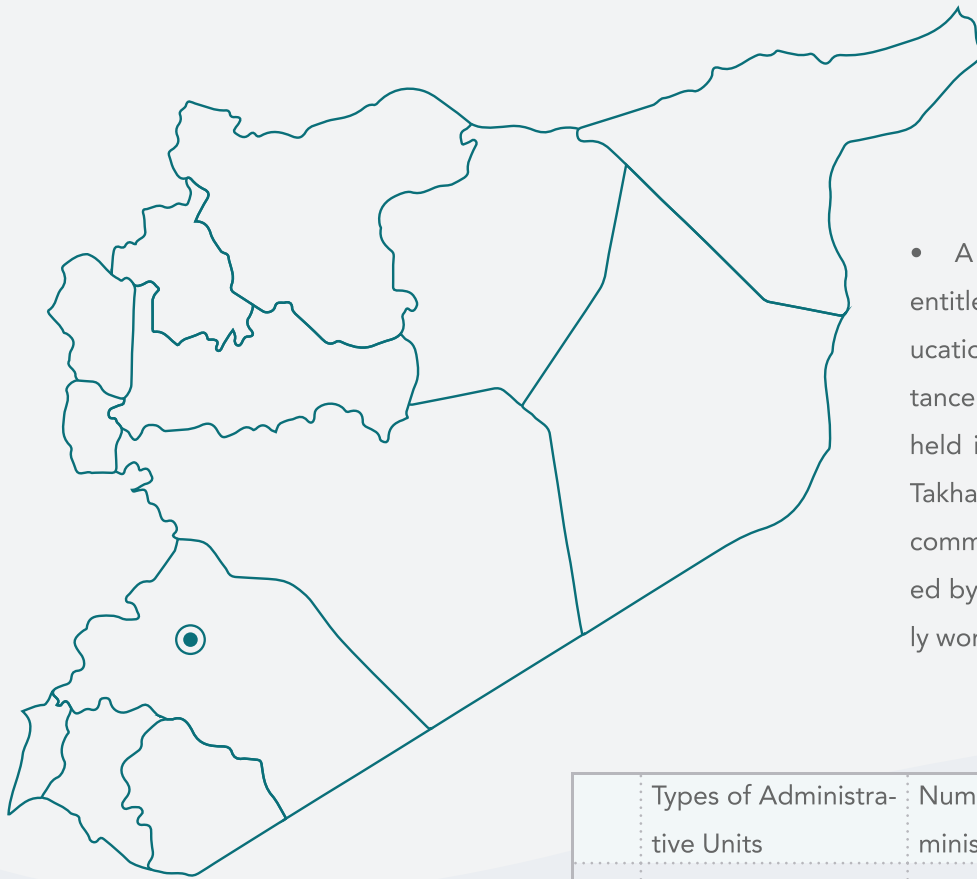
The Local Development Organization (LDO) has undertaken the following activities during the last month:

- Three meetings were held to develop the strategic plan.
- Start building the capacity of Studies and Research Department in the organization through holding some trainings on scientific

research methods in addition to collecting and analyzing data and information.

- Attending the monthly coordination meeting of the governance platform.
- Collecting data for the preparation of the monthly bulletin concerning the activities of councils and organizations.

Information on Local Administration in Syria



- A dialogue session entitled “Women’s Education and its Importance in Society” was held in the city of Kafr Takharim with the local community and attended by 25 people, mostly women.

	Types of Administrative Units	Number of Administrative Units
1	Governorate	14
2	City	157
3	Town	502
4	Municipality	682

- Other administrative divisions that do not have independent legal personality:

- District
- Region
- Neighborhood

- Article (73) of the Local Administration Law No. 107 of 2011 states:

Governorates are divided into districts. Districts are divided into subdistrict; Cities, towns and municipalities are divided into neighborhoods.

Women Working in Public Affairs



The Study of Empowerment of women participation in the north of Syria

Mrs. Huda Sarjawi

Lawyer and Human Rights Activist

She was born in Ma'arrat An Nu'man in Idlib governorate and graduated from the Faculty of Law. She worked as a teacher and continued her work on a voluntary basis after the outbreak of the revolution because of the vacuum in the education sector.

In early 2015, she was nominated for membership of the local council in Ma'arrat An Nu'man as the first woman to work in the local council of the city and the legal office of the council.

She co-founded the Women's Office in the local council and became the Director of the Office, which empowered women in the city, enhanced their participation in local councils and promot-

ed cooperation between women's centers.

She was a member of the Political Office in Idlib for a period of time, and then she became the Director of the Planning Office.

She participated in the establishment of the Syrian Women's Conglomerate in Idlib governorate, which works on empowering women and networking among women's centers in order to promote cooperation, share experiences, raise awareness and conduct training courses for women activists in several fields.

Studies and Reports

1. The Local Development Organization

(LDO) published a study entitled “Empowerment of Women in the North of Syria”. This study was conducted in May 2019, and included the governorates of Aleppo and Idleb in the liberated north. The study addressed the extent of women’s participation at the social, cultural, economic and political levels and the most important obstacles to enhancing their role. It concluded with many recommendations, results and projects that would increase the participation of women in all walks of society.

2. In partnership with **the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, the Syrian Women’s Political Movement** issued a study entitled “No return without political transition”. This study was conducted during February 2019 inside Syria. In a neighboring country, women generally expressed their views on the issue of returning Syrian refugees and the timing of its raising, and

how they envisaged activating it under ideal conditions. All the answers and attitudes of many women from different regions supported a basic view that return is a right for all, and all discussions about “returning” are illogical and unacceptable because they are isolated from reaching a comprehensive political agreement or solution.

3. In order to identify the situation of citizens’ security in various regions of Syria, and their views and perceptions on the security sector reform process, **“The Day After (TDA)” Organization, and the Omran Center for Strategic Studies** conducted a social survey entitled “Citizen Security in Syria: Reality and Prospects”. The survey will examine the daily suffering of Syrians, and their perspectives on the security situation, and its future trends in light of the complexity of the current political scene. Thus, it supports efforts to review and re-establish the structural and functional controls of the Syrian security services.



The Study of Empowerment of women participation in the north of Syria

Success Stories:

Some residents of Abzemo town donated a plot of land of up to 4.5 dunums to the displaced persons, with the aim of setting up camps in light of the massive displacement campaign in the northern Syrian areas.

Statistics

Al-Assad regime, supported by the Russian occupation, launched a harsh military campaign that caused a massive loss of human life and enormous damage to most of facilities.

These are some statistics on the number of victims, displaced persons and vital installations targeted according to local reports.

Victims:

since the signing of the Sochi Agreement on September 17, 2018 and until September 14, 2019, the number of victims in and around Idleb reached "1453" civilians, including "403" children.

Displacement:

The number of IDPs during the third military campaign from February 2, 2019 to September 9, 2019, was approximately 966,140 persons. The response of Organizations was about 31.96 %.

Medical Facilities:

Medical Facilities

69 medical facilities were targeted, including 47 health centers and 22 hospitals.

Educational Facilities:

The total number of targeted educational establishments reached 115 schools, which resulted in 64410 students being deprived of continuing their education. Also, the number of students affected by forced displacement from their areas to other regions exceeded 191,133 students.

This coincided with the donors' announcement to stop supporting the education directorates in Hama, Idleb and Aleppo, which will lead to the suspension of work in 840 schools in different educational stages.

Camps:

Regime forces targeted several areas that are hosting the displaced persons such as "Hass Camp for Refugees", in which dozens of civilians died. Furthermore, the number of camps and shelters targeted during the recent military campaign reached 13 camps and shelters.

Civil Defense:

Civil Defense

Since the beginning of the last military campaign until September 12, regime forces have targeted civilian defense centers and cadres 31 times. They killed 9 members and wounded 29 others, bombed 13 centers and destroyed 36 vehicles, according to a civil defense statistics.

Bakeries:

The number of targeted bakeries was 15 bakeries, which resulted in their being out of service in several areas.



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