

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.

- News of councils and organizations in Aleppo and Id-
leb governorates.
- News of associations operating in northern Syria.
- Local Development Organization News.
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Local councils and organizations in Aleppo province updates



Communication Networks and Surveillance Cameras Installation

Al-bab Area

Al-bab local council:

Inauguration of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences in Al-bab City affiliated to Gaziantep University in presence of Deputy Governor of Gaziantep and an academic delegation from the University.

Launching the second phase of communication networks and surveillance cameras installation, where cameras were installed in the main axes of the city.

Opening a free Funeral Services Center includes washing, shrouding, burial car and solace house.

Watan Organization launched a comprehensive vaccination campaign against smallpox for livestock (cows, goats and sheep) under the supervision of specialized veterinarians.

Ar-Ra'ee local council:

Re-activation of the medical clinics in Ar-Ra'ee Hospital, except for the dental clinic, after it was discontinued due to a bombing in a prior period.

Shafaq organization has launched a resilience-building project for families and communities affected by the conflict in Syria, which aims to increase the ability of the most vulnerable families to meet food needs.

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Bzaa' local council:

In cooperation with Watan organization, the local council launched a vaccine campaign against smallpox for sheep, goats and cows.

Qabbasien local council:

Renovation of Al-ajeel – Shweiha highway with asphalt residues according to the available possibilities, and it is now 70% passable.



Azaz City

Paving Roads with Interlock Stones

Azaz Area

Azaz local council:

Rehabilitation of the vegetable wholesale market east of the city, thus reducing congestion from the city center.

Establishing weapons licensing office in order to achieve security and promote stability in the city.

Paving the city roads with interlock stones before winter to alleviate the suffering during rainy days.

Expanding the road network inside the

city and temporarily graveling it to mitigate the effects of winter.

Imdad organization has launched a one-month cash-for-work project that will benefit some women within certain criteria by weaving woolen pieces in their homes.

Afkar foundation opened a special exhibition at the Child Protection Center at the city contains distinctive paintings and handicrafts.

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The Union of Journalists organized training in designing principles in cooperation with the Stabilization Committee to raise the level of media professionals in the region and provide new staff.

Funded by Shafaq Al-salamah town council extended 550 meterlong of the sewage line in the main market.



Renovation of Mare's Road - Kaljibrin

Mare' local council:

In collaboration with Kilis State, Mare' local council launched a renovation of Mare' - Kaljibrin highway project (9 Kilometers).

Akhtrein local council:

At a cost of 530,00 Turkish Lira, the local council launched the project of paving Akhtrein - Ar-Ra'ee highway (10.5Km length, 6.5m width, and 9cm thickness). The project will take two months to finish.

The local council purchased and installed a new 450 KVA generator and equipped it to pump water for the.

Ehteimlat local council:

Rehabilitation of sewage system of the main road.

In collaboration with World Vision, the local council replaced the eroded concrete sewage channels with new plastic ones.

Suran local council:

After a two-month hiatus following protests against the old head of the local council over corruption charges against him, Mr. Mohammad Wajih Tayfour was elected as the new head of the local council.

Repairing the main water pumping station.

Working on replacing the main sewage line in the town to move forward to the paving project.

Kafra local council:

The local council launched a project to establish a road ferry to drain rainfalls east of the town on the axis of the Kafra-Suran highway.

Dabeq local council:

Removing debris from the main and secondary streets of the city before winter.

The Syrian Society for Relief and Development (SARD) held a meeting with the local council and a number of people talking about the most important crite-

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ria and standards used to provide support to the most vulnerable citizens.

Shmarekh local council:

In collaboration with the civil Defence, the local council paved the town's school with interlock stones in preparation for the winter.

Construction of a road linking the schools of Tatiyah and Talil El-Sham by the main road.

Jarablus Area

Jarablus local council:

Diesel price setting due to the exploitation of some suppliers.

As part of the water system rehabilitation project, Binaa for Development Corporation installed a 600 kva electric generator and provided fuel and oil for the operation of the main water station in the city.

Afrin Area

Afrin local council:

The Local Council announced a tender for repairing, maintaining and paving the main streets in Afrin starting from Navruz square to the hospital crossroad. In cooperation with Hand in Hand for Relief and Development the local council Replaced the old sewerage network at Villas street with a length of 1,200 meters.



Visitation to the Private Hospitals

With its specialized committee, the Health Office at the local council conducted field visitation to the private hospitals to ensure compliance with technical and health specification.

The International Humanitarian Relief Agency (IHR), in coordination with the local council, has launched a vaccine campaign against cattle enterotoxemia targeting 15,000 sheep.

The agricultural office at Jendris town council has decided on the date of harvesting olives, operation of olive presses and the cost of pressing.

The service office Jendris at town council has completed the paving the main streets in preparation for the winter.

Atareb Area

Atareb local council:

The council issued a decree banning the drilling of artesian wells without reviewing the Council.

Amendment of the water and hygiene

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Alatareb City

Paving the Roads Inside the City

fee from 2,000 up to 2,500 Syrian pounds due to the high fuel prices.

The service office at the local council carried out rehabilitation works of some parts of the university building.

Paving the roads inside the city before winter.

Maintenance of important and major roads in the city.

In cooperation with the local council Fox Aleppo and Qennesrin Association held an agricultural seminar entitled "Integrated Wheat Crop Management".

Masarat organization has announced its intention to bid for fertilizers and wheat

seed as part of the livelihood program for war-affected families.

Space of Hope organization announced registering for free training courses in first aid and training of trainers.

Abin Samaan local council:

The local council held an auction on the nine municipality-owned shops for rent for a yearly contract.

The local council published a notification asking the breeder (sheep, cows, goats and poultry) to register all their animals with the council.

Mentor Initiative has started a spraying campaign against leishmaniasis in the town.

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Kafr Aleppo local council:

Collecting hygiene fees from the residents (100 Syrian pounds per week per house).

The Council announced the necessity of organizing the leases in the town through him, subject to liability.

Kafr Naha local council:

Deporting the garbage from the containers and barrels in the town on a daily basis.

IhsanRD distributed relief baskets to 1,350 beneficiaries each month (IDPs and a residents).

People in Need distributed monthly vouchers to 730 beneficiaries to the most vulnerables.

Jebel Saman Area

Daret Azza local council:

In cooperation with the Directorate of Free Education in Aleppo, Syrian Child Protection Network (Hurras) announced the registration of the Accelerated Education Project.

Hawwa' (Eve) organization completed the 45 days course of basics of nursing and first aid, in order to develop the capabilities of women.

Qabtan Eljabal local council:

funded by UOSSM, a primary health

care center (dental, gyneciatrics, children, interior) has been opened and started operating.

In cooperation with Aleppo Electricity Company, the local council finished street lighting installation.



Sphere Standards Training

City center area

Idleb city local council:

As part of the Women's Network project, Maram Foundation conducted Sphere Standards training in Idleb, targeting women humanitarian workers.

Mastumeh local council:

In corporation with Big Heart organization, the local council finished rehabilitation of 150 meter of drainage line and replacing 425 meter of water pipe lines.

Ma'arrat Tamasrin local council:

The Syrian Association for Relief and Development (SARD), in cooperation with the local council, announced a tender (sealed envelope) for the rehabilita-

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tion of water pipe lines and some parts of the city streets.

In cooperation with The Syrian Association for Relief and Development (SARD), the local council conducted a census of the houses affected by the shelling in the city to be repaired at a future stage. Nawat Center for Scientific Studies and NuDay SYRIA launched a project (teaching and applying) mushroom cultivation for farmers in the city.

IYD distributed water tanks (capacity of 1,000 liters) in 4 camps in Ma'arat Tamasrin countryside hosting 1,600 beneficiaries, as part of the plan to supply the newly displaced with safe drinking water.



Delivering Water lines

Hazano local council:

The local council signed a MoU (memorandum of understanding) with Masarat organization to supply farmers with wheat, provided that the beneficiary owns an artesian well and ten dunums of agricultural land within the town.

In cooperation with the owners of the generators in the town, the local council finished street lighting installation of the main roads and some of the secondary streets.

The local council modified one of the water pipe lines in Al-Muhallaq Al-Shamali neighborhood in order to deliver water to that neighborhood.



Al-Talia Camp for IDPs

Bennsh local council:

The local council inaugurated Al-Talia camp school for the new IDPs fleeing from the shelling areas.

Haranbush local council:

In coordination with Idleb Farmers Union, the local council launched the founding procedures to establish a peasantry association.

Harim area

Harim local council:

The local council has finished expanded the highway to ease congestion in the city.

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City Roads Rehabilitation

The local council distributed water tanks (capacity of 2,000 liters) to Khirbet and Harem girls schools.

Distributing new garbage cans in the city's neighborhoods and requesting the residents to abide by the times and places garbage disposal.

Rehabilitation and painting of sidewalks in the streets of the city.

The local council issued a decree not to enter the castle at night by the residents because of the complaints of the neighbors.

Finish landfilling in cooperation with the Civil Defense Center.

Hand in Hand has rehabilitated the camp road in Deir Hassan with a distance of 4 km, which serves 11 camps.

Sarmada local council:

The local council, in cooperation with the local residents, replaced the sewer pipe line in Albazaar neighborhood with a length of 200 meters at an estimated cost of \$2,500 due to the small diameter of the old ones and the frequent malfunctions.

The local council moved the clothing market (Bazar) from the old Bazaar street to the public park in order to carry out maintenance work for the roads.

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Azmarin local council:

The local council dissolved the relief office and tasked it to run relief and aid works until a new office is appointed.

After receiving complaints from the residents, the local council worked on repairing and maintaining the sewage system on Al-Sawalah road west of the town after it was blocked.

The local council proceeded to receiving applications for small project to be funded by Insan Charity under specified criteria.

Kafr Takharim local council:

Members of Shura Council authorized Mr. "Hassan Mohammed Gibs" to head the local council on 13/10/2019.

The local council announced an auction to rent the entail olive lands in Kfar Takharim and the lands of the Farmers Association.

In corporation with "White Hands" organization, the local council installed a new camp for IDPs fleeing the bombing. The local council proceeded to registering displaced people who own livestock to be benefit from fodder provided by "IHR" organization.

Orange has launched the second round of the "Women's Entrepreneurship Support Project", which aims to strengthen

women's capacity and skills to integrate and participate as pioneers in their communities.

Ma'arrat An Nu'man area

Ma'arrat An Nu'man local council:

In cooperation with the Central Hospital Administration in Ma'arat al-Numan, SAMS opened a new ambulance and emergency department to meet the need of the city.

In cooperation with Orange, "Basmat Insan" launched a life skills course for 22 young men and women.



Sanitation Reform

Ariha area

Ariha local council:

The local council launched a one-day campaign entitled "Shifa" for blood donation.

As part of the Emergency Winter Shelter Response Project, The International Social Development Foundation (SDI)

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repaired and rehabilitated 650 partially demolished houses.



Educational Centers Celebration

Protection Teams at “Space of Peace organization” celebrated at the education centers to mark the International Day of Peace.

In cooperation with the local council, Binaa organization and the Water Association, two wells were equipped in Al-Khazzan Aljaded water station, as a reservist for Al-Mastouma station.

Orm Eljoz local council:

Amal Foundation for Relief and Development has announced the opening of “Al Amal Center” for Social Support, which will offer many recreational and awareness-raising activities, capacity building and educational activities for women.



“Seminar “The Local Council Tasks and Challenges

Jisr-Ash-Shugur area:

Jisr-Ash-Shugur local council:

Violet organization conducted a first aid training course instructing principles and basics of first aid and nursing for 80 people.

Basmat Janudiyat Center held a dialogue session for women to build peace and strengthen social relations attended by a number of displaced and resident women from the region.

Basmat Janudiyat Center held a seminar entitled “The Local Council Tasks and Challenges” attended by members of the council, community leaders and displaced people. Discussions were about the services and the IDPs situation.

Associations operating in northern Syria



Free Bar Association Meeting

Free Bar Association (Aleppo Branch):

The branches of the Free Bar Association in Aleppo, Homs and Hama conducted an official visit to the headquarters of the Ministry of Justice in the Interim Government in Azaz, discussing the works of the associations, judicial works, and ways to develop it with the Justice Minister "Counselor Abdullah Abdul Salam".

A meeting was held at the headquarters of the bar association of Killis, Turkey, with the general chief of the bar association of Turkey and the chief of bar association of Killis, discussing Syrian lawyers' situation in Turkey and northern Syria.

The association participated with several other associations and civil society organizations in launching a workshop entitled "Towards the Integration of the Performance of Actors in Defense of Detainees" in Azaz, which was called and organized by (Syrian National Authority

for Detainees and Missing Persons).

In coordination with "Bridges of International Justice", the bar association in Aleppo held a round table in Afrin entitled: "Suspending the execution of the court and the discretion of the court in granting the stay of execution".

The association held in Afrin an open dialogue session entitled: (Violence against women in wartime) attended by representatives of civil society organizations in the city and residents women.

The association audited many registered applications (for new members in the branch), and referred their documents to the competent committee.

The Association of Free Syrian Engineers (Aleppo Branch):

In cooperation with the Local Development and Small-Projects Support Office (LDSPS), the association conducted a training course on the calculation and design of concrete structures in a marginal and flexible manner.

In cooperation with the Local Development and Small-Projects Support Office (LDSPS), The Training Center of the association announced a training course on "Programmable Logic Controllers" and "Urban Planning".

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“Women’s Voice” project, which was previously launched by LDO, is in its final stages, through which support and empowerment of a number of local organizations working in “women’s capacity building” were supported through: A training program aiming at building administrative and personal capacities, developing the institutional and administrative environment, and building organizational structures and procedures that regulate non-profit organizations work. In addition to supporting community participation through several discussion boards dealing with topics of interest to women and their participation in community activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination between bodies working in this field in all the liberated areas inside Syria.

LDO carried out the following activities:

- A dialogue session entitled “Identification of Priority Projects” in Orm al-Joz attended by 25 local actors and public officials.
- Two training courses on Internal Regulations were held in Orm Eljuz and Kafr Takharim attended by 20 women in each city.
- Two ToTs were held also in Orm Eljuz and Kafr Takharim attended by 20 women in each city.
- Two courses in Strategic Planning

held by women’s associations, which underwent training and follow-up by LDO qualifying them to conduct these trainings in Kafr Naha, Daret Azza, Maarat al-Nu’man and Ariha and benefited 15 women in each training.

- Within (the future of local administration and governance in Syria) project, LDO continued the capacity building courses of the Studies and Research Department through trainings on data analysis using Excel and Power BI. In addition to the workshops on developing (LDO) organizational strategy, in order to evaluate the experiences and governance of local councils in the liberated areas, through its administrative systems, structures, and regulations, in addition to the role of civil society organizations in strengthening these councils.
- A two-day workshop is currently under preparation which will address the experiences of the local councils in the liberated areas.
- LDO published a price bulletin inside Syria included the prices of food commodities, fuel and construction materials in the main areas to be available for relief organizations and stakeholders.

Information about local administration in Syria

Local authority and central authority:

Article 1 of the Local Administration Act 107 of 2011 states:

- Local Authority: The Administrative Unit Council, its Executive Office and the related bodies.
- Central Authority: It is the ministries, departments, institutions, companies, public bodies and related bodies.



Mrs. Iman Omar Hashim

Community Dialog - Raidat Organization - Kafr Naha

Mrs. Iman Omar Hashim

Mrs. Iman Omar Hashim was born in Aleppo in 1980. She holds a BA in Arabic Literature. Before the revolution she worked as a teacher at UNRWA schools. She joined the revolution since its early days and was coordinating for the pro-

testing in Aleppo, in addition to helping the wounded.

At the same time, she was working with a number of activists to sheltering the IDPs from hotspots providing them some supplies.

Women worked in public affairs



Strategic Planning Training - Women's Voice

When eastern Aleppo were liberated, she returned to work in education and opened a number of schools.

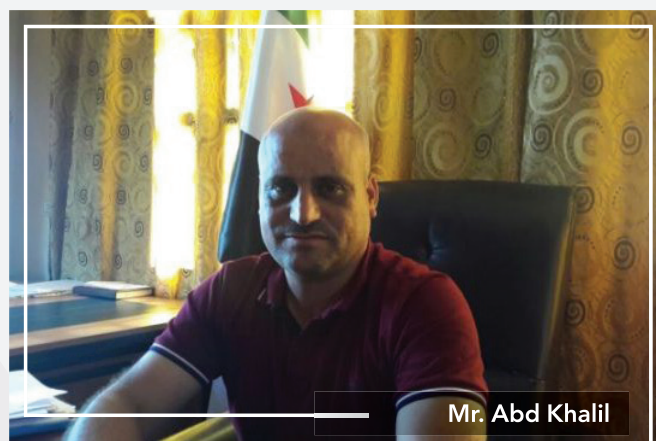
At the fourth session of the Council, she was elected a member of the Executive Office on Education and Social Affairs of Aleppo city council, and represented the Council on a diplomatic mission to France within the twinning agreement between Aleppo and Metz.

At that period, she contributed in opening a number of women's empowerment centers, teacher training centers, schools, clubs and kindergartens.

She had been displaced from Aleppo with her family, lived in the countryside, opened a children's club and an elementary school and worked with a number of organizations. Then, she applied for elections in the sixth session of Aleppo City Council and was elected Head of Aleppo City Council to be the first woman holding such a position in Syria.

After the session, which she headed at the local Aleppo City Council, she worked with a number of activists on a women's empowerment gathering and raising the capabilities for that they established "Raidat Association".

Meeting of the Issue



Head of Jarablus Local Council

LDO met with Mr. Abd Khalil, Head of Jarablus Local Council, In order to get acquainted with the Council, its structure, its most important achievements and the difficulties facing it:

Welcome Mr. Abd, at the beginning would you please tell us about yourself and your experience with local councils:

Hello, my name is Abd Khalil, an agricultural engineer. I was formerly working at the cotton institution of Aleppo, then at the Agricultural Bank in Manbij. I joined the revolution since its early days and worked as head of the relief office at Jarablus revolutionary council after its liberation and then as a member of the council established in 2013 until the occupation of the city by IS. By that time, we fled to Turkey and formed "Jarablus Diaspora Local Council". Then after the liberation of the city as part of "Operation Euphrates Shield", we returned to the city and formed the local council again. In 2017 I was elected as the Head of the Council till now.

Tell us about the structure of Jarablus local council:

The local council consists of several offices:

Health office, Service office, Agriculture and bakery office, relief and social services office, entail office, financial office and legal office in addition to the education office and each office has directorates and departments. for example, at the service office there is a municipal department and the Department of Water and Electricity.

What are the most important projects you have undertaken in the region?

Al-Zahra private university and Gaziantep university opened new branches at Jarablus.

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In addition to dispatching students to Turkey.

The most important service projects undertaken by the Council are:

- Three paving projects, the first of which is 1.3 Km from the cross boarder to the city, the second is Katilja and the bakery road of 1.0 Km and the third is in the city in-progress with a length of 7.0 Km includes rehabilitation of sewage system points. The council also provided the city with water in addition to the usual services such as hygiene, water and electricity.
- The council also equipped a number of bakeries in cooperation with the Stabilization Committee and Khairat and Elaph organizations, and worked to equip high-voltage networks and replace the ground network with an air network with a cost of 15 million Syrian pounds.
- The local council launched the Civil Registry Office project, through which IDs were granted to 90,000 citizens in Jarablus and its countryside, in addition to registering vehicles and giving plates for security control in the areas, in addition to the Land Register Office project (title deed documenting).
- There are security projects such as the construction of three police stations and equipping the city with central surveillance cameras.

What are the most prominent donors and collaborators with you?

We are open to all organizations want to support, grant, or collaborate with the council. But, for some political reasons there is reluctance from some INGOs, we coordinate mainly with the Turkish AFAD which provides a big package of services in relief and flour for bakeries. The education, security and health sectors are fully supported by the Turkish government in terms of salaries and other supplies.

What are the main obstacles facing the Council?

There are many obstacles facing the Council, the most important of which are the absence of the central authority and the absence of a clear law governing the work of institutions and linking them, in addition to lack of resources and the presence of a large number of displaced people, which causes a great burden on the Council, not to mention the low-level of response to the decisions issued by the Council, especially with regard to services fees collection. In spite of these difficulties we are still continuing to provide our services and insist on improving it in the region.

success stories

Abu Tha'ir, a young man displaced from Daraya to northern Syria where he lived in difficult economic conditions due to lack of financial income, supported by "Syria Relief" through "Change of Life" program to support small projects for people have been subjected to difficult circumstances.

Through this program, the young man was provided with adequate support to opening a barber shop, which was considered a dream for him a short time ago, his project secured his income, guaranteed a decent life for him, and bringing a positive qualitative change in his life.

Statistics

Targeting

Between October 7th and 14th, 2019, Syrian regime and Russian occupation forces targeted the de-escalation zone, with a total of **8** ground targets, while **58** air strikes were distributed at several points in the liberated areas.

Victims

During the ceasefire period between Aug **31**st and Oct **14**th, 2019, 27 civilian martyrs documented in Idleb and Aleppo.

Returnees

Following the recent ceasefire at the end of August, **87,351** displaced civilians returned to their areas, particularly in Idlib countryside, with an estimated **9.4** percent of the displaced

Displacement

As a result of the military campaign of the Syrian regime forces in northern Syria, about **1,044,752** people were displaced during the three campaigns on the region. Where, **966,140** civilians displaced in the third campaign only, which is considered the fiercest campaign on northern Syria yet.



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