

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 Idleb governorates.
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Alternative Housing Project - Ar-Ra'ee road

Al-bab Area

Al-bab local council:

The local council, with the support of the Qatar Red Crescent and in cooperation with AFAD, has established an alternative housing project on Ar-Ra'ee Road, which contains 116 housing units, benefiting the families of the orphans and the disabled.

In cooperation with Violet Organization, the local council launched the Olive Harvest Project, which aims to provide employment for about 1200 workers and provides free harvesting service for 100,000 olive trees.

Ar-Ra'ee local council:

The local council started the mainte-

nance and equipping of electricity network in Ar-Ra'ee city after the agreement with the Turkish company AK Energy to supply electricity.

The local council destroyed a truck of imported tomatoes (22) tons coming from Ar-Ra'ee Crossing because of mold.

Qabbasien local council:

The local council launched Souq Al-Hal (Local Market) project, which consists of one hundred shops and a pavement with a depth of 5 m in front of each shop with large yards for easy movement of trucks and goods in addition to a ground weight for cars.

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The local council continued to provide vocational trainings in the public education center, as currently the following courses of the fourth phase are being

conducted (sewing and tailoring - haircut - computer - nursing - Arabic calligraphy).



Distribution of Feed

Azaz Area

Azaz local council:

The local council started the project of paving and rehabilitation the road from Azaz to Qatma village, where the old asphalt was scraped to be graveled as a first stage.

The local council has paved 1 km of the road linking Azaz to of Kafr Kalbein after rehabilitation was completed.

The local council rehabilitated the first floor of the Islamic secondary school to

be used as lectures halls for the Faculty of Islamic Sciences.

The local council, in cooperation with the Humanitarian Relief Organization, distributed the fodder to the beneficiaries of the city's herders.

Mare' local council:

The local council continues the project of paving and renovating Kaljibrin road as 5 km of the total length of the road has been implemented.

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Akhtrein local council:

In corporation with the Grain Organization and funded by Syria Recovery Trust Fund, the local council started equipping the automatic bakery in Akhtrein city.

The local council has been working on rehabilitation of the city's hospital supported by Syria Recovery Trust Fund.

The local council in corporation with Aleppo Health Directorate and funded by Syria Recovery Trust Fund has equipped the central blood analysis laboratory at Akhtrein hospital to start receiving blood analysis tests.

The local council rehabilitated and renovated Al-Shuhada School in the northern neighborhood of Akhtarin.



Rehabilitation and Restoration of Al-shuhada' School

The local council started the second phase of paving the main road linking Al-Qaws - Ar-Ra'ee road with a length of 10,500 meters and a width of 7 meters.

The local council, in cooperation with Shafak Organization, extended the drinking water pipe line to Al-Mazyouna neighborhood with a length of 1,500 meters, 2 and 3 inches in diameter from the northern water tank.

The local council worked to replace the sewage lines in the northern neighborhood of the city in cooperation with the Civil Defense Center.

Ehteimlat local council:

In collaboration with World Vision, the local council replaced the eroded concrete sewage channels with new plastic ones with a diameter of 80 cm on the line from Al-Hilal Pharmacy to the main sewage outlet.

Suran local council:

The local council has rehabilitated the southern road dedicated to long/heavy vehicles in the city within the available resources for facilitate movement of vehicles as winter approaches.

In cooperation with Shafak, the local council completed the maintenance of the city's main water pipe-line and replaced 20 meters link.

Kafra local council:

In cooperation with Acted, the local council started a renovating houses project in Kufra.

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Paving the Road to Afrin National Hospital

Jarablus Area

Jarablus local council:

The Local Council still in progress of paving the main and secondary roads in the city as part of improving the infrastructure of the city..

Afrin Area

Afrin local council:

The local council has conducted field visits to give licenses to the shop owners after checking the technical condition of the shop to be licensed.

The local council worked on maintaining and paving the road to Afrin National Hospital in addition to the square inside the hospital.

The local council worked to maintain the city's dilapidated sewage lines.

The Health Office of the Council held a regular meeting for the health sector workers of I/NGOs and associations to coordinate work and discuss obstacles,

with a view to raising the level of services in this sector.

The educational office of the local council in Jenderes conducted a field visit to Ihsan Center for Women Creativity and Bahar Safe Space.

Bulbul local council issued a decree that all shop owners, pharmacies and industrial facilities should consult the council to obtain the necessary licenses to conduct their business.

The water unit of Jandairis local council repaired broken water and sewage lines.

Jandairis local council has finished paving the road to the Hammam border crossing with Turkey.

Atareb Area

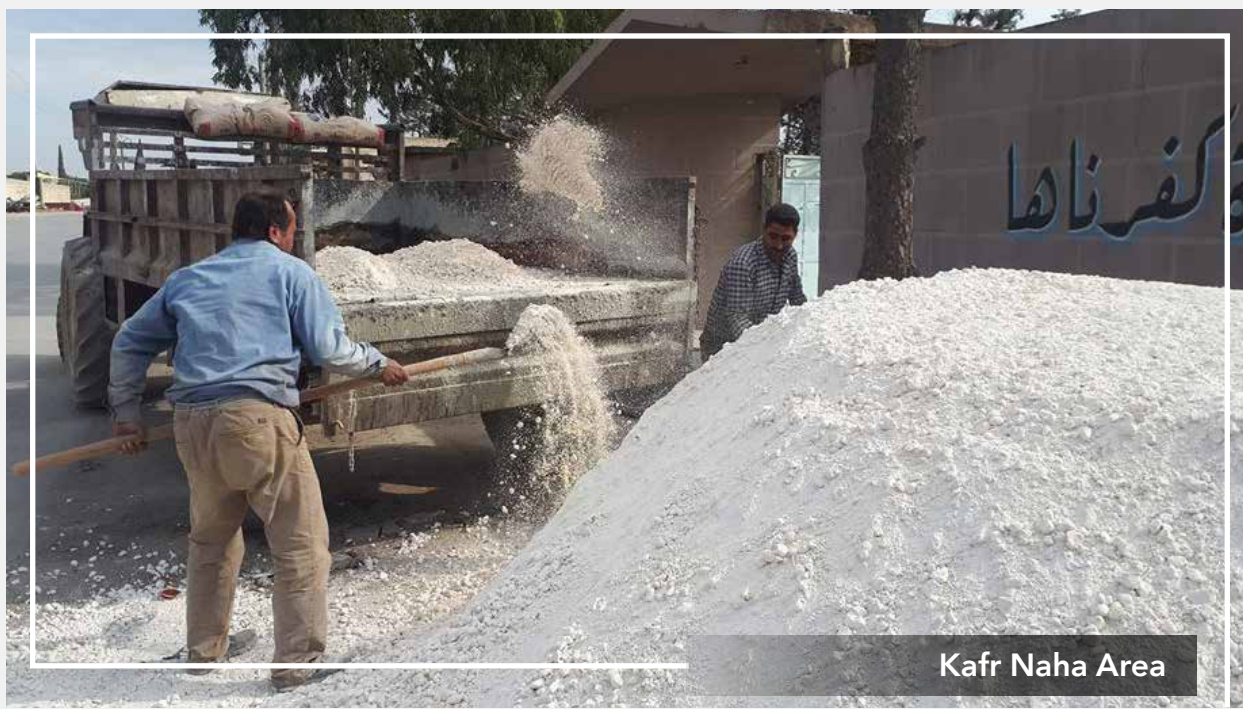
Atareb local council:

The local council sold scrap steel from the Industrial School to use the amount to renovating new sections of the University and the Institute.

The local council service office cleaned the roads in the city in preparation for the winter.

Shafak Organization announced a tender to contract with suppliers and shop owners to provide blankets and heaters within its project to distribute vouchers

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Kafr Naha Area

Roads Repairing

to beneficiaries who will redeem vouchers from these stores.

Abin Samaan local council:

Masarat organization conducted an agricultural training session for the beneficiaries of the wheat project announced earlier.

Kafr Naha local council:

The local council repaired the main roads in the town by filling them with cement to facilitate traffic as winter enters.

The local council signed a memorandum of understanding with Shafak organization to distribute winter vouchers including heaters, heating fuel and clothing.

IhsanRD organization distributed food baskets to 850 families in Kafr Naha and its associations.

Jebel Saman Area

Daret Azza local council:

The local council announced the opening of the automatic bakery in the city and pointed out that the price of bread pack will be 175 Syrian pounds.

The local council of Darat Azza cleaned roads in the city in preparation for the winter.

IhsanRD organization announced a project to rehabilitate partially war-damaged and uninhabitable houses in cooperation with the local council.

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Andan local council:

The local council held an auction to invest the western bakery block located in the Great Mosque Square.

City center area

Idlib city local council:



UOSSM Organization

The local council paved the “old Crescent” road and its sub roads to avoid potential accidents due to the recent congestion in the city.

In cooperation and coordination with SARD, the local council repaired 56 houses within the city.

The local council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bonyan stating that Bonyan will support a number of primary schools in the city.

Also signed a memorandum of understanding with “Syrian child protection network” to provide accelerated education service for children who are late for their peers to join them with them,

as the number of schools is four primary schools.

Violet Organization launched a vocational training project in Idlib city and its countryside. The project targeted 400 beneficiaries in 9 different trainings that will contribute to providing job opportunities.

Al Karama Center, supported by “Shafak” and in cooperation with the Humanitarian Care Association, has organized a series of psychosocial support activities targeting children with Down syndrome.

Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM), in cooperation with Idlib Health Directorate, conducted workshops under the title of the importance of drug control in organizing the health and pharmaceutical sector to support the implementation of the drug control policies.

Qabas Foundation launched an English Language Teaching Initiative to encourage children in the Foundation’s Compensatory Education Centers to learn English.

Kelly local council:

The local council filled some excavations in the main streets with cement, in order to avoid accidents during winter.

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The local council implemented a part of replacing the water network line in Darb Al-Sarukh road project, in order to deliver water to as many people as possible.

In cooperation with the residents and with their donations, the Council implemented part of the sanitation project in the "medical check point" neighborhood.

Bennsh local council:

The local council reopened the automatic bakery after it was moved to the old Agricultural Association building.

The local council provided fuel to charity wells in the city (Bir Uthman and Bir Ghouth) at a subsidized price.



Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation Training Course

Sarmin local council:

In cooperation and coordination with Ajjal Training Center, the local council provided an integrated course in project management, monitoring and evaluation.

Harim area

Harim local council:

on 23 October 2019, the local council conducted a public auction to invest the water-intake of the city council located next to the Grand Mosque for one year.

In cooperation with the civil defense, the local council started paving old roads. The project started from Al-Hu-mairi road.

"Violet" organization announced the start date of registration on the first aid course for young men and women in the city.

Sarmada local council:

In cooperation with the local residents, the local council completed the extension of a new sewage line in Beit Al-Sheikh Street, as they have drilled and installed pipes of 140 meters length, 40 cm diameter and 170 cm depth at a cost of 400,000 SP.



Extension of New Sewage Line

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Cleaning and Repairing Roads

The service office at the local council cleaned streets and drainage holes by removing dust and dirt.

Azmarin local council:

The local council warned packmen and shops against buying and marketing olives before 5th of November to reduce cases of crop theft.

In cooperation with the Child Protection Committee in the town, the local council announced the registration for literacy, recycling and chess games for boys and girls.

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) under its "Cash for Work" project announced the registration on "Bab Rizq" program, which mainly targets

women.

Selwa local council:

Due to floods caused by rain, the local council has repaired the main sewer in the main square and removed the waste.

The local council announced the date of launching the oral polio vaccination campaign.

Kafr Takharim local council:

The local council announced a grant to teachers who are not covered by financial support, at "Old Bazaar" school.

The local council inaugurated "Sanad Center for Special Needs", which started registering children within its.

The local council published the names

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of children who fail to carry out periodic vaccines to urge parents to review the vaccine centers for completion.

GOAL has announced the date/place of vouchers distribution between 19th and 25th of November.

Dana local council:

The local council held a public auction to lease a paved-land as "Souq Al-hal" on Saturday 26th of October.

The local council finished graveling the road with a coat of asphalt residue and pave it from Al-Sina'a square to Deir Hassan road, which will be dedicated to the of large trucks to reduce traffic congestion inside the city.

The local council printed all needed books of Al-Dana schools.

Termanin local council:

The local council build a new drainage at the western entrance of the city, as the rainwater collects heavily in the area, disrupting cars and vehicles.

The local council, in cooperation with the residents, maintained the main streets inside the city by repairing and paving using the available resources.

Eskat local council:

The local council announced its resignation due to lack of resources and the

"Rescue Government" took control of the village properties and its inability to serve the village.

The local council launched an action initiative involving council members, cleaners and a number of the town's residents to dump garbage because of the weak financial resources of the council and its inability to secure wages.



Garbage Deportation

Atma local council:

The local council notified the residents not to praise any fence or dig any road except after informing the council to keep organizational chart of the town under penalty of responsibility.

Ma'arrat An Nu'man area

Ma'arrat An Nu'man local council:

The local council announced reduction of water tank price to be 1,500 SP for the tanks with capacity of "22-24" barrels and 1,000 SP for the tanks with ca-

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capacity of “10” barrels due to difficult current living conditions.

The local council announced the start date of oral polio vaccine campaign with vitamin A which will start on 30th of November and continue until 5th of December.

Ariha area

Ariha local council:

In cooperation with IhsanRD, the local council announced the registration for the rehabilitation of partially damaged and uninhabitable houses.

The local council repaired drainage lines, replacing the damaged pipes and adjusting the levels of the sewage system.

Orm Eljoz local council:

Al Yasmeen Center for Social Development conducted a therapeutic reading course for children who are deficient due to leaving school due to displacement and security situations.

Al Yasmeen Center also held a seminar entitled “Autism of Children”, which emphasized the importance of family participation and cooperation with the Center in all stages of “diagnosis, treatment, and evaluation” and cooperation with the educational therapeutic team to implement activities and treatment plans.

Jisr-Ash-Shugur area

Jisr-Ash-Shugur local council:



اجتماع المجلس المحلي مع المجالس المحلية

The local council declared the city stricken due to the continuous shelling by regime forces and the Russian occupation.

The local council held an emergency session with the neighborhood committees in the city to verify the situation of the city under the shelling and conducted a field visit to assess the effects of damage and count the damaged houses and buildings.

The local council also held a meeting in presence of the neighborhoods committees and discussed the services situation and the problems facing the city in addition to divide the city into service-sectors.

The local council carried out maintenance of the city’s solar street lighting system, which included the maintenance of panels and batteries.

The local council also announced another

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er auction for investing of the western park in the city on 6th of November.

The local council carried out a cleaning and rehabilitation campaign for the dispensary (clinic) located in the northern neighborhood of the city.

A specialized committee from IYD verified the damaged houses, which have been approved for restoration.

Free Bar Association (Aleppo Branch)

The Head of Free Bar Association Branch met with Mrs. Amanda Roberts "Head of the Special Office and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations regarding the Syrian file" in Gaziantep, Turkey, and discussed the role of Syrian lawyers in the next phase and means of cooperation in human rights.

A lecture entitled "Behaviors and customs of the legal profession" followed by a workshop entitled "The issue of misconduct" were held at the headquarter of the association in Azaz.

The association conducted an official visit to the Deanship of the Faculty of Law at Aleppo Free University to discuss ways of cooperation between the Free Bar Association and the Faculty of Law at the University, and to strengthen the relationship between the two parties, and coordination on new graduates

who wish to practice the legal profession and join the association.

The Bar Association Branch held its regular meeting at the Council's headquarters and reviewed many of the applications submitted by the members of the new Branches and referred them to the relevant committee for follow-up.

The Bar Council examined a number of trained lawyers to qualify them and considered the letters they submitted to the Bar.

The Association of Free Syrian Engineers (Aleppo Branch)

Under the sponsoring of the Association of Free Engineers of Aleppo, a new branch of the Engineers Association was formed in Jarablus, in the presence of a number of engineers residing in the city.

The association held a training course at the headquarters on electrical network design in cooperation with the Local Development and Small Projects Support Office (LDSP).

In cooperation with (LDSPS), the association organized a seminar on urban planning, organization and urban control system and licenses at the headquarters of Dar Azza local council attended by many associations and heads of local councils.

Local Development Organization



Training Room - Local Development Organization (LDO)

Future of Governance and Local Administration in Syria Project Updates:

LDO followed up the capacity building of “Studies and Research” Department through trainings on Professional Reporting and Monitoring and Evaluation reports in five workshops, five other workshops on Effective Communication Mechanisms, as well as workshops on Developing the Organizational Strategy for Local Development Organization (LDO) through re-evaluation and development of the organization’s work strategy to suit the needs of the governance sector in the local councils and civil society organizations in the liberated areas and enhance the provision of services to the local population, and a workshop was held to evaluate the success

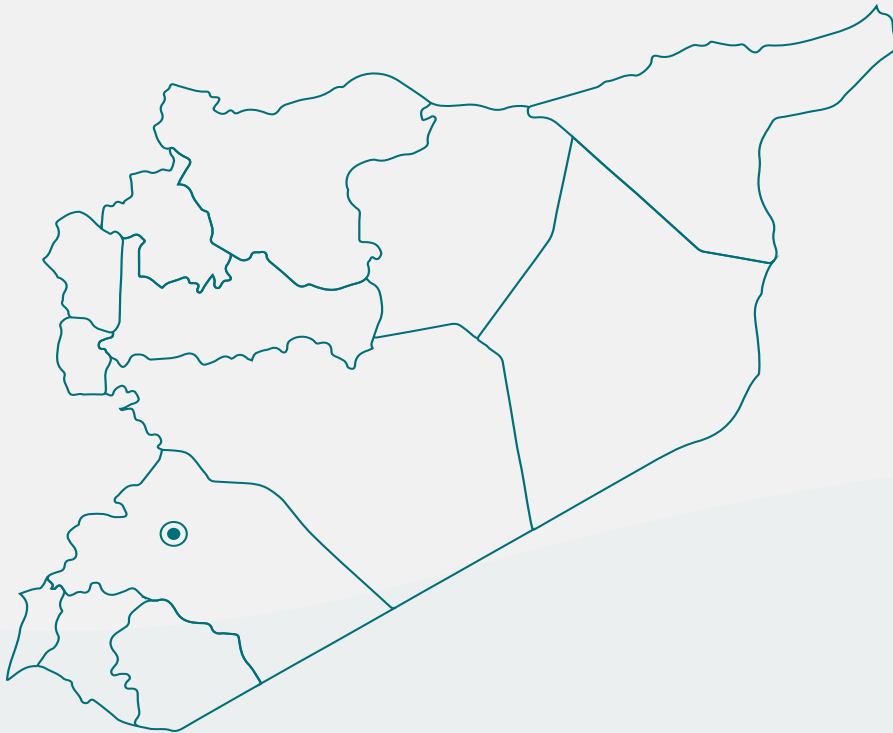
experiences of local councils in the liberated areas during the last period, in addition to start producing four documentary videos about the experiences of local councils after the revolution.

Voice of Women Project Updates:

In cooperation with the Local Development Organization (LDO), women’s partner organizations in Syria held strategic planning courses in Daret Azza, Kafr Naha, Ma’arrat An Nu’man and Ariha in order to directly apply the experiences gained during the project period and to transfer knowledge to other organizations working in the region. 15 women attended each exercise in each city.

Information about local administration in Syria

- Jasmine Association held a dialogue bureau in Orm Eljoz entitled "Future prospects of Jasmine Association."
- Local Development Organization (LDO) sponsored a meeting of the Syrian Women Voice Network - through which bylaws were adopted and the board members of the network were elected.



Mechanism of the Executive Office practice in the administrative unit

Article 68 of Decree No. 107 of 2011, containing the Local Administration Law, stipulates:

- The Executive Office shall exercise its functions collectively.
- The members of the Executive Office shall, within their respective areas of competence, monitor the assigned sector to verify the adequacy of performance and the implementation of the decisions issued by the Administrative Unit Council and its Executive Office in this sector and report progress of work to the Office with observations and suggestions in this regard.

Women worked in public affairs



Ms. Nisreen Al-Reesh

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Ms. Nisreen Al-Reesh, a Mechanical Engineering born in Damascus countryside in Deir Attiyeh in 1977.

Participated in the Syrian revolution since its inception, worked to coordinate peaceful demonstrations and in addition to those who worked in media because of the blackout and deliberate misinformation that was practiced by the regime at the beginning of the revolution contributed with many media workers to establish a media center in Elqalmun city. She also contributed with a number of the residents of Deir Atiyyeh to establish the local council. After the regime forces' control of the area where they moved from one area to another affected by the military control situation, until they ended up in Arsal on the Syrian border. In Lebanon, she and several activists founded Jana Watan Organization, which worked in the camps and tried to support the

families, especially women, and provide them with their needs. She also established several medical and educational centers.

She was forced to enter Lebanon, where she was arrested and detained for a long time.

She was elected to be a member of Rural Damascus Council, reached into the Executive Office as the Director of the Local Councils Affairs Office, which includes more than 80 councils at that time. She worked for more than a year and a half and attended many meetings and workshops as a representative. With many political and civic programs. She worked with the provincial council to set up a women's committee, aimed to build the capacity of women and integrate them into government jobs and local councils. She now works as a volunteer at Jana Watan Humanitarian Organization where she was elected as the chairman.

Meeting of the Issue



Mr. Abdel Moneim Al-Mustafa

Mr. Abdel Moneim Al-Mustafa, Head of Aleppo Governorate Council

The Local Development Organization held a meeting with Mr. Abdel Moneim Al-Mustafa, head of Aleppo Provincial Council, about the Council and its relationship with the sub-councils and the difficulties they face:

Welcome Mr. Abdel Moneim, if you would like to tell us at the beginning about you, your competence, and your start with the local councils:

Welcome, my name is Abdul Moneim Mustafa from Manbij city, I have a degree from Faculty of Law, I worked in the legal profession before the revolution, by the beginning of the revolution and the liberation of my city I sought with a number of intellectuals and the people of the city to form the Revolutionary Council of Manbij in 2012 where I served as the head of the legal office. At the time of forming the provincial council of Aleppo city I was a member and then became deputy head of the council until I became Head of the Council at its current session.

When asked about the composition and structure of Aleppo Provincial Council, Mr. Abdel Moneim replied:

Aleppo Free Provincial Council is a revolutionary administrative institution that was elected for the first time in the first half of 2013. It was headquartered in Aleppo city but moved several times to different areas due to bombing by regime forces like other revolutionary institutions inside Syria.

Meeting of the Issue

Providing many administrative, service and relief services through its directorates and committees such as the Directorate of Education, the Directorate of Agriculture, the Grain Organization and the Stabilization Committee, which provided many services in addition to the services provided directly by the Council such as bakeries and trainings for sub-councils, laboratories, bakeries which all controlled by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham after a raid on the headquarters of the Council and confiscation of its property, including the Transportation Directorate and all vehicles making the Council incapacitated to continue working and closed all its offices.

As for the relationship of the Council with the sub-councils, Mr. Mustafa said:

The relationship with the sub-councils is carried out through the Directorate of Councils Affairs, which follows and supervises the councils and submits decisions forming them for approval by the Executive Office.

When asked about the current works of the Council and its future role:

The Council secured its expenses through projects that it supervises implementation in cooperation with the donors without receiving any assistance from any party including the Syrian interim government.

The difficulties currently facing the Council are the most important control of HTS on the areas where it was headquartered and the support ceased because of this, and the lack of assistance from the interim government or the coalition and its complete inability to secure its expenses and salaries of its employees.

The council is currently doing only the necessary administrative matters due to lack of funding.

Without financial support, the Council will not be able to offer anything to local councils

We are in the process of holding a meeting at which we will determine the mechanism, role and structure of the Council in the next phase.

UN declarations regarding the humanitarian situation

UN statements regarding the humanitarian situation:

On November 8, 2019, a spokesman of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Rupert Colville, made an official statement to the media, saying that over 60 medical facilities in Idleb governance, Syria, had been bombed over the past six months, four of them during the first week of November. He said these facilities appeared to have been deliberately targeted by Assad regime forces.

He pointed out that since April 29th, 61 medical facilities have been bombed, some of which have been bombed several times, and said that reports stated that Kafr Nobol Hospital damaged on November 6th, had also been bombed in May and July, Ikhlas hospital in southern Idleb was also hit by two airstrikes, which left it out of service this week.

success stories

Hamoud Mohammed Fouad Qashqo, 27 years old, was fled from Aleppo and moved away from his family, who knew nothing about them since he was taken out of his city. He is married and a father of a three-year-old son. Due to shelling by regime that targeted his house in Aleppo Hamoud's foot was amputated. This caused his suffering because of his inability to work and secure the needs of his family, his wife left him alone, which further deteriorated his mental state, remained homeless, which forced him to sleep in the streets for several days until he was identified by one of the youth working at Kafr Naha Council and told the council about his story. Later they brought him and prepared a bedroom at the council building, and the council members provided him with clothes, food and medicine.

Hamoud then joined the Council team which improved his social, health and psychological status.

Statistics

Regime forces and the Russian occupation have proceeded up their military campaign with the beginning of November and so far, leaving dozens of victims, displacement and destruction of infrastructure according to the following statistics: Hamoud then joined the Council team which improved his social, health and psychological status.

Victims:

The number of civilian casualties during the period from **1** st till **15** th of November reached **50** civilians, including **15** boys and girls, and since signing Sochi Agreement in September last year until **15** th of November the number of civilian casualties reached **1,538** civilians, including **424** children.

Displacement:

The number of people displaced as a result of the military escalation in this period reached approximately **36,588** people (**6,653** families) due to the continuing displacement caused by the continued shelling.

Facilities and infrastructure:

The number of facilities and infrastructure targeted since the beginning of November until 15th reached **29** vital facilities and two ambulances.

Victims of humanitarian and media field workers:


The number of victims of humanitarian and media workers reached **6**, including a teacher, civil defense volunteers and a .media worker



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