

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Rahma Team in Suburb of Idlib

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Many thanks to our volunteers who wish to remain anonymous.



Board Members and Volunteers at MAS ICNA Convention December 2015

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Chadi Zaza

On behalf of the Rahma Relief Foundation's board of directors, I would like to thank our donors for their continued support, which enables us to assist our brothers and sisters in Syria during this difficult time. Since the establishment of our organization, we have been able to make a huge humanitarian impact. Over the past year, we have been able to extend our network of volunteers on the ground in Syria and maximize your donations.

Our efforts began at the start of the Syrian crisis in 2012, and in 2014 we decided to establish Rahma Relief Foundation in order to relieve the pain and suffering of the Syrian people. With your generosity, the work of our experienced team on the ground and professional networks, we hope to continue to be able to deliver humanitarian assistance to the hardest hit areas inside Syria, and in the neighboring countries. Your support is needed now more than ever. The humanitarian crisis in Syria is becoming more tragic with each passing day. We look forward to working with communities nationwide to help heal those that are suffering and rebuild our beloved Syria.

Regards,

Chadi Zaza
President
Rahma Relief Foundation



OUR MISSION



Our mission, in partnership with communities is to become one of the most well-respected and trusted Syrian humanitarian organizations. We aim to aid Syrians in and outside of Syria by providing food assistance, family and orphan sponsorship, and education aid. Our experienced and dedicated team is committed to helping our brothers and sisters in Syria to the best of our ability. We have over 30 volunteers in the US and over 45 around Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

Our core values :

Compassion

Mercy

Transparency

Humanity



EVENTS



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FOOD BASKETS PROJECT



Rahma Relief Foundation's food basket project is one of our most essential and successful projects. With the rising cost of bread, rice, vegetables, fruit and meat inside Syria, many families are left hungry. Thanks to our generous donors and support staff on the ground, we are able to deliver almost **1,000** baskets per month to multiple cities around Syria and Lebanon.

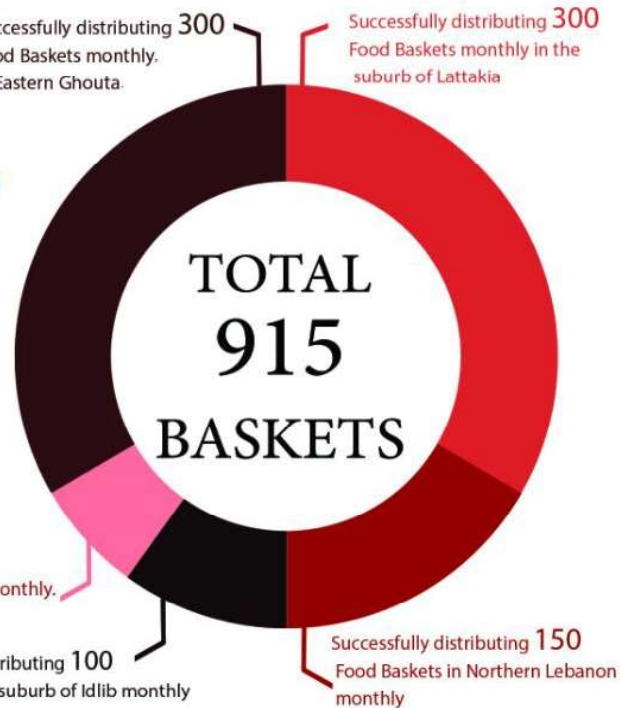
Each food basket includes sugar, rice, oil, bulgur, meat, wheat, flour, olives, cheese, and many more.

Successfully distributing **65** Food Baskets in other cities around Syria monthly.

Successfully distributing **100** Food Baskets in suburb of Idlib monthly

Successfully distributing **300** Food Baskets monthly in Eastern Ghouta.

Successfully distributing **300** Food Baskets monthly in the suburb of Lattakia



Successfully distributing **150** Food Baskets in Northern Lebanon monthly



EDUCATION PROJECT



Rahma Relief Foundation is committed to the education of Syrian children. Millions of children have been denied access to school over the past three five years.

To combat this detrimental problem and provide many teachers with stable jobs, RRF partnered with Multi Aid Programs (MAP) in September **2015** to establish the year round Al Amal School in Lebanon, which holds two sessions of half day schooling for **300** students per day.

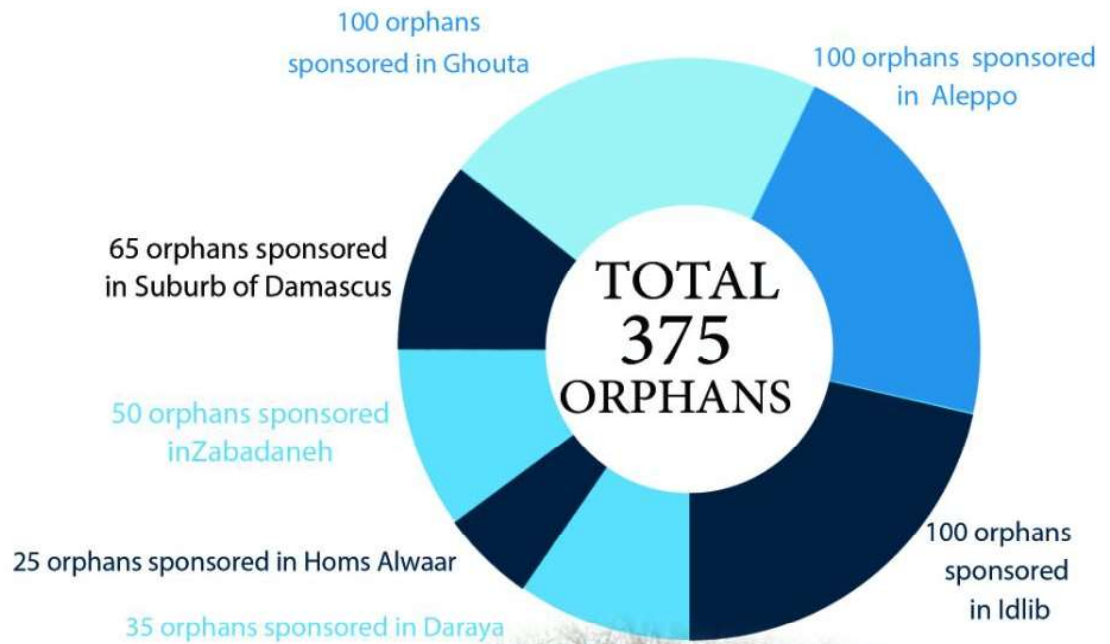
RRF was also able to establish two other schools that have been successfully running since September **2014**; Rahma school in suburb of Idlib which holds holds two sessions of half day schooling for **240** students per day and Rahma school in Ghouta which holds two sessions of half day schooling for **300** students per day.



ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP
PROJECT



Rahma Relief Foundation has partnered with Zaid Bin Thabit Organization and Al Shaam for Orphans to provide basic necessities for those that have lost one or both parents. Each monthly donation includes school supplies, school tuition, food and clothing.



CONTAINER SHIPMENT PROJECT



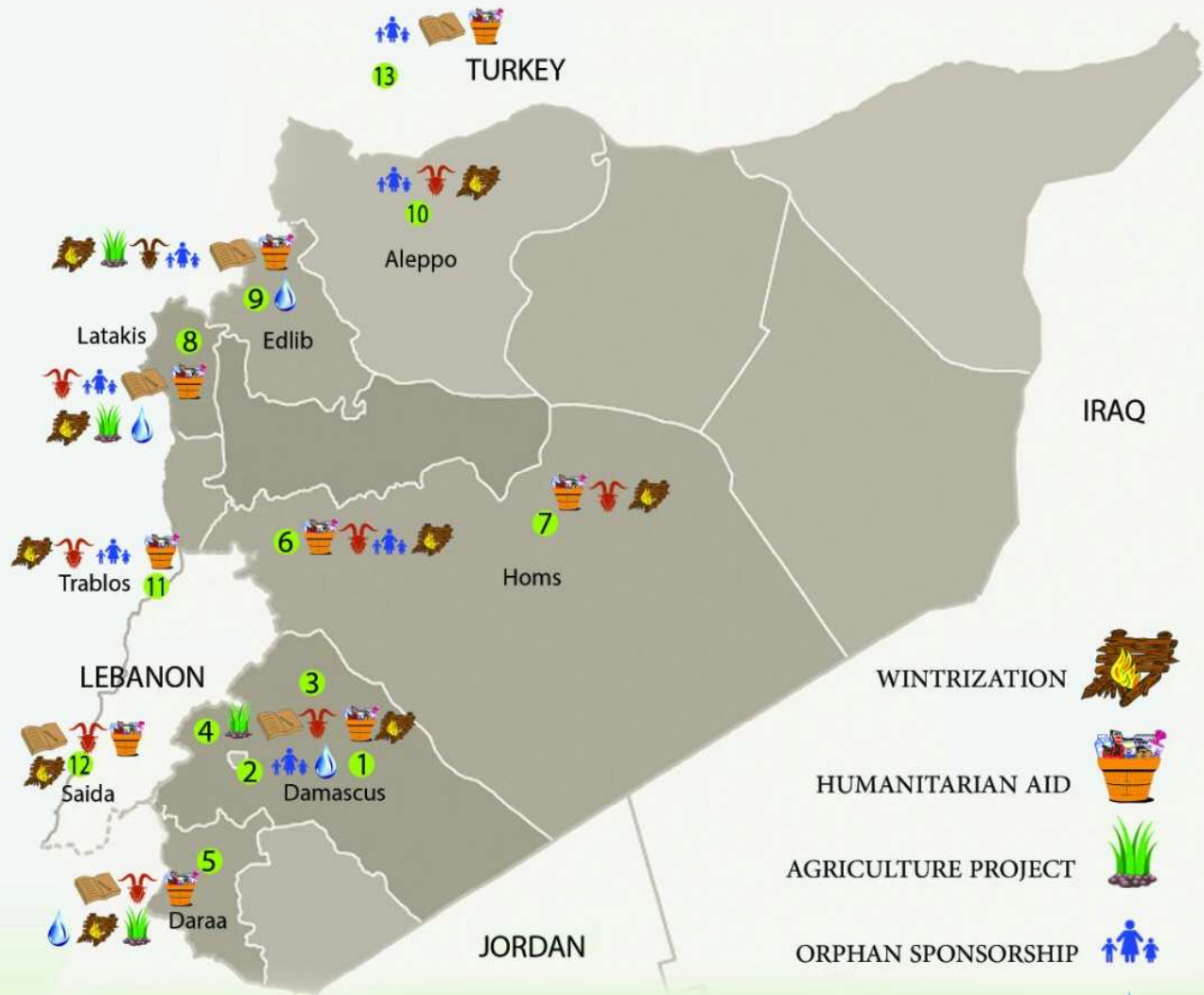
In **2015**, Rahma Relief Foundation was able to successfully send **28** containers from the united States to Lebanon and Turkey (Northern Syria) as well as two containers from Germany; one container from Sweden; and 3 containers from Qatar Red Crescent.

Upon receiving a container, our team unpacks and organizes the materials and the clothes inside and creates a store for families to “shop” in. Each family receives coupons that they can use to redeem for goods from the containers.

- 5 Exhibitions in Suburb of Idlib.
- 2 Exhibitions in Suburb of Lattakiyah.
- 3 Exhibitions in other locations around Syria.
- 2 Exhibitions in Tripoli, Lebanon.
- 3 Exhibitions containers that travel to refugee camps.



WHERE WE OPERATE



WINTRIZATION

HUMANITARIAN AID

AGRICULTURE PROJECT

ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

WATER ASSISTANCE

EDUCATION PROJECT

ADHIA PROJECT

OUR PARTNERS
IN THE UNITED STATES



OUR PARTNERS
INSIDE SYRIA



AGRICULTURAL PROJECT



To provide employment opportunities for those inside Syria and create easier and more sustainable way of providing food for families, Rahma Relief Foundation is able to cultivate a total of **100** acres of land in four different cities.

Ghouta **50** acres of wheat & **10** acres of vegetables.
 Idlib **20** acres of wheat
 Homs **5** acres of vegetables
 West Ghouta **15** acres wheat



ZAKAAT AL FITIR PROJECT

Thanks to our reliable donors we are able to provide families with a much needed sadakaa during Eid Al-Fitir.

The Rahma Relief team is able to equally distribute the Sadakaa to families around Syria.

100 people in suburb of Damascus
100 people in Homs, Alwaar
100 people in suburb of Idlib
100 people in suburb of Lattakia
100 people in Aleppo
100 people in Eastern Ghouta



MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT



Millions of Syrian children are suffering from post traumatic stress due to the unstable environment caused by the war. Rahma Relief Foundation was able to establish a mental health support center for children in Eastern Ghouta suburb of Damascus.

It was the first of its kind in this city and we were able to provide various types of entertainment and relaxing activities with the support of trained professionals. The children enjoyed activities like puppet theater, talent show, and skill development games. The project also hosted multiple weekly social gatherings for orphans who have been affected by the severe conditions of war and bombings.

Each event hosted over **250** children.



WINTER KIT PROJECT



Syrians experienced very brutal conditions during the **2014-15** winter. Refugees and the homeless were left in the cold with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Rahma Relief Foundation was able to deliver winter kits that saved the lives of many children and families throughout Syria. Each kit includes a blanket, gloves, hats, and outerwear.

The areas we covered included:

Lebanon; Northern Lebanon, Akkar, WadiKhaled, Almenyeh, Albekaa, Arsaal, Shabaa,

Total distributions in Lebanon: **2,000** blankets. **10,000** Liter of Diesel, 5 ton of firewood, **3,000** loaves of bread

Syria; Southern Damascus, Yelda, Babela, Beet Sahem, Eastern Ghouta, Suburb of Lattakia suburb, Suburb of Idlib, WadiBarada, Alfejeh, Deer mekren, Homs alwaar, Almoadamyeh

Total distributions inside Syria: **4,000** Blankets, **20** ton of firewood

Zataari Camp: **2,000** blankets



WATER ASSISTANCE PROJECT



When the Syrian Regime cut water supplies for over a month in September of **2015**, Rahma Relief Foundation created the water assistance project in Daraa to help those under siege in the liberated areas in Daraa. We composed a team in Darra that would solve the problems the city is facing. In a time of emergency, the funds were provided instantly and **84** water containers were prepared (each with a capacity of **5** square meters of pure water). Additionally, water was distributed to the families with one meter square for each family, the areas covered by the project are mainly Daraa Albalad and Hai Tareek Alsaad .

This project also reached out to the displaced people in the plains and farms and, those who residing under the olive trees.

The total number of families benefited from the project is **420** families.



UDHIA PROJECT



In **2014** we slaughtered and distributed 300 sheep inside Syria during the Eid Al-Adhaa celebration. In **2015**, with the help of our partners Life for relief & Development and Mercy Without Limits, we were able to slaughter and distribute **300** sheep in the refugee camps in Lebanon during the Eid Al-Adhaa celebration. We were also able to slaughter and distribute **730** sheep and four cows in Ghouta, Barzeh, Alkaboon, Wadi Barada, Suburb of Lattakia, Suburb of Idlib, Homs Alwaar, Suburb of Northern Aleppo, Almadamieh, Altal, Southern Damascus, Kanaker and Daraa Albalad.



EID HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

For the Eid Al-Fitir celebration after the Holy month of Ramada, Rahma Relief Foundation hosted multiple events in various cities to alleviate the suffering of the families.

Ghouta: **1,500** children received Eid clothing and we hosted **3** parties (goodie bags distributed)

Homs Alwaar: **400** children received Eid clothing and we hosted 1 large party with over **1000** guests. Guests received food, sweets and goodie bags.

Moadamyah: Soup kitchen which fed almost **500** people and **150** children received Eid clothing

Suburb of Idlib: Eid party for over **500** guests; each received sweets and clothing
Suburb of Lattakiya: **300** children received Eid clothing with shoes and we hosted a large party for over **800** people.

Daraa: **30** children received Eid clothing.



RAMADAN KITCHEN PROJECT



During Ramadan of **2015** , Rahma Relief Foundation established ten soup kitchens around Syria and one in Lebanon to feed those in need during the holy month . With the help of our generous donors and tireless team on the ground in Syria , we were able to feed over **16,000 people per day**.

Summary of Ramadan Kitchens

Location	# of Meals Per Day : Each Meal Feeds 2-3 People	Cost Per Day :
Daraa	700	\$ 450
Yarmouk Camp	1300	\$ 1,100
Eastern Ghouta	1000	\$ 1,000
Al - kaboun	450	\$ 500
Wadi Barada	450	\$ 400
Al-Zabadani	400	\$ 400
Homs Al-waar	1000	\$1,000
Suburb of Aleppo	500	\$ 500
Suburb of Latakia	800	\$ 500
Al Moadamia	1000	\$ 1,100
Tripoli Lebanon	700	\$ 450
TOTALS :	8,300 Per Day 16,000 + People Fed Per Day	\$ 7,400 Per Day



Total Donation Distributed

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\$2,634,756.00	Food Assistance	\$ 780,000,00
	Winterize Assistance	\$ 320,000,00
	Container program 18 Container Average 45,000,00 per container	\$ 810,000,00
	Audhia	\$ 234,000,00
	Orphan Program	\$ 98,000,00
	Ramadan Iftar	\$ 120,000,00
	Education Program	\$ 105,000,00
	Total	\$ 2,634,756,00
	Overhead 6.08%	- \$ 167,756,00
	Actual Distribution	\$ 2,467,000,00



**PROOF OF 501(c)3
STATUS**



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Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
July 9, 2014
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

RAHMA RELIEF FOUNDATION

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

Director, Exempt Organizations

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