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WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY ROUND-UP

In May, we continued to carry out our life-changing projects in Palestine, Syria and Pakistan, delivering projects that support healthcare, virus protection, clean water and livelihoods. This month, we also began working in the Congo.

Read on to learn more about our field work in each country over the past month.

CONGO

EMERGENCY



In May, we began working in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where heavy rains and flooding have disrupted water and sanitation, and where conflict has forced families to flee their homes. We provided nourishing food with your Zakat al Fitr donations.

PALESTINE



SHELTER

In May, we continued to work on renovating around **80 homes** that were deteriorated, or damaged in the recent escalation.



Ahmed working at the tailoring job made possible by the repairs to his sewing machine.

ZAKAT

With your Zakat donations, we helped to transform lives. Last month, one father, Ahmed, who owns a small tailoring business, was able to use these donations to repair his sewing machine, buy new scissors, fabric and leather patches, helping to improve his business.

RAMADAN FOOD PARCELS

With your help during Ramadan, we helped to feed thousands of families. In Gaza, you provided a widow, Maryam with food vouchers, helping her to feed her **3 orphaned daughters** securely for the entire month.



During Ramadan, we shared Sajawal's story with you.

When his father's cancer deteriorated, Sajawal went to live with his grandparents, selling potato chips to support his family. They sold all their cattle to pay for his treatment.

Sadly, Sajawal's father passed away.

But during Ramadan, your generosity allowed us to support Sajawal and his family, providing them with a cow.

"My children were very happy the day the cow arrived" said his mother, "because they will have milk now. When we don't have flour, food, or vegetables at home, I'm able to exchange milk for what we need.

"We get by. Sometimes we eat well."

Thank you for helping us to support Sajawal and his family.



Human Appeal delivering medical supplies to Harem General Hospital to continue supporting displaced Syrians.



EDUCATION

Working in Turkey with Syrian refugees and the host community, we provided seven adults born with visual impairments with literacy and numeracy classes using Braille. We provided pickup and drop-off, as well as lunch, social events and learning materials

HEALTH

We continued to provide oxygen generating stations in northern Syria to support health facilities with oxygen shortages. Each of our two centres produces **360 cylinders** per day, supporting around **50 health centres**.



Filling oxygen cylinders to help support over 50 health facilities in northwest Syria.



HEALTH

In May, we began supporting
Mariam Health Centre in northwest
Syria. The centre supports several
camps for displaced people, offering
general, gynaecological and paediatric
medicine, as well as nutritional support,
ambulances and free medicine.

NUTRITION

Throughout May, we continued our bread distributions, providing **4,600 bundles** per day to **2,300 families** in northern Syria.



We are distributing thousands of bundles of bread in Syria.

HEALTH

Mustafa Al-Khalil, only 9 months old, displaced from his home, almost died due to severe acute malnutrition. Upon being examined by our Human Appeal nutrition team, he was immediately transferred to Al Imaan Hospital, where he was prescribed nutritional supplements and milk by a paediatrician. After approximately four months of treatment, Mustafa's malnutrition had been treated, and his mother thanked Human Appeal and the medical team for helping him.



Mustafa Al-Khalil, recovered from his malnutrition.



Assan and the other women in her family embroider and sew quilts to earn a living, working day and night to earn enough to survive.

"We work at night too – we are poor people, so working at night helps to increase our income. It takes hard work to complete a cap, taking a full week to complete it. When we had to go to fetch water, it would take me 15 to 20 days to complete the same cap."

With your help during Ramadan, we were able to install a solar-powered water pump near Assan's home, allowing her to spend the time she would have spent fetching water on making garments to sell for an income.

"It used to take us two hours to fetch the water, which was about two miles away. Now the water reaches our home – we have a tap. It's a huge comfort. We're grateful that our lives are better, and to Human Appeal for their kindness."

Access to clean water is about more than quenching thirst, it's what lifts people out of cycles of survival, empowering them to improve their lives by freeing up their time to grow kitchen gardens, study, or, like Assan, work to earn a living.

Thank you for supporting our water projects during Ramadan.



Abu Muhannad has been displaced four times. He fled violence in his home in Daraa, fled to Damascus and Azaz, and eventually settled in a tented camp in Aleppo five years ago. He has spent many winters living with his wife and six children in a tent that does little to protect them from Syria's winter snowstorms and floods.

"There are many things we don't have – we're very far from a water source, but Human Appeal built a water tank for us... it's very difficult to get around as it's very muddy. It's very difficult."

With your support, Abu Muhannad and his family moved into one of the 272 homes we built in northern Syria, helping displaced people to finally have a place to call home.

"This building will provide us with privacy... water, lighting, a bathroom and a toilet. It has two rooms... and it includes the furnishings in the kitchen and toilet... there are four walls and a roof that protects you from the snow and rain.

"We won't be afraid to use a heater at night. In the tent, you get electrical shorts, or a match might burn the tent down. This is a change that will make us feel safe.

"The houses are built of stone with doors and windows that you can close, unlike a tent. It's high quality.

"I pray for Human Appeal and everyone who helped - thank you for this help. And I pray also for our displaced brothers who are living in tents, may Allah bless those still living in tents."

Thank you for helping us to change Abu Muhannad's future.

THANK YOU

That's all for May. We hope you've enjoyed this quick insight into our work. Please share with your friends and family, and keep your eyes peeled for our next issue which will highlight how our projects progressed in June thanks to your support.