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## WELTHUNGERHILFE (WHH) IN TURKEY, SYRIA AND LEBANON

Improving Living Conditions of Refugees and Host  
Communities

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**Who we are |** Welthungerhilfe (WHH) is one of the largest non-profit aid organisations in Germany with no political or religious affiliation. It was founded in 1962 under the umbrella of the UN Food and Agriculture Organizations (FAO). Since it was founded, more than **9,331 overseas projects** in **70 countries** have been supported with **3.71 billion euros**.

**In Turkey |** Welthungerhilfe (WHH) coordinates its assistance with the Ministry of Interior Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) and the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD), the Turkish Red Crescent, the United Nations as well as local and international humanitarian organisations. Our activities aim to improve the living conditions of Syrian and non-Syrian refugees as well as vulnerable host communities. In addition, we foster social cohesion between different cultures.

**In Syria |** Welthungerhilfe (WHH) works with local implementing partners inside Idlib and rural Aleppo Governorates to provide humanitarian assistance to internally displaced people and vulnerable host communities. In Northern Syria we carry out projects activities in various IDP camps inside A'zaz in coordination with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD).

**In Lebanon |** Welthungerhilfe (WHH) promotes agricultural and economic development activities together with its Alliance2015 partner Concern Worldwide and its national partner the Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST). We carry out various activities inside Akkar and Baalbek-Hermel Governorates to strengthen resilience and improve livelihoods of Syrian refugees and host communities affected by the Syrian crisis.

**Our Vision |** A world in which everyone has the chance to claim the right to an independent life with dignity and justice, free from hunger and poverty.

**We fight against global hunger and for sustainable food security.** This includes promoting site-oriented agriculture, access to clean water, environmentally friendly energy supplies and improving health and education. In this regard, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and its partners within the framework of our Syrian Crisis Response Program are committed to **being competent, efficient and effective actors, of delivering humanitarian aid** to most vulnerable war affected Syrians and of **strengthening integration and self-reliance of beneficiaries in urban, rural and camp settings**.

**Our Principles |** Our aim is to improve people's lives sustainably in the long term. We work using the principle of **"help for self-help"**.

Our actions are guided by the conviction that **all people are equal** in value, they have inalienable rights, and they should be able to control their own lives. Our actions are intended to **improve the prospects of present and future generations**, in a healthy environment and a fair society.



In Turkey, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) has been officially registered since 2013. Initially, we provided emergency assistance by distributing aid packages including items such as blankets, clothes, mattresses and heating material during the cold winter. As the conflict in Syria continued and the humanitarian crisis worsened, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) has adapted a more comprehensive approach, which aims to strengthen the resilience, integration and self-resilience of people affected by the conflict in Syria. In Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, we are working in these six sectors to achieve our goal of fighting hunger and poverty and promoting sustainability:

Humanitarian Assistance

Agriculture & Environment

Nutrition

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Economic Development


Cooperation & Empowerment





## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

PROVIDING BASIC ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCIES

<b>Sector</b>	 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
<b>Donor</b>	GFFO, UNOCHA, ECHO, UNICEF, GIZ
<b>Implementation Partner</b>	SARD, SilkRoad, HIHFAD, IhsanRD, MASAR, MSA, SOP, HRDF, MUDEM, Art Anywhere, LWA
<b>Number of Projects '19</b>	11
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Turkey:</b> Provinces of Gaziantep, Mardin, Hatay & Cities of Istanbul, Ankara, Bilecik, Eskişehir, Kütahya, Van <b>Syria:</b> Idlib and rural Aleppo Governorates

### SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT IN EMERGENCIES

In Syria and Turkey, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) provides shelter assistance for vulnerable families who find themselves in dire living conditions due to damaged and unsafe buildings. This is an important measurement which helps providing security, personal safety and protection from the environment and adverse weather conditions and to promote resistance to ill health and disease.

### WATER SUPPLY, SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROMOTION (WASH) IN EMERGENCIES

Hygiene needs are considered as one of the main priorities for displaced people. In Syria through our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) together with its local partners provides clean water and hygiene kits to people affected and displaced by the crisis. To improve the life of people living in refugee camps, we install and keep maintenance of latrines in various camps in Idlib and rural Aleppo Governorates.

### PROTECTION IN EMERGENCIES

Access to governmental, social and protection services are still limited for a large number of refugees. Protection is concerned with the safety, dignity and rights of people affected by disaster or armed conflict and became one of the main focuses of Welthungerhilfe's (WHH) project activities in the region. Lack of knowledge and insufficient and often inadequate provision of information on free public services and legal rights affect millions of refugees in Turkey. The language barrier is one of the main reasons why many refugees have little or no access to services.

In Turkey, our protection activities aim to identify refugees in need of protection. With our Case Management (CM) and Individual Protection Assistance (IPA) activities, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) attempts to assist vulnerable Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTP) and Foreigners under International Protection (FuIP) through appropriate protection interventions to promote the fulfilment of their rights. We assist them amongst other things with access to education and translation services, accompaniment to official institutions, school transportation and refer them to our Turkish lawyers for individual legal support. Additionally, we provide individual psychosocial support sessions or hold group seminars on relevant topics.

In our own community centre in Mardin, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) provides individual help such as translation or legal support to also fill this gap. We support community centres run by Turkish partner organisations to strengthen social cohesion between Syrians and local communities. The centres offer psycho-social counselling, legal support, life-skill trainings, as well as other social activities.



## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

### PROVIDING BASIC ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCIES

#### FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND NON-FOOD-ITEMS IN EMERGENCIES

In Turkey, we support vulnerable families during winter times with unconditional and unrestricted cash support. This includes support to host community families that demonstrate the same vulnerabilities. Therefore, Syrian and non-Syrian refugees as well as Turkish families receive one cash card per households with a fixed amount of money to buy food, warm cloths, blankets, heaters fuel and other basic items needed for daily life and to overcome the harsh winter time.

In Syria, where we work in the Idleb and rural Aleppo Governorates, through our local partner organisations we support displaced people and host communities with food and vouchers for clothes, free bread distributions as well as bakery support. We also distribute life-saving aid packages such as hygiene, food and ready to eat (RTE) kits for immediate emergency response. In addition to that and in order to ensure the access and consumption of safe and nutritious food, we provide cooked meals to vulnerable people living in orphanages and health centers.

#### SUPPORTING SYRIANS WITH FOOD VOUCHERS IN SYRIA

Amina, a widow of three children lives together with her family in Maarat al-Nu-maan, a city in Idleb. Amina and her husband were living a fairly stable life in the city of Aleppo, they had their own house and her husband's job covered the cost of living even in time of conflict. He was the breadwinner of the family before he was killed in one of the air raids on Aleppo. He left his wife and three young children behind. Now Amina alone is responsible for the wellbeing of her children. However, there is a lack of job opportunities and the children need constant care, which means that she can only work to a limited extend. That's why Amina struggles a lot to feed her children or afford enough money to pay for cloths, medical treatment or send her kids to school. The rising prices for food worsen the families' situation even more. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) together with its implementing partners in Syria initiates various food voucher activities to assist war-affected families, displaced people and the poorest households with financial support over several months.

*„The vouchers which help covering the food needs for a whole month has helped me a lot and psychologically increase my situation because I could see my children eating proper and enough food. And it makes me happy to see the smile on my children's faces as I am able to spend more time with them at home“, Amina said with relief.*



## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

### CREATING SUSTAINABILITY AND SELF-RELIANCE

<b>Sector</b>	 AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
<b>Donor</b>	BMZ, GFFO
<b>Implementation Partner</b>	LOST, Concern Worldwide, HIHFAD, IhsanRD
<b>Number of Projects '19</b>	4
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Turkey:</b> Provinces of Hatay, Mardin, Gaziantep <b>Lebanon:</b> Akkar and Baalbek-Hermel Governates <b>Syria:</b> Idleb and rural Aleppo Governorates

### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

In Turkey, we support vulnerable families in achieving food security and improve their living conditions through income-generating vegetable production and agricultural training. We also provide nutritional trainings in order to raise awareness and promote healthy eating habits.

In Syria, through our local partners HIHFAD and IhsanRD, we distribute agricultural vouchers which helping the people to purchase fertiliser and seeds to grow peas, beans, parsley, spinach, pepper, tomatoes or eggplants. With the first distribution of vouchers people receive basic agricultural tools like shovels and hoes for planting and harvesting. Our project participants also receive pre and post trainings during our activity.

In Lebanon, Welthungerhilfe's (WHH) activities focus on increasing the income of agricultural producers through a higher quality, quantity and variety of agricultural products, on creating more competitive and profitable value chains and on strengthening social cohesion within communities and psychological well-being

of their members. Together with our local partner LOST we provide agricultural trainings at so called Farmer Field Schools (FFF) and support Syrian refugees and host communities in accessing markets to sell their agricultural products and become self-reliant.

### GIVING A PERSPECTIVE

As part of a project funded by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Welthungerhilfe (WHH) has rented agricultural land for Syrian refugees. 580 Syrian families participating in this project were provided with their own piece of land.

With the support of agricultural experts, the families plant and harvest different type of vegetables such as capia pepper and cucumber. In the province of Mardin, green vegetables are available for the equivalent of 0.30 to 0.60 Euros. On an average day, the families earn between 70 and 100 Turkish Lira.

Faruk Youssef, 45, from Deir-ez Zor, Syria tells about the impact of the participation in this project:

*“In Syria, I grew my own vegetables and grain next to my house. During my time in the refugee camp, I spent a lot of time staring at the ceiling in my tent and thinking. Since I started participating in this project, I feel so much better. My wife and I don't think about the war anymore. When I first went out to harvest cucumbers, it felt like a new chapter in my life was about to begin”, Faruk told us.*



# NUTRITION

## RAISING AWARENESS ON HEALTHY NUTRITION

<b>Sector</b>	 NUTRITION
<b>Donor</b>	BMZ, UNICEF, GFFO
<b>Implementation Partner</b>	Self-implemented
<b>Number of Projects '19</b>	4
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Turkey:</b> Provinces of Mardin, Hatay, Gaziantep

### NUTRITION EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

In Turkey, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) organises nutrition trainings for Syrian refugees and Turkish citizens. The focus is to raise awareness about nutritional aspects and change of bad nutritional practices on the side of the participants. This does not only concern aspects of under- or malnutrition, but also aspects such as obesity, nutritional demands for chronically ill people (diabetes) as well as mother and child care.

Through the offer of nutrition courses and cooking demonstrations for Syrian and Turkish women, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) nutritionists help the participants to understand how to prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families.

### LEARNING ABOUT HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Alia and her family lived in Aleppo, Syria. But when the conflict in Syria began and later started to affect their life in the village, she and her husband decided to leave everything behind and fled to Turkey to escape their dire situation. Alia is a mother of three children and five months pregnant. When she heard about the nutrition seminar provided by Welthungerhilfe (WHH) with financial support from the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) she has become curious about the contents and topics that might be taught to the female participants.


Welthungerhilfe’s nutritionists explain Alia and the other female participants what it means to eat healthy and what to consider when preparing meals rich in nutrition. With help of a simple exercise they learn how to prepare healthy meals and which ingredients are considered as important during and after the pregnancy.

*“Now I know how important it is to eat healthy and to have a balanced diet. I never thought about this before”, she admits. “It is the first time I heard about the importance of folic acid during my pregnancy. From now on I will eat more vegetables and fruits rich in folic acid such as tomatoes and peas”, Alia said.*



## WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

### ENHANCING DIGNITY

<b>Sector</b>	 WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)
<b>Donor</b>	BMZ, GFFO, UNOCHA
<b>Implementation Partner</b>	Concern Worldwide, HIHFAD, SOP, SARD, MASAR
<b>Number of Project '19</b>	3
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Lebanon:</b> Akkar Governorate <b>Syria:</b> Idleb and rural Aleppo Governorate, A'zaz

### HYGIENE PROMOTION

Hygiene is one of the main priorities for internally displaced people (IDP) within Syria. Through our local partners, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) distributes hygiene kits to vulnerable Syrians which contain soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, sanitary napkins, jerry cans, water purification tablets as well as blankets.

In different camps for internally displaced people in A'zaz, Syria, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) conducts Training of Trainer (ToT) on hygiene practices for 20 women. After the completion of the training, these women will be teaching other women in various IDP camp about what they learnt as a "hygiene mobilizer".

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

The concept of sustainable integrated solid waste management promotes waste minimisation and supports the use of renewable material and recycling wherever possible. Solid and liquid waste management includes collection, transport, processing/recycling or disposal and monitoring; landfill areas, composting and reuse.

### WATER SUPPLY

Sustainable access to clean and safe (drinking) water is of highest need to maintain the physical wellbeing of people in need and their sanitation standards. Therefore, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) increases access to safe and clean drinking water for displaced people and host communities in Syria as well as for Syrian refugees and host communities in Lebanon through the rehabilitation of water networks and water stations as well as technical and hygiene trainings.

### SANITATION

To improve the life of people living in IDP camps in Syria, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) installs and keeps the maintenance of latrines through our implementing partner-HIHFAD. Each latrine has a disable unit and is provided with cleaning materials, solar light system and water. The activity aims to prevent disease and enhance personal safety and dignity.

*"When we first arrived, the situation was very bad. Our living conditions were too dire but after the latrines were installed, our main problem in this camp was solved. Actually, these latrines solved so many problems. There is a big difference between going to toilet in the open lands and going to a clean place. If you ask me what is the best? Of course, hygiene and cleanliness are the best. But also running water became available. This is a great relief for us."*

Abo Hmedy has been displaced and has found refuge in one of camps for internally displaced people in the south of Idleb Governorate.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC FUTURE & THE QUALITY OF LIFE

<b>Sector</b>	 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
<b>Donor</b>	BMZ, GIZ
<b>Implementation Partner</b>	LOST, Concern Worldwide, RASAS
<b>Number of Project '19</b>	3
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Turkey:</b> Istanbul <b>Lebanon:</b> Akkar and Baalbek-Hermel Governorate

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of economic development is to build up people's capacity to improve their economic future and the quality of life. It is a process by which local government, the private and non-profit sectors and local communities work collectively to create better conditions for economic growth and employment generation.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

In Turkey, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) empowers Syrian and non-Syrian refugees as well as host communities to sustain their livelihoods through economic activities. Through the provision of language, numeracy and literacy courses, the attendees will develop their skills to be able to be competitive on the job market. Additionally, more specialised services such as vocational training will be offered individually.

## TURKISH CLASSES FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Halil is a 21-year-old young man who came to Turkey four years ago due to the ongoing war in Syria. He and his family lived in the countryside of Aleppo. There, he went to school with the dream of one day becoming a dentist. But when the war reached his hometown, the school had to close. When living in Aleppo became too dangerous and unsafe, he and his family decided to leave the country.

But in Turkey they were facing new problems. It was very difficult for Halil to find a job and rent an apartment because their economic situation was uncertain. After many attempts he could finally find a job in a textile factory in Istanbul, but the salary he earned was not enough to support his whole family. But the chances for a Syrian without Turkish language skills to find a better paid job are low.

One day, a colleague told him about a community centre for refugees in Sultanbeyli, a district of Istanbul. Welthungerhilfe (WHH), together with its partner RASAS, offers a wide range of services for Syrian refugees, such as language classes and vocational trainings to further develop their skills in order to be competitive on the labour market. Halil applied in a Turkish class and even quit his job to be able to attend the courses on the weekends.

*„I was not worried about quitting my job. I know that after completing this Turkish class my chances to find a better paid job under even better working conditions were much higher. And I will be able to attend a Turkish school to finish the last years of high school and later enroll at a university in Turkey for the study of dentistry. I am really glad that I found this place. Now I can have dreams and start planning my future “, Halil said.*



# EMPOWERMENT & COOPERATION

## EMPOWERMENT

In the region, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) focuses on strengthening the capacity of local partner organisations, other actors as well as local governments in promoting self-determined development as well as governance, transparency and accountability.

## COOPERATION

Welthungerhilfe's (WHH) cooperation activities aim to strengthen the competencies of the various actors in relation to joint programme work, dialogues, knowledge exchange, networking and alliance building as well as resource mobilisation.

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) will continue to cooperate and work closely with local partners in all project areas where we operate. The inclusion of partners in designing programmes and strategies as well as Welthungerhilfe's accountability towards partners and beneficiaries (groups) are our concern.

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