

# Suryoye Aid Network International (SANI) Annual report 2024



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## Who are we?



Syriac Cross Organization for Relief and Development (SCO), established in 2013 and based in al-Qamishli, is a registered NGO in DAANES in Northern Syria. As a leading member organization within the network, SCO plays a key role in implementing projects across Syria.



Syriac Women's Union (SWU), established in 2013, based and registered in al-Hassaka, focuses on women's rights, education, empowerment, and promoting women-led initiatives in Syria. SWU promotes women-led initiatives and works to expand opportunities and representation for women in society.



Olaf Taw, established in 2015 and based in al-Qamishli, is an educational organization dedicated to Aramaic language education and preservation. It develops modern curricula that promote democratic values, coexistence, and human rights while ensuring the survival of the Aramaic language.



Beth Nahrain Organization for Women (BNOW), established in 2001 and registered as an NGO in Iraq, is based in Baghdede (Qaraqosh) and serves as the leading member organization within the network for projects in Iraq. Alongside its core mission of women's empowerment, BNOW implements livelihood programs, educational initiatives, and socio-cultural programs to support communities.



Bahro Studio, established in 2022 and based in Ainkawa/Erbil, preserves and strengthens the unique ethno-religious culture of Aramaic-speaking Christians through Aramaic-language broadcasting.



Süryani Dernekler Federasyonu (SÜDEF), established in 2019 and based in Tur Abdin/Mardin (Southeast Türkiye), is the leading member organization within the network for projects in Türkiye. SÜDEF focuses on implementing socio-cultural initiatives, as well as recovery and rebuilding projects to strengthen the Syriac people, preserve their heritage, and support their communities.



Syriac Youth Union (SYU), established in 2009 in Beirut and registered as an NGO in Lebanon, is the leading member organization within the network for projects in Lebanon. SYU focuses on youth programs, socio-cultural initiatives, and humanitarian response projects, empowering young people and supporting vulnerable communities.





SCHlomo for Relief and Development, established in 2015 and based in Zurich, plays a key role in securing projects for SANI. It focuses on emergency response, rebuilding, and recovery projects, as well as arranging Godparenthoods that connect Suryoye in the diaspora with Suryoye in their homelands, fostering solidarity and long-term support.



Syriac Cross Sweden (established in 2015), Syriac Cross e.V. (established in 2016) and L'Organisation de la Croix Syriaque Belgium (established in 2017) secure emergency and humanitarian aid, rebuilding and recovery support, and educational programs for SANI. They also arrange Godparenthoods that connect Suryoye in Europe and the diaspora with Suryoye in their homelands, fostering solidarity and long-term support.



Stichting Schlomo, established in 2019 and based in Hengelo, Netherlands, plays a key role in securing projects for SANI. It focuses on emergency aid, rebuilding and recovery efforts, educational programs, and arranging Godparenthoods that connect Suryoye in Europe and the diaspora with Suryoye in their homelands, fostering solidarity and long-term support.



The Suryoyo American Association (SAA) is dedicated to preserving and promoting the culture, history, and identity of the Syriac people. Beyond cultural preservation, SAA actively supports humanitarian efforts, working to uplift Suryoye communities both in the diaspora and in their ancestral homeland.



## Livelihoods

At the core of SANI's mission is the belief that sustainable livelihoods and access to education are fundamental to rebuilding communities and fostering resilience. This year, our association has remained steadfast in supporting these critical areas through targeted initiatives designed to empower individuals and uplift entire communities.

In a world shaped by ongoing challenges—from natural disasters to conflict and displacement—livelihoods projects serve as a vital lifeline for countless families. These initiatives go beyond economic support; they embody the human spirit's resilience and capacity for renewal. By equipping individuals with essential skills, resources, and opportunities, we are not only addressing immediate needs but also laying the foundation for long-term stability and hope. Likewise, access to education paves the way for a brighter future, ensuring that the next generation is prepared to overcome adversity and thrive in an ever-evolving world.

### Supporting Livelihoods Across Regions

Livelihood projects play a crucial role in enabling individuals to secure sustainable income, foster self-reliance, and contribute to the economic growth of their communities. By promoting entrepreneurship, providing vocational training, and ensuring access to essential resources, these initiatives empower vulnerable populations to overcome adversity and achieve long-term stability.

### Turkey (Earthquake-Affected Areas)

Since 2023, SANI's network has supported business development in earthquake-affected areas of Turkey, helping families rebuild their lives and remain rooted in their communities. In 2024, we successfully launched six additional businesses, strengthening this ongoing initiative. These businesses—a pharmacy, a hairstyling salon, a barbershop, a nail-art salon, a homemade culinary business, and a cafeteria—not only restore access to essential goods and services but also create employment opportunities. By reviving economic activity, these businesses are helping communities regain stability and move toward recovery after a disaster.

### Tur Abdin, Turkey

In the village of Midin, Tur Abdin, we supported a specialized beekeeping livelihood project dedicated to producing organic honey, implemented with our member organization Süryani Dernekler Federasyonu (SÜDEF). Unlike conventional





income sources, beekeeping operates on a seasonal cycle, presenting both challenges and opportunities for the community. Our support not only helps sustain this traditional craft but also promotes eco-friendly honey production and fosters economic self-sufficiency. By preserving this age-old practice, we are empowering local beekeepers to build a sustainable future while maintaining their cultural heritage.

### Zakho, Iraq

In Zakho, we funded the establishment of a sweets and confectionery shop alongside a mini market, implemented with our member organization Beth Nahrain Organization for Women (BNOW). These businesses serve a dual purpose: meeting local demand for everyday essentials and treats while providing stable incomes for their owners and employees. By strengthening the local economy, these ventures enhance access to essential goods and contribute to the community's overall economic resilience.

### Duhok, Iraq

In Duhok, we supported the launch of a market and a truck accessories business, implemented with our member organization BNOW. These enterprises cater to both local consumers and the regional logistics sector, providing essential goods and services while creating sustainable income opportunities. By investing in these businesses, we are fostering economic growth and diversifying livelihoods in the region, ensuring long-term stability for business owners and their communities.



### Nineveh Plains, Iraq

Since the liberation of the Nineveh Plains, establishing sustainable livelihoods has remained one of SANI's key priorities. This year, together with our local member organization, Beth Nahrain Organization for Women (BNOW), we expanded our efforts by launching five new businesses, further strengthening an ongoing initiative that has already supported over 100 enterprises in the region. The latest additions – a sewing atelier, a cooling business, a men's clothing store, a printing house, and a cosmetics store – demonstrate our commitment to fostering economic growth and addressing local needs. These businesses not only provide stable livelihoods for their owners and employees but also enrich their communities by offering essential goods and services, contributing to the long-term recovery and resilience of the region.



16 livelihood businesses  
72 direct beneficiaries

## Agricultural Resilience Project – Al-Hassaka Governorate

Agricultural resilience is vital in northeast Syria, where decades of conflict, economic instability, and climate challenges have severely impacted Christian farming communities. Water scarcity, damaged infrastructure, and disrupted markets continue to threaten both food security and livelihoods. To help communities rebuild and achieve long-term stability, strengthening agriculture through sustainable practices is essential.

In 2024, SANI reinforced its commitment to strengthening the region’s agricultural sector by providing essential resources tailored to local needs. Implemented by our local member organization, Syriac Cross, these efforts supported farmers across multiple communities. In Amuda, farmers received seeds and agricultural equipment to enhance their cultivation efforts. Meanwhile, in the Christian villages of Al-Qahtaniyah, our support went beyond seeds, providing solar-powered irrigation systems and a shared plowing machine that benefited multiple farmers. Additionally, we established a cooperative to promote collaboration and resource-sharing, and we constructed a water well to address critical irrigation needs, ensuring long-term agricultural sustainability.

Thanks to these efforts, families have successfully revitalized 25 hectares of farmland, cultivating essential crops. The introduction of solar-powered irrigation systems has not only lowered costs but also promoted environmentally sustainable farming practices.

By enabling families to remain on their ancestral lands, this initiative helps preserve cultural traditions, strengthens food security, and stimulates economic growth through local markets. Together, we have planted the seeds of hope and resilience, showcasing the power of collaboration and determination in securing a sustainable future for Northeast Syria’s Christian farming communities.



47 families  
171 beneficiaries



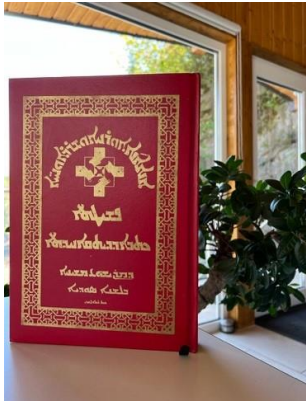
# Culture & Education

## Supporting Faith and Community

Iraq’s Christian communities face immense challenges, including persecution, displacement, and cultural erosion, all of which threaten their faith and linguistic heritage. Aramaic, the historical language of Christianity and the spoken language of Jesus Christ, has fragmented over centuries into various dialects. For many Christians, owning a Bible in their native Aramaic language was once unimaginable.

As part of our commitment to preserving faith and language, SANI, in collaboration with our local member organization Bahro Studios, has expanded efforts to make the Bible more accessible. Last year, we printed and distributed 10,000 Bibles in Eastern Aramaic for the Chaldean Catholic Church and the Assyrian Church. This year, we extended our initiative by printing and distributing 2,500 Bibles in Western Aramaic across Iraq. Additionally, through the development of a corrected digital version of the New Testament in Western Aramaic, the Syriac Orthodox Church refined grammatical structures and simplified the complex Old Aramaic text traditionally used in liturgy, making it more accessible beyond church services.

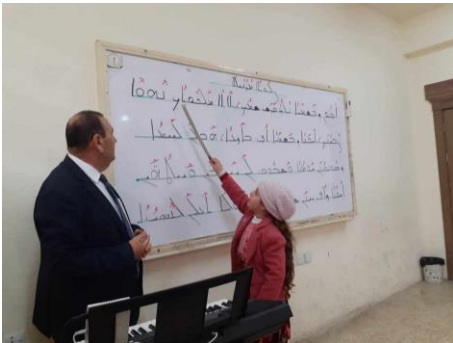
This initiative is part of a broader strategy to preserve Christianity in its historic heartland and sustain the use of the Aramaic language, particularly in the face of ongoing persecution and displacement. Through this project, we are ensuring that both faith and language endure, empowering communities to maintain their spiritual and cultural identity despite the challenges they face.



2,500 Bibles  
12,500 beneficiaries

## Preserving Aramaic: Language Education for the Next Generation

Following our efforts to preserve the Aramaic language through Bible distribution, BNOW has also taken a proactive approach to ensuring that future generations can read and write in their ancestral tongue. In the Nineveh Plains, we launched a language training course for 30 children, providing them with learning books in Aramaic and other essential supplies.





Teaching Aramaic to children is critical for maintaining the linguistic and cultural heritage of Iraq's Christian communities. With ongoing displacement and cultural erosion, fewer young people are learning to read and write in their native language, putting its survival at risk. By equipping children with literacy skills in Aramaic, we are strengthening their connection to their identity, faith, and history. This initiative not only preserves an essential part of Christian heritage but also empowers a new generation to carry their language forward, ensuring that it remains a living, spoken, and written tradition in their communities.



## Comprehensive Education and Support Initiatives

Our commitment to education extends beyond traditional schooling, encompassing innovative programs that address the unique challenges faced by vulnerable populations in conflict-affected regions. This year, we implemented several transformative initiatives:

### Family Center in Qamishli

In 2020, Syriac Cross established the Family Center in Qamishli to provide essential support to women, children, and vulnerable groups affected by conflict and displacement. Through practical skills training, psychosocial support, and community-building activities, the center empowers women to achieve independence and helps children recover from trauma.



The center offers courses in first aid, sewing, computer skills, and art therapy, while music and language lessons enhance children's confidence and self-expression. Additionally, it provides a safe play area and organizes educational excursions, fostering a nurturing environment for learning and growth.



By employing local professionals, the initiative not only strengthens the community but also contributes to economic stability. Continued financial support is essential to sustaining these efforts and expanding the center's reach, ensuring long-term impact for those who rely on its services.



15 courses/events  
120 participants

### Training Center in Al Hassaka

Established in 2020, this center equips young girls and women with vocational training in various fields, including computer skills, first aid, hairdressing, tailoring, and more. In addition to skill development, the center provides psychological counseling, supporting participants in overcoming trauma and adapting to their circumstances. Graduates leave with enhanced skills, confidence, and strong community connections, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to their families and society.



12 courses  
10 staff/teachers employed  
105 participants

*Cultural Institute Olaf Taw*: Founded in 2020, Olaf Taw specializes in Aramaic language education, developing modern curricula that incorporate democratic values, coexistence, and human rights. The institute has created a variety of educational materials, including children’s fairy tale videos, and in 2023, it launched a children’s film series.

In 2024, we brought *Mira’s World* to life—an engaging 3D animated children’s series that blends past and present. Through Mira’s magical time-traveling brush, young viewers embark on adventures that explore history both before and after Christ. A unique feature of this project is the inclusion of English subtitles, helping Chaldean-Syriac-Assyrian children in the diaspora reconnect with their ancestral language by hearing and reading it simultaneously.



Ensuring that new generations grow up with knowledge of their native tongue – Aramaic, the language of Jesus Christ – is vital to preserving cultural and spiritual identity. This initiative not





only strengthens linguistic heritage but also fosters mutual understanding and respect among diverse communities, reinforcing the values of coexistence and historical awareness.

500,000+ viewers  
6 personnel families

### Kindergartens in Derik, Al-Qamishli, and Al-Hassaka

One of SANI's ongoing initiatives is the operation of kindergartens in Northeast Syria, implemented under the supervision of the Syrian Women Union (SWU). Currently, five kindergartens are providing children with a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment, focusing on early childhood education, creativity, and cultural heritage. Through tailored activities such as storytelling, art, and play, these kindergartens foster cognitive and social development while preserving cultural traditions.



By prioritizing inclusivity and community-building, the kindergartens ensure that children develop essential skills, build confidence, and feel a strong sense of belonging during their formative years. Additionally, they offer crucial support to women by enabling them to work while their children are cared for in a safe and enriching setting. This opportunity has helped many families improve their financial stability while their children engage in play, music, and learning.



Experienced teachers, familiar with the children's backgrounds and needs, provide dedicated supervision and guidance. The kindergartens serve children aged 3 to 6 and offer instruction in three languages: Aramaic, Arabic, and English, reinforcing both linguistic diversity and cultural preservation.

5 kindergartens  
17 teachers employed  
280 children educated

### Art-Therapy: Healing Through Creativity

Our Art-Therapy program in Syria and Iraq provides a vital therapeutic outlet for children, youth, and caregivers affected by conflict and displacement. Designed to address the non-verbal core of trauma, it strengthens resilience and mental well-being. The program is implemented



by Syriac Cross in Aleppo, Syria, and the Beth Nahrain Organization for Women in the Nineveh Plains, Iraq, reaching over 165 participants.

Through guided workshops, art sessions, and expressive activities, participants process trauma, rebuild self-esteem, and reconnect with their identity. Each three-month course includes a recreational field trip – whether to monasteries, museums, playgrounds, or swimming pools – offering moments of joy and cultural connection.



To honor their efforts, every program concludes with an exhibition ceremony, where participants showcase their artwork to family, local leaders, and the community. They receive a certificate of participation and a children’s Bible, reinforcing their sense of achievement and belonging.

This initiative reflects our holistic approach to recovery, ensuring that rebuilding goes beyond material aid to include emotional healing and personal growth. By investing in these children, we foster a future of resilience, connection, and hope.



30 staff members  
160 participants





## Providing School Kits

As part of our commitment to supporting education, we distributed school kits to 100 children in Lattakia, equipping children with the essential supplies needed for a better learning experience and helping them reach their full potential.



## Health & Medical Aid

Our commitment to providing life-saving medical care remains steadfast, particularly in regions where conflict, economic hardship, and displacement limit healthcare access. This year, we advanced two key initiatives: distributing medicine and funding surgeries in Iraq, and establishing a medical clinic in Northeast Syria.

### Medicine Distribution and Surgeries

Ensuring access to essential medical care is vital for preserving our Christian community. Many families struggle to afford treatment, often facing the difficult choice of seeking care abroad or enduring worsening health conditions. By providing critical medical support, we help vulnerable individuals remain in their homeland, strengthen community resilience, and prevent further migration. Access to healthcare not only saves lives but also reinforces the stability and continuity of this ancient community in its ancestral lands.

### Iraq

In response to the devastating fire that struck a wedding celebration in Hamdaniyah, Nineveh Plains, on September 27, 2023, the Beth Nahrain Organization for Women (BNOW) has been providing ongoing medical and psychological support to affected families. In the immediate aftermath, emergency medical supplies were delivered to treat burn injuries, and hospital visits were coordinated to ensure patients received necessary care.

Building on these efforts, in 2024, we continued supporting victims by providing medical assistance to 90 families and financing three laser treatments for those recovering from severe burns. BNOW's team regularly visits survivors, offering essential medication, wound care, and psychological support, recognizing that healing extends beyond physical recovery.



This ongoing initiative underscores our long-term commitment to helping families rebuild their lives, ensuring they receive the necessary medical and emotional support to move forward.

*“Burns heal slowly, emotional wounds even slower”*

### Lebanon

In cooperation with our member organization, Syriac Youth Union, we provided financial support for a cancer patient in Lebanon, easing the burden of treatment and ensuring access to critical care. Additionally, we supported one surgery, further demonstrating our commitment to assisting vulnerable individuals in urgent need of medical support.

### Syria

In cooperation with Syriac Cross, we funded three life-saving surgeries in Syria, ensuring patients received the urgent care they required. By covering medical expenses, we alleviated financial hardship on families, allowing them to focus on recovery.

Through these efforts, we reaffirm our dedication to providing essential healthcare, strengthening community resilience, and preserving the well-being of those who rely on our support.



95 families  
418 beneficiaries

### Syriac Cross Medical Clinic in Northeast Syria

The Syriac Cross Medical Clinic in al-Qahtaniya has become a critical healthcare provider in one of the region’s most challenging environments. Since opening in June 2023, it has delivered lifesaving medical care to over 11,449 patients, including more than 3,342 emergency cases, despite ongoing conflict and economic hardship.

Serving a diverse population—including Christians, Yazidis, Kurds, and Arabs—the clinic remains a vital resource in an area where frequent drone strikes and limited healthcare access pose severe risks. Its presence has not only filled critical healthcare gaps but has also brought hope and stability to communities struggling with insecurity and displacement.



Located near the volatile Turkish border, the clinic plays a crucial role in responding to conflict-related injuries and medical emergencies, often resulting from escalating drone activity and



military operations. With a team of skilled professionals specializing in pediatrics, gynecology, and internal medicine, it ensures comprehensive and accessible healthcare. Additionally, its affordable services and well-equipped ambulance system offer a lifeline in a region where private clinics are costly and hospitals are distant.

By providing quality care, cultural inclusivity, and community-centered management, the clinic not only meets the immediate medical needs of Al-Qahtaniyah's residents but also strengthens community resilience and fosters unity in a conflict-affected area.

Impact since June 2023:  
**11,449** patients  
**3,342** emergencies



# Crisis Response

## Earthquake Recovery Response

On February 6, 2023, a devastating earthquake struck Syria and Turkey, worsening the already dire situation for Christian communities in Syria, who have faced war, displacement, and economic hardship for over a decade. The disaster left millions homeless, with limited international aid reaching Syria due to political restrictions.

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake in 2023, our local member organization Syriac Cross provided critical humanitarian aid, addressing urgent needs such as food, water, temporary shelter, medicines, and funding surgeries for injured survivors. Recognizing the ongoing struggles of the affected communities, we continued our support in 2024 with a sustained recovery project, implemented in collaboration with churches in Aleppo and Lattakia.

### 1. Medical Assistance

- Medicines distributed to 7,575 beneficiaries in Aleppo and Lattakia through organized pick-up points at church centers and clinics.
- Surgeries for 17 individuals, including 8 women, 8 men, and 1 child



### 2. Winter Support - Heating Oil Distribution:

- 140 families (372 individuals) in Aleppo received heating oil to sustain them through the cold months.
- The project initially aimed to support 70 families, but this was doubled due to the urgent need and extended winter conditions.



### 3. Shelter Assistance - Rent Support:

- 30 families (92 individuals) in Lattakia received two months of rent assistance, ensuring they could remain in their homes.





Syriac Cross remains committed to long-term recovery efforts, supporting vulnerable Christian communities as they rebuild their lives after the earthquake.

**A total of 2,687 families, with 8,107 beneficiaries:**  
7,575 beneficiaries received medicines  
372 beneficiaries received heating oil  
68 beneficiaries received surgeries  
92 beneficiaries received rent support

### Emergency Response For Displaced and Vulnerable Families

In response to the recent attacks and bombings that have severely impacted Christian communities in Lebanon and Syria, SANI has been actively providing emergency assistance on the ground – in Lebanon through our local member organization Syriac Youth Union and in Syria through Syriac Cross.

Recognizing the urgent needs of affected families, we mobilized immediate support for the displaced, vulnerable individuals, and those who lost their homes and livelihoods. Our response included the distribution of essential food supplies, hygiene kits, and emergency shelter assistance, as well as medical aid for the injured.

Through SANI’s network and close cooperation with local churches, community leaders, and member organizations, we ensured that aid reached those in greatest need, offering not just material relief but also a sense of solidarity and hope in the face of ongoing hardship.

### Aleppo, Homs and Wadi al-Nassara

In October 2023, the Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) takeover of parts of northwestern Syria, including key areas near Aleppo, forced many Christian families to flee to Homs in search of safety. However, they soon faced similar threats, economic hardship, and insecurity. This already vulnerable community endured targeted violence and mounting pressure to abandon their ancestral lands.

To address urgent needs, we launched an emergency aid response, providing essential food parcels, hygiene kits and cash assistance to displaced families. In Aleppo, families received food parcels, vouchers for food and hygiene items, as well as cash assistance, to help cover their daily expenses. In Homs, Zaidal, and Wadi al-Nasara, we focused on direct cash assistance to meet the most pressing needs. In total, over 800 families benefited from this intervention.



Despite security risks, logistical challenges, and economic instability, this effort helped families maintain stability, remain in their homes, and preserve their cultural and religious heritage in the face of growing adversity.

150 vouchers for food & hygiene  
200 food parcels  
450 cash assistance

Hassaka, Amuda, Drbasiyah and Al-Qahtaniyah

Suryoye Aid Network International (SANI) is committed to fostering coexistence, social cohesion, and the protection of vulnerable minorities.

Recognizing that the survival of ancient communities depends not only on preserving their cultural and religious identity but also on standing in solidarity with others facing persecution, we actively support displaced and marginalized groups. Our commitment to human dignity, mutual respect, and resilience drives our efforts to assist communities in crisis, ensuring that no one is left behind.

In this spirit, we provided emergency assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Aleppo who sought refuge in Northeast Syria. This assistance included:

- Medical intervention for 38 IDP families (93 beneficiaries) at a collective center in Al-Qahtaniyah, provided through our Syriac Cross Medical Clinic.
- Provision of 17 heaters and 41 hygiene kits to 41 Yazidi families (208 beneficiaries) in Al-Qahtaniyah.
- Distribution of mattresses, blankets, and hygiene kits to 100 IDP families (489 beneficiaries) across Al-Hasakah, Amuda, and Derbasiyah.



Through these efforts, SANI continues to uphold their mission of supporting vulnerable communities and ensuring that those displaced by conflict receive essential aid and protection.

179 IDP families  
790 beneficiaries



### Lebanon

Lebanon’s southern border communities have been severely impacted by the ongoing conflict, forcing many Christian families to flee their villages in search of safety. The region continues to face rising tensions, periodic shelling, and military escalation, leaving civilians trapped in an increasingly volatile situation. Displacement has meant the loss of homes, livelihoods, and access to basic necessities, further straining an already fragile economy. Amid soaring inflation, scarce resources, and an overwhelmed humanitarian system, displaced families struggle to meet their daily needs.

In response, our local member organization Syriac Youth Union provided emergency assistance to 300 Christian families, ensuring they received essential support, including hot meals for those sheltering in churches and food parcels for affected families in their homes.





This intervention, carried out by our local member organization Syriac Youth Union, in cooperation with local churches, aimed to provide immediate relief to families forced to flee amid escalating violence, offering them much-needed stability and support during this period of uncertainty.

300 families  
1,200 beneficiaries

### Water Project, Al-Hassaka Governorate, Syria

In Northeast Syria, families have endured a devastating water crisis since 2019, following the invasion of Ras Al-Ain that disrupted the Alouk water station and the drying of the Khabur River, leaving thousands without access to clean water. Families were forced to rely on unsafe sources or expensive bottled water, endangering their health and livelihoods. In response, we launched the Emergency Water Project to address this critical need and help over 1,120 households in Al-Hassaka, the Khabur Valley, and Tal Tamer gain access to safe drinking water.



This sustainable operation is powered by solar pumping systems, which provide a reliable and eco-friendly solution. To ensure transparency and efficiency, we've implemented an innovative QR code monitoring system that tracks deliveries in real-time, giving families confidence that their needs are met equitably.

This project is a lifeline for vulnerable communities, alleviating water scarcity and protecting children from health risks while easing financial burdens. By restoring access to clean water, we're helping families stay in their homeland, preserving their heritage and stability. We're proud to member organization with the Syriac Cross Organization for Relief & Development to make this possible, and with their commitment, clean water continues to flow to those who need it most. Together, we're restoring health, stability, and hope to the people of Northeast Syria, ensuring that no family is left behind.





1,120 families  
4,845 beneficiaries

## Children

### Christmas celebration

At SANI, children's well-being has always been a priority, but Christmas holds a special place in our efforts.

For the Suryoye community, gathering in church to celebrate Christmas is a cherished tradition – one that remains possible in their homelands despite ongoing challenges. Christmas is a time of giving, joy, and togetherness, and SANI is dedicated to making it special for children who face daily hardships.

Thanks to the support of the Suryoye in the Diaspora, SANI's member organizations implemented annual Christmas celebrations for children living in difficult conditions across multiple countries.

In 2024, SANI's member organization in Lebanon organized a special Christmas theater in Beirut and a Christmas gift distribution in Zahle, bringing joy and relief to children in need. Meanwhile, in Syria, SANI's local member organization organizations distributed gifts to children in Aleppo, Al-Hasakah, Al-Qamishli, and Derik (Al-Malikiyah).

Beyond Syria and Lebanon, SANI's member organizations ensured that Santa Claus visited children in Iraq (Nineveh Plains) and Turkey (Tur Abdin), as well as those in earthquake-affected areas such as Samandağ and Antakya.

Through these efforts, SANI and its member organizations continue to bring hope and joy to children, ensuring that Christmas remains a time of light and warmth for the most vulnerable in our community.



A total of 2,400 Christmas gifts  
600 children in Turkey  
600 children in Iraq  
600 children in Lebanon  
600 children in Syria  
1,200 beneficiaries

## Godparenthood

Since 2019, SANI's Godparenthood program has been providing continuous support to children from vulnerable families in Syria. Through this initiative, children receive financial assistance from godparents who contribute a set amount each month. Additionally, the program facilitates direct communication between children and their godparents, fostering meaningful connections.

To date, over 130 children have benefited from this initiative. SANI remains committed to expanding this vital support network, ensuring that more children receive the care and stability they need.



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