

COVID-19 - Community-Based Protection in the Spotlight

National : In 13/ 14 governorates

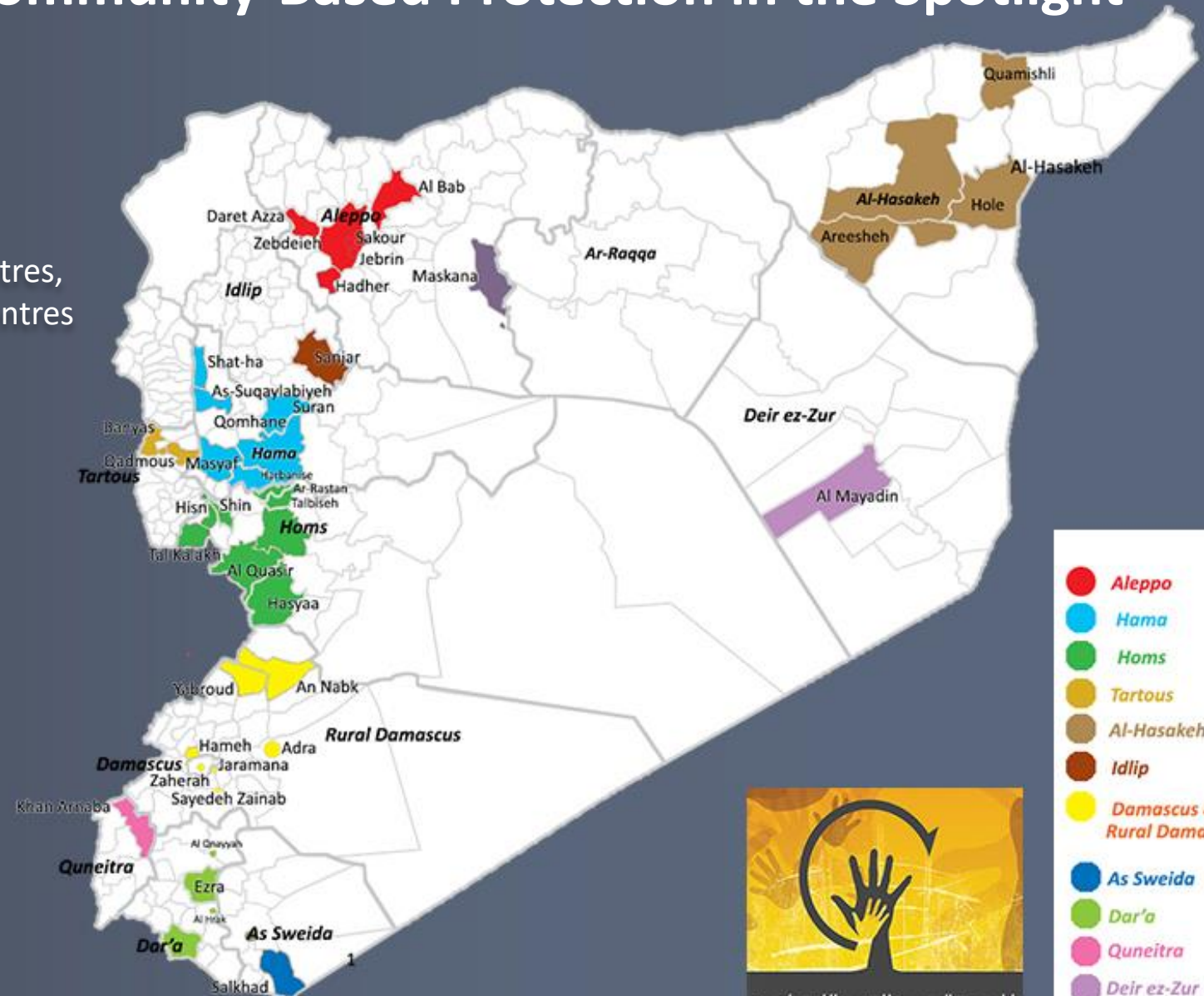
AND Local : In about 250 locations
Community centres, Satellite centres,
schools, residential protection centres

In addition to

- mobile units,
- outreach volunteers,
- community committees
- Community based programs

Better Covid-19 response with

- Pre-existing agreements
- Longer term arrangements



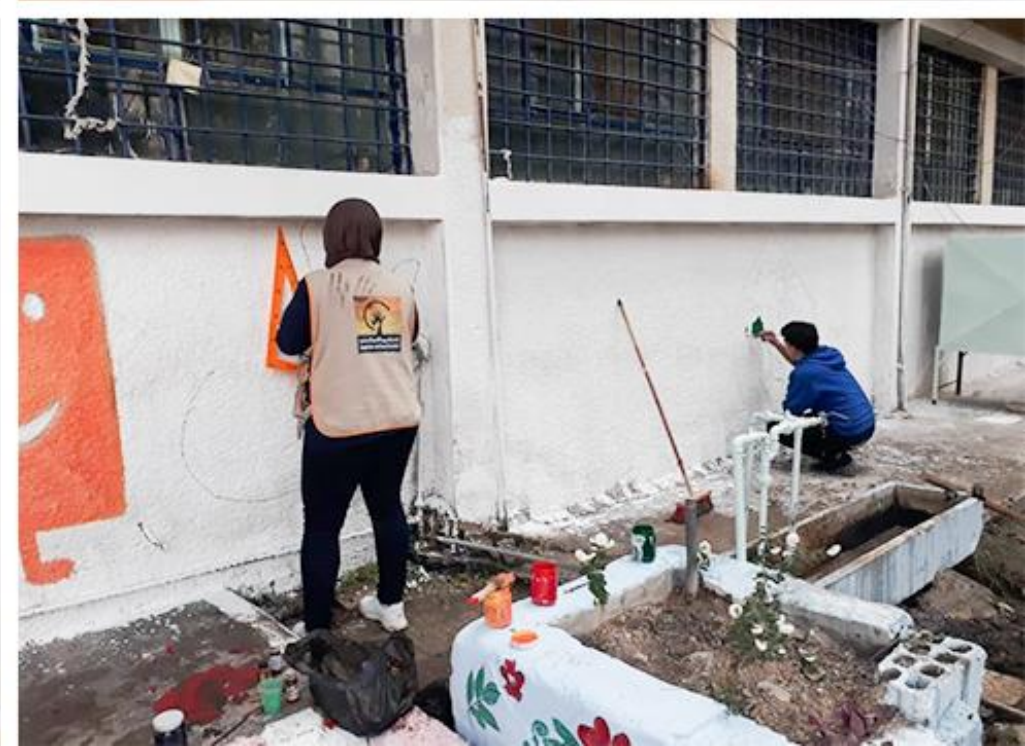
- Aleppo
- Hama
- Homs
- Tartous
- Al-Hasakeh
- Idlip
- Damascus & Rural Damascus
- As Sweida
- Dar'a
- Quneitra
- Deir ez-Zur
- Ar-Raqqa

Partnerships

KBW Juvenile Centre

High risk Covid-19 population

- Cleaning, sterilization, reduce risks
- Diversion from incarceration back into the community



Isolation room

Friendship Communities (45+)

Parents and friends
around persons with disabilities.
Self led, self organized.

Elbow bump is learnt!

But a Hug is a Hug!!!

Persons with a disability remind us of
essentials.

Precautionary measures are good to
keep from diseases.

But they do not give life.

Relationships and a human touch are of
essence



FURSA

Educational Program For Working kids

- The Community Sponsored the education of its children.
- In their homes and under the trees
- Now with Covid-19 Measures



Community Led Initiatives

- Making and Providing masks to the most vulnerable
- Making detergents to give to the vulnerable
- Crowd control : Organising the social distancing at the bakery
- distribution campaigns for food and clothes to curb economic impact



Community Led Initiatives

Making masks, providing detergents, raising awareness on C-19
Sanitization and hygiene campaigns



OLD BUT GOLD

- Home delivery of inkind assistance
- Distribution of hygiene kits
- Referrals for food and medications
- Updated key messages.

Mostly

- Older persons
- Persons with a disability



Whatsapp

Virtual Sessions

- Covid-19 awareness sessions
- Key and updated messages



الجمعية السورية للتطوير الاجتماعي
SYRIAN SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

WhatsApp chat interface showing a conversation about COVID-19 awareness. The contact name is "ذهب عتيق 1".

Messages:

- طبعاً كبار السن... وأصحاب أمراض الصدر... والربو (9:37)
- برأيكم من هم أكثر عرضة للإصابة بكوفيد؟ (9:37)
- الكبار بالسن (9:37)
- كبار السن ويولي يعانون من أمراض مزمنة (9:37)
- ما يكون عندن مناعة بجسمن (9:37)
- +963 932 202 358 (9:37)
- الأشخاص يلي ما عندهم مناعة (9:37)
- ويجب الا نزرع الخوف والياس في قلوب اولادنا والناس (9:37)
- كبير السن (9:37)

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- تماماً (9:37)
- أنت برأيكم من هم أكثر عرضة للإصابة بكوفيد؟ (9:37)
- الاطفال وكبار السن ويولي عندن نقص فيتامينات بجسمن (9:37)
- يلي ما بيتعرضو الشمس كثير (9:38)
- كبار السن ويولي يبعانوا من أمراض مزمنة (9:38)
- ولكن باتباع خطوات الحماية منقدر نتساعد للحماية من الإصابة بالفايروس (9:39)

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- نحننا تعلمنا كثير منكن بنسج البلد من نصايح وغيره (9:34)
- نحننا تعلمنا كثير بنسج البلد وعلمتونا كثير شغلات أنو إذا مرينا بمواقف صعبة لازم نتخطاها (9:34)
- وكمان منقدر... تناول غذاء صحي و نتحرك و عدم التدخين... وتجنب الضغوطات النفسية (9:35)
- بصحتك الجسدية والنفسية (9:35)
- تناول طعاماً صحياً (9:35)
- تحركنا (9:35)
- لا تدخنا (9:35)
- إعتن بصحتك النفسية (9:35)
- هاد البوستر بيوضح المعلومات وكيف منقدر نحافظ على صحتنا (9:36)

Dunyana" Virtual Channel

- For children, adolescents and their families
- Broadcasting twice per day
- Offering entertainment and awareness topics
- During the COVID-19 lockdown
- Prepared by SSSD teams in all governorates
- Covered all governorates

"Dunyana" Channel



CHALLENGES

faced by SSSD to deliver during C-19

- Remote modalities impeded the provision of quality protection services
- Delays in budget allocations for C-19 responses
- Coordination of C-19 response with the national plan and the health sector creating a bottle neck
- Break down in external referral pathways in the virtual approach,
- Declined volunteering structure
- Losing the role of the community centres in providing a safe space for women and children

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Early-on and systematic investment in community-based approaches
- NNGOs role & responsibility in local capacity building. i.e. with CBOs
- More flexibility, more space for decision making to local partners especially during emergencies.

“AS LOCAL AS POSSIBLE, AS INTERNATIONAL AS NECESSARY”.