



Since 2011, Syria has faced a significant internal displacement crisis, with nearly 6.8 million men and women having suffered from multiple internal displacements according to OCHA.

The country faces a deteriorating economy and a general lack of job opportunities, which increases vulnerability and social tension among communities. The UN estimates that 14.6 million people are in need of protection assistance.

In this context, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) launched its Community Building and Social Cohesion (CBSC) program to serve vulnerable populations in Aleppo, Homs, Al-Kafroun, and Damascus - areas that have experienced significant displacement during the conflict.

Working with JRS was a turning point. This place gave me love, safety, and trust.



Discover the woman who rebuilt her life by accompanying those most in need

Highlights 2024



2,225
participants

Empowerment and
Relationship-Building Programs



1,508

Awareness Sessions



520

Individual Counseling
and Consultations

Note: All statistics reflect the total instances, meaning individuals may have received or benefited from services multiple times.



Core Services of the JRS Community Building Programme

To achieve its objectives of fostering community resilience and enhancing social cohesion, the CBSC programme implements the following core services:

Support to Parents and Caregivers

Structured sessions to enhance emotional availability and understanding of children's needs, building emotional regulation skills and providing positive parenting strategies using the 'Parenting Under Pressure' (PuP) framework.

→ to strengthen family bonds.



Creative Arts and Recreational Activities

Short-duration activities providing a safe space for community members to engage in enjoyable and creative activities, with sessions available in the evenings and weekends.

→ to strengthen social cohesion.



Youth Empowerment

Personal development and emotional intelligence training for young people, including practical community-building and leadership skills. Participants engage in youth-led initiatives to improve their communities.

→ to build youth capacities.



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Focused group and individual psychosocial support sessions addressing trauma and psychosocial well-being, with training for staff in psychological first aid, identification of psychosocial distress, & referral when needed.

→ to build psychological resilience.



Basic Literacy and Numeracy

Classes for adults to equip them with essential literacy and numeracy skills over a 12-week program, including follow-up elementary level courses and official certification where possible.

→ to strengthen essential skills



Social and Psychosocial Awareness

Modular sessions to raise awareness on social and psychological topics, including legal rights, child protection, and mental health, fostering compassionate communities.

→ to strengthen shared values.



Join Us

Together, we can build a cohesive and resilient community in Syria. Your support is vital in nurturing a society grounded in dignity, solidarity, and hope.