

Annual Report

2015/16



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Year in Review



ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

We expanded from 30 centers to 62 centers to reach 2,400 out-of-school youth who have gone through the trauma of war and poverty.



MENTORSHIP

We launched a Youth Center in the Zaatari Refugee Camp with outreach to 2,200 youth, led by a core team of 30 visionary Syrian volunteers.



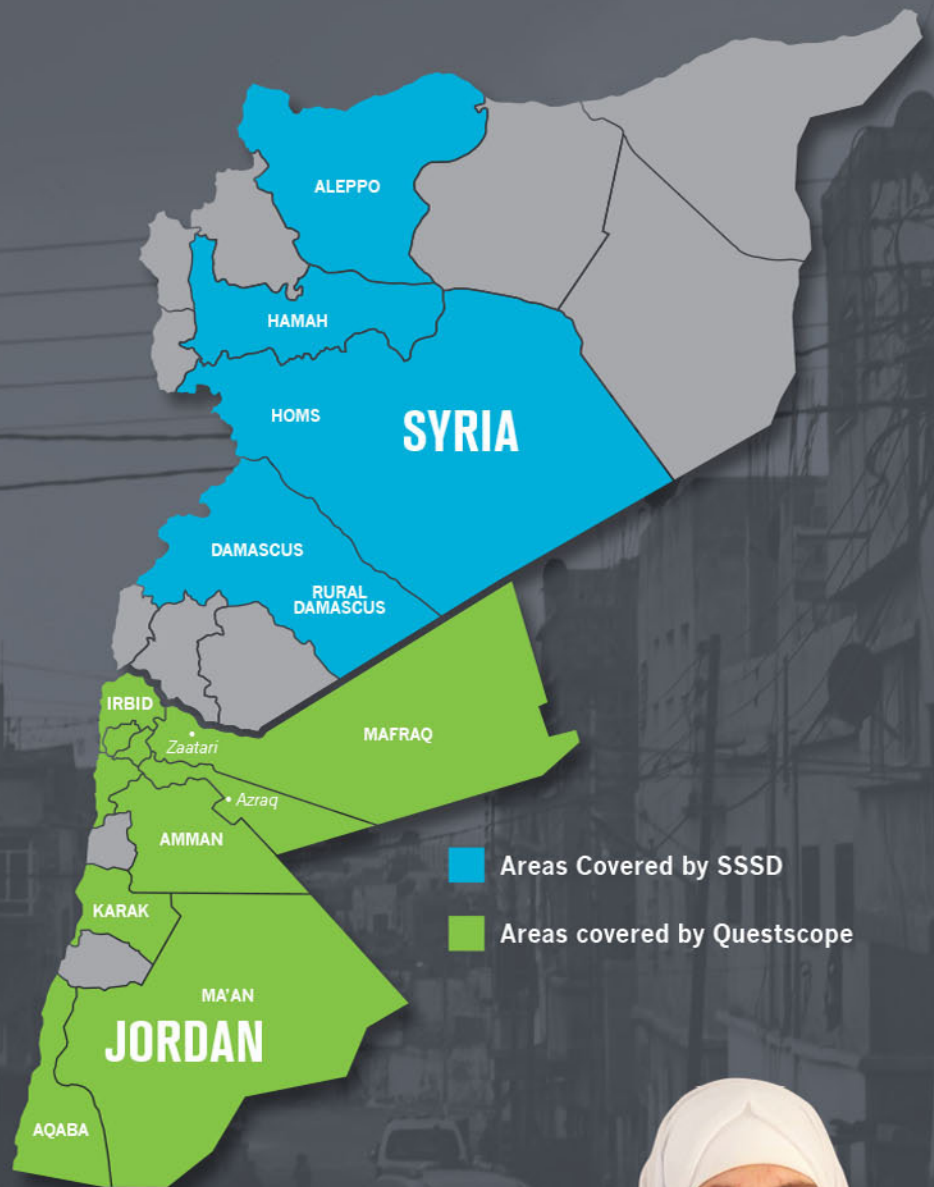
NEW PROJECTS

For 200 of the most vulnerable refugee families living in Aqaba, we are providing integrated support in food, medicine, and education.



IN SYRIA

Our SSSD team has grown with 1,800 staff and volunteers serving in 100 locations across Syria. We tripled our reach over the past year and now bring critical aid to 600,000 people displaced by war.



DIRECTORS' LETTER

Refugees are stuck. They are stuck under threat of random violence in Syria. They are stuck waiting for food to be distributed. Their children are stuck in limbo as years pass without any education. Medical care is a nightmare. Doctor examinations and medicines cost money – when they are available. Another hurdle where they get stuck again.

Refugees are also visionaries. They continuously plan for the future. What is the best option for their children's education? How to get a roof over their heads? What is the best meal they can put together for their families? What do they do to get on a list to go somewhere better?

The Questscope space is the space between the reality of their being stuck and the reality of their vision for something better. Refugees are the “experts” in that space. We are the learners. They have the hard data, and they have the aspirations to do, to become, something different.

A name for our role in that space is human-centered design. What do they think about the future? How do they think things can be better? Can we design options together that get them unstuck? What can we offer that will expand their ability to reach the things they dream about?

Our Youth Center in the Zaatari Refugee Camp is such a design space. Over the past four years, we have invested in 40 Syrian refugee young people as leaders that have reached more than 3,000 youth. Expanding horizons. Building new skills and insights.

Our alternative education classes all over Jordan have provided learning opportunities for 3,000 young people who otherwise would be stuck without any education. We emphasize that they belong and we surround them with adults who know how to help them learn and grow.

In Syria, we support 600,000 individuals who left their homes and safe places, sometimes four or five times. We offer everything from water, food, blankets and clothes, to psychosocial counseling to deal with the trauma of being stuck in never-ending cycles of violence.

The challenge is to listen to them. To engage with them. To design actions with them that move everyone forward, even in small steps, so that at least some of their visions can become realities.

This has been a year of improving design and delivery of initiatives that fit the humans stuck in the inhuman picture of conflict and crisis. Pulling together needed resources, only to discover that the game constantly changes and more resources are required. But the most valuable resources are the refugees themselves. They are the ones who will live in their futures. We are the ones who help them figure out how.

It is a privilege to share glimpses of their success over the past year. I sincerely hope that these brief glimpses will motivate all of us to **believe** that every little success is huge. Every little change is BIG. Every single donation of support counts. And that thousands of these changes will make a better life – for them, and for us.

True believers!

Curt Rhodes
International Director

Imad Libbus
Chairman of the Board



A Letter from Syria

My name is Hatim Hamroush. My beautiful wife and I live in Homs, Syria with our three wonderful children. I lost the use of both of my legs some years ago and now move with a wheelchair, but I have never let my disability stop me. Instead it taught me strength and reminds me of all that I'm capable of overcoming.

I want to spread hope among people. I try to be the hand that reaches out to others who have also experienced pain and loss in order to help them stand. I show them that if I can overcome obstacles – anyone can.

In April, my friend invited me to join a cycling event called "Peace Trip" organized by 12 volunteers from SSSD. Over 700 people came together that day.

A lot of people didn't have bikes. Some walked and some drove. I completed the race in my wheelchair. People just wanted to participate in whatever way they could.

We passed through the neighborhood where my family and I used to live, and grief washed over me as we went by my old house – destroyed and abandoned. But then I looked at everyone around me and I saw people who were strangers just a few hours ago coming together as one.

We have all survived siege, starvation, separation from family, and the destruction of our homes. We live with the fear of not knowing what will happen tomorrow. We long for the presence of love and humanity in a place overtaken by years of death and violence.

The most beautiful things I saw that day were the souls of so many different people coming together for one purpose. I saw all the colors of home blend together into the color of peace.

I felt the breath of new life return and the heart of Homs start to beat again.



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SYRIAN SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

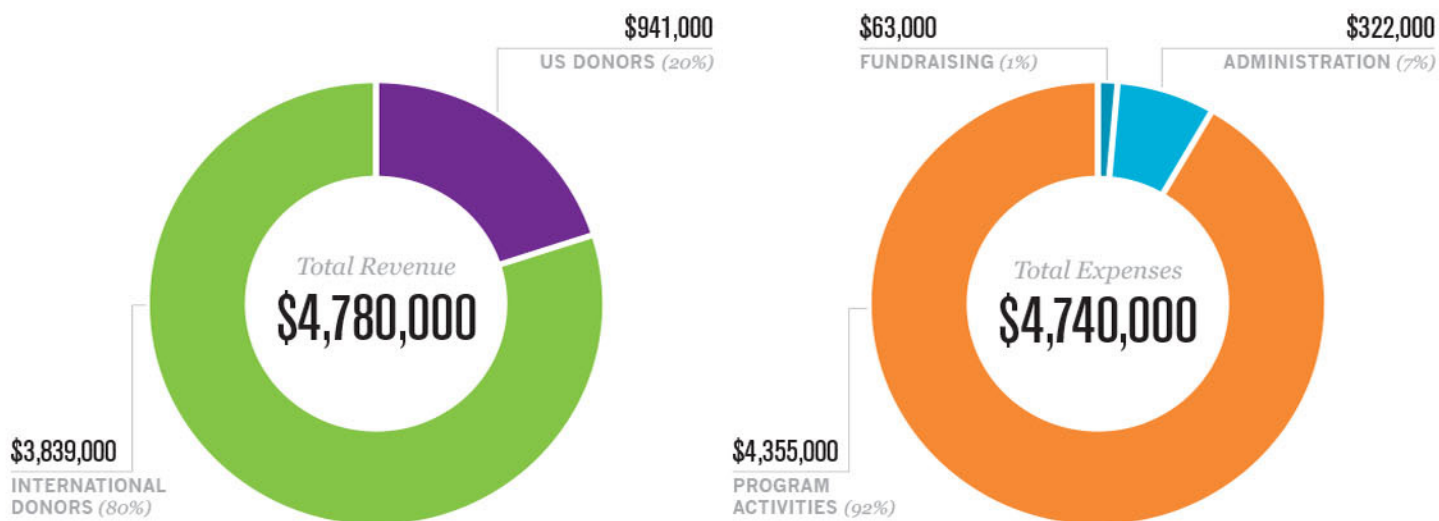
OUR PARTNER INSIDE SYRIA

The **Syrian Society for Social Development (SSSD)** serves in 100 locations across Syria. A network of 1,800 staff and volunteers supply food, medicine, water/sanitation, and shelter for 600,000 people. They also provide psychosocial counseling, protection care for the most vulnerable, and education for out-of-school children.

SSSD and Questscope have been partners since 2009.



2015/16 FINANCIAL REPORT



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