



Johanniter in Syria

Our Goal

We are committed to strengthening locally led systems and operational capacity to support crisis-affected communities in Syria. Working through locally rooted organisations, we promote equitable access to quality health care integrated with nutrition and mental health, support the restoration of livelihoods, and strengthening preparedness for future shocks. Our work is grounded in principled humanitarian action and connects emergency response, early recovery and long-term resilience.

Our approach

Johanniter works with Syrian organisations, combining their contextual knowledge, operational presence and community relationships with our strategic oversight, technical support and quality assurance. Together, we respond to humanitarian needs while strengthening recovery and resilience. Our partner-led, community-based approach focuses on strengthening local capacities, delivering integrated health, nutrition and mental health and psychosocial support services, rehabilitating essential infrastructure, and supporting livelihoods and food security. We connect emergency response with early recovery and long-term resilience to ensure that assistance is sustainable, adaptive, inclusive and responsive to the needs of women, young people, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

Facts and Figures

14 Years active in the country. Johanniter have been supporting people in Syria since 2012

15,6 million people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance in 2026

40 percent of hospitals and health facilities partly or completely non-functioning

12.8 million people in Syria are in need of healthcare assistance

5.7 million peoples including **3.7 million** children need nutrition support

More than **60.000** people reached in 2025 through locally led programmes in health, livelihoods, food security and emergency response

Explosive ordnance contamination threatens **5 million** children's safety and access to education and essential services.

Focus areas in this region



Food security and Livelihoods



Organisational Quality and Accountability



Emergency response and preparedness



Health and Nutrition

Our Response

Emergency Relief

Provision of emergency assistance through emergency health and WASH support, e-vouchers, food distributions and multi-purpose cash assistance to address the immediate needs of crisis-affected households.

Health & Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Provision of primary healthcare through fixed and mobile services, essential medicines, medical equipment and supplies, rehabilitation and support of health facilities, capacity strengthening for healthcare workers, and community health awareness and outreach campaigns.

Livelihoods & Economic Recovery

Support to restore household incomes through cash-for-work activities, small business grants, enterprise coaching, and basic financial literacy. Market-oriented vocational training and apprenticeships with private-sector linkages help strengthen long-term self-reliance and employment opportunities.

Food Security & Climate-Smart Agriculture

We address immediate food needs through cash and voucher-based assistance while strengthening longer-term food security through climate-smart agriculture, farmer training, agricultural inputs, testing and technical advisory services. Climate information, early-warning support and market linkages help farmers improve productivity and adapt to environmental and economic shocks.

Social Cohesion & Protection

Promoting social cohesion and protection through inclusive community-led initiatives, psychosocial support, inclusive municipal services, and the empowerment of women and young people. Activities are guided by the IASC Protection Principles and the Do No Harm approach.

About us

We care deeply about people, the health of every individual and human relationships. We support people in what they need for a healthy and good life. Together with our local partner organizations we create a strong network of humanity that supports people in crisis and disasters.

Our Background

Johanniter International Assistance is the humanitarian aid department of Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V., a German non-governmental organisation, dedicated to excellence in the field of health care and social services. With a current total of 31,000 full-time employees, more than 46,000 volunteers and 1.2 million supporting members, Johanniter is one of the largest aid organisations in Europe.

Johanniter is a key provider in the areas of rescue and ambulance services, disaster management, first aid training, care and nursing of the elderly, sick and refugees and other assistance in the charitable sector.

With nationwide more than 300 ambulance stations and 184 civil protection units, Johanniter acts as a strong partner for German federal, state and local governments in providing essential services to its citizens.

Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe is part of the wider network of the Johanniter Order, which also coordinates 126 health and care facilities throughout Germany.



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