

REFUGEE JOURNAL

THE 2021 WALKING DOWN
THE MEMORY LANE

ISSUE 9



DREAMS OF HEROS

WALKING DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

2021 was a challenging year for all, especially for refugees.

The crucial circumstances in Lebanon is still affecting all refugees' living conditions due to the increase in living costs and the impacts of COVID-19 variants on different life sides.

We at SB Overseas were and are still ready to respond and support vulnerable groups during the crisis.

in this issue, you will find a summary of how SB Overseas responded when needed In the field 2021 and what are the refugees children dreams for the upcoming year.

Raising the voices of refugees and listening to them is key to achieve an equal and complete society! It is even more important to do so in this period, as the refugee community is now even more at risk of being forgotten amidst a global pandemic.

Our teams in Lebanon and Brussels will continue to work hard to bring you the Refugee Journal, to share stories from our refugee communities, and most importantly: to continue giving hope!

This bi-monthly magazine is a way to empower our community: the youth, women, and men with whom SB OverSeas is working. It is also a means to provide them with ownership over the way their stories and creations are conveyed. This nineth issue features creative works that highlight the year "2021"; and the stories, the struggles and we always wish for a better future. On every page of this journal, we aim at giving #hope. We hope that by reading and seeing these stories directly from the individuals that have experienced it, the rest of the world can overcome these barriers and feel a bit closer to the refugee community, through hope, love, and compassion. We would like to extend our thanks primarily to everyone whose work and stories are being featured here, as well as to our teams in Beirut, Saida, Aarsal, and Brussels. Thank you to Samuel Garabet for the design of this issue.

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR EVERYONE

For more information about the work and activities featured in this issue and to learn more about how we are supporting this community, visit www.sboverseas.org

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REFUGEES AROUND THE WORLD

1.47 MILLION REFUGEES WILL BE IN NEED OF RESETTLEMENT NEXT YEAR. THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE LATEST ESTIMATES RELEASED BY UNHCR, THE UN REFUGEE AGENCY, IN ITS PROJECTED GLOBAL RESETTLEMENT NEEDS 2022 REPORT ISSUED TODAY.

“DESPITE THE PANDEMIC, WARS AND CONFLICT CONTINUE TO RAGE ACROSS THE WORLD, DISPLACING MILLIONS AND BARRING MANY FROM RETURNING HOME. WITH RISING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS FAR OUTPACING SOLUTIONS, WE APPEAL TO COUNTRIES TO MAKE MORE RESETTLEMENT PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THE REFUGEES WHOSE LIVES ARE IN DANGER OR WHO ARE OTHERWISE AT-RISK,” SAID UNHCR’S CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION, GILLIAN TRIGGS.

FOR THE SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW, SYRIAN REFUGEES ARE AMONG THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST RESETTLEMENT NEEDS, FOLLOWED BY REFUGEES FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, SOUTH SUDAN, AFGHANISTAN AND ERITREA.

AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC, MANY OF THOSE DISPLACED ARE NOW FACED WITH INCREASED POVERTY, DESTITUTION AND WIDESPREAD PROTECTION RISKS, FROM EXPLOITATION, TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, CHILD LABOR, EARLY MARRIAGE, TO ARREST, DETENTION DEPORTATION, AND REFOULEMENT.

Source:UNHCR
Source:UNHCR



“NEARLY NINETY PER CENT OF THE WORLD’S REFUGEES ARE HOSTED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHOSE CAPACITIES WERE OVERSTRETCHED EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC AND ARE NOW FORCED TO CONTEND WITH WORSENING HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS FOR LOCAL AND DISPLACED COMMUNITIES ALIKE,” SAID TRIGGS.

OWING TO THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AND THE LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES MADE AVAILABLE BY STATES, REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PLUMMETED TO THE LOWEST LEVELS ON RECORD IN AT LEAST TWO DECADES DESPITE SURGING LEVELS OF WORLDWIDE, FORCED DISPLACEMENT.

LAST YEAR, FEWER THAN 35,000 REFUGEES OUT OF 20.7 MILLION - A FRACTION OF A PER CENT - WERE RESETTLED.

PANDEMIC-INDUCED BORDER CLOSURES AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NECESSITATED A TEMPORARY HOLD ON MANY RESETTLEMENT MOVEMENTS IN 2020, WITH SOME COUNTRIES STILL STRUGGLING TO REGAIN THEIR PREVIOUS CAPACITY TO RECEIVE REFUGEES.

DESPITE THE CHALLENGES, UNHCR OPERATIONS AND SEVERAL RESETTLEMENT STATES WERE ABLE TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE WHEN PROCESSING AND FACILITATING RESETTLEMENT. THIS ENSURED THE CONTINUITY OF THE PROGRAM AND THE LIFE-SAVING TRANSFERS OF REFUGEES AT RISK.

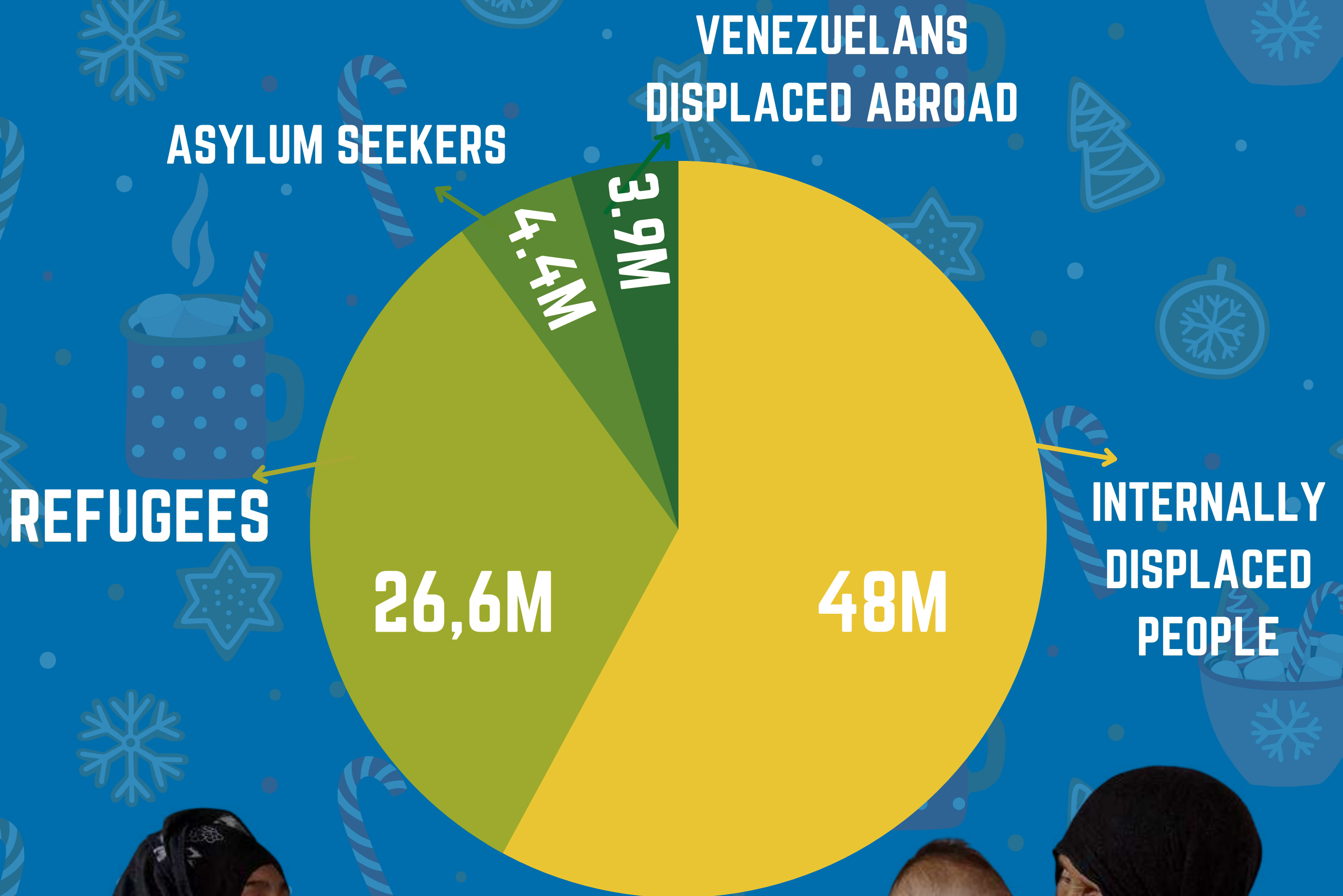
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DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

84 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE WORLDWIDE



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35 MILLION ARE CHILDREN



EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED

Hiba aldayekh, a refugee woman, told us about her life before Covid-19. "Before covid-19 my life was simple and i was living in peace, i used to see my family and my loved once daily to drank matteh until this virus came and changed everything in my life.

I used to work in a shop to pay rent and bring all the good stuff to my 10 years old son.

But unfortunately, the virus came and the shop got shut down, i didn't have any source of income till now, except the 200 hundred thousand Lebanese lira which is equal to nothing in dollar that i get from the UN, which barely covers the tent rent and the food for me and my son because of the economical crises that Lebanon is going through.

Our mental health started to shift day by day because of the pressure that is preformed on us. I started to yell and fight more with him.

To the time i reached to the point that I hit him because of a silly fight over the volume of the tv.

Not to forget to mention that we live alone in one room tent because my husband is deceased.

He couldn't go out at all so that what made him more aggressive and angry most of the time, and the only connection with anyone was the online school which he hated because he couldn't express himself.

"I hope everything go back to normal again"

ENOUGH ...



It is normal to feel sad, stressed, scared or angry in those challenging times. Your physical & psychological wellbeing is important. You can seek help in a safe & confidential manner at the Lifeline 1564



#EndViolenceTogether
16 Days Of Activism



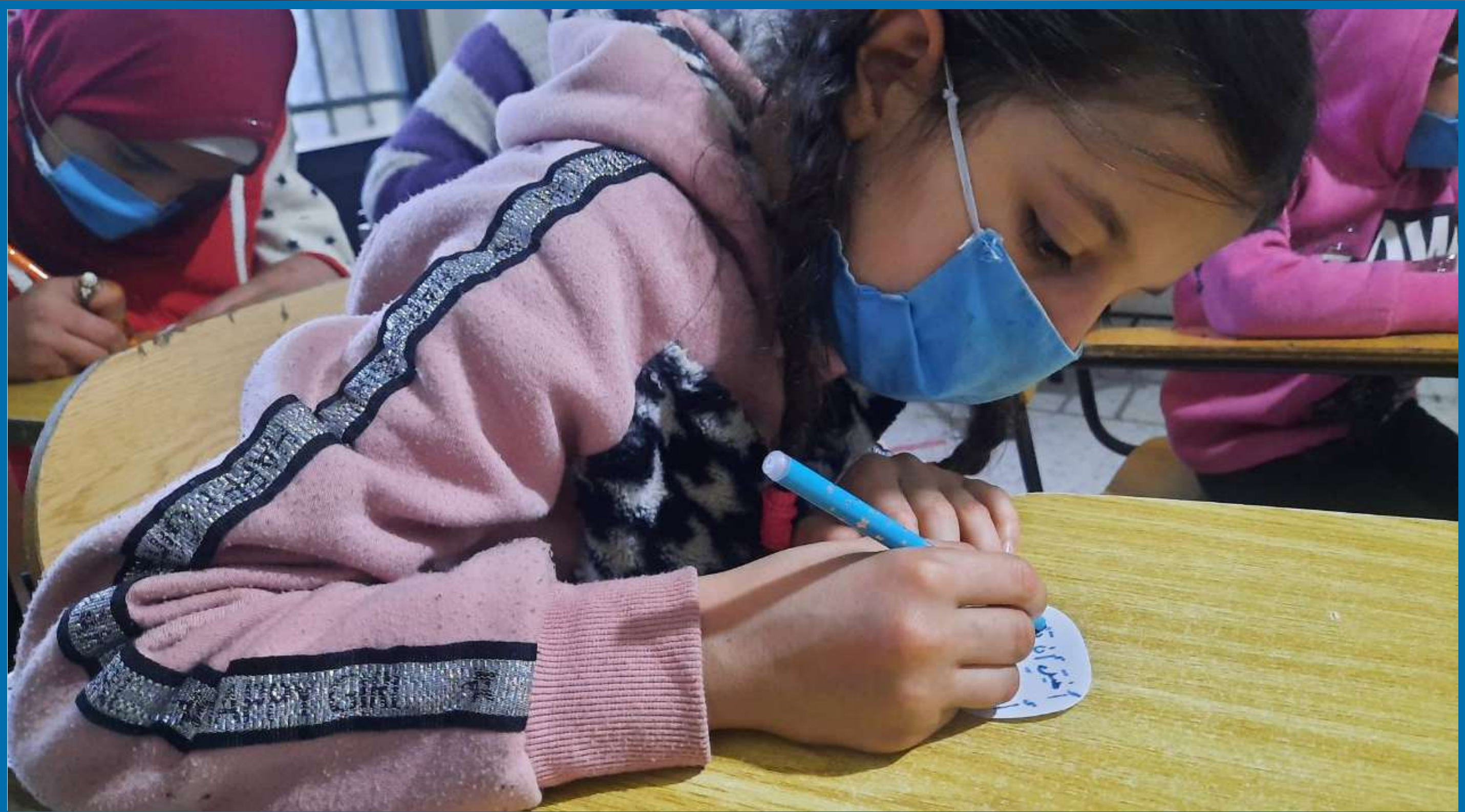
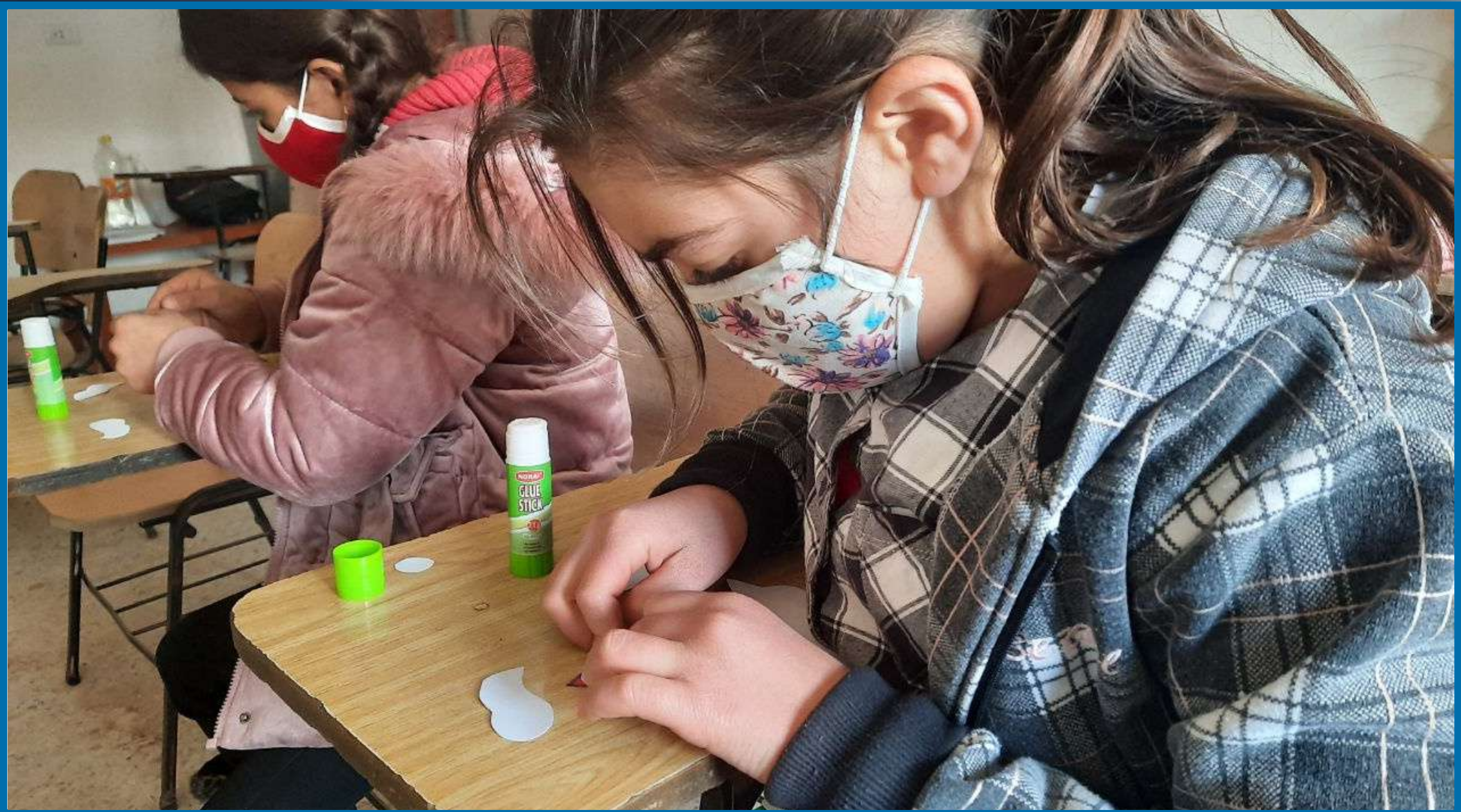
It is your right to ask for support if you are subject to #violence. You can seek help by calling a hotline or talking to a social worker. Your case will be treated in a safe & confidential manner.

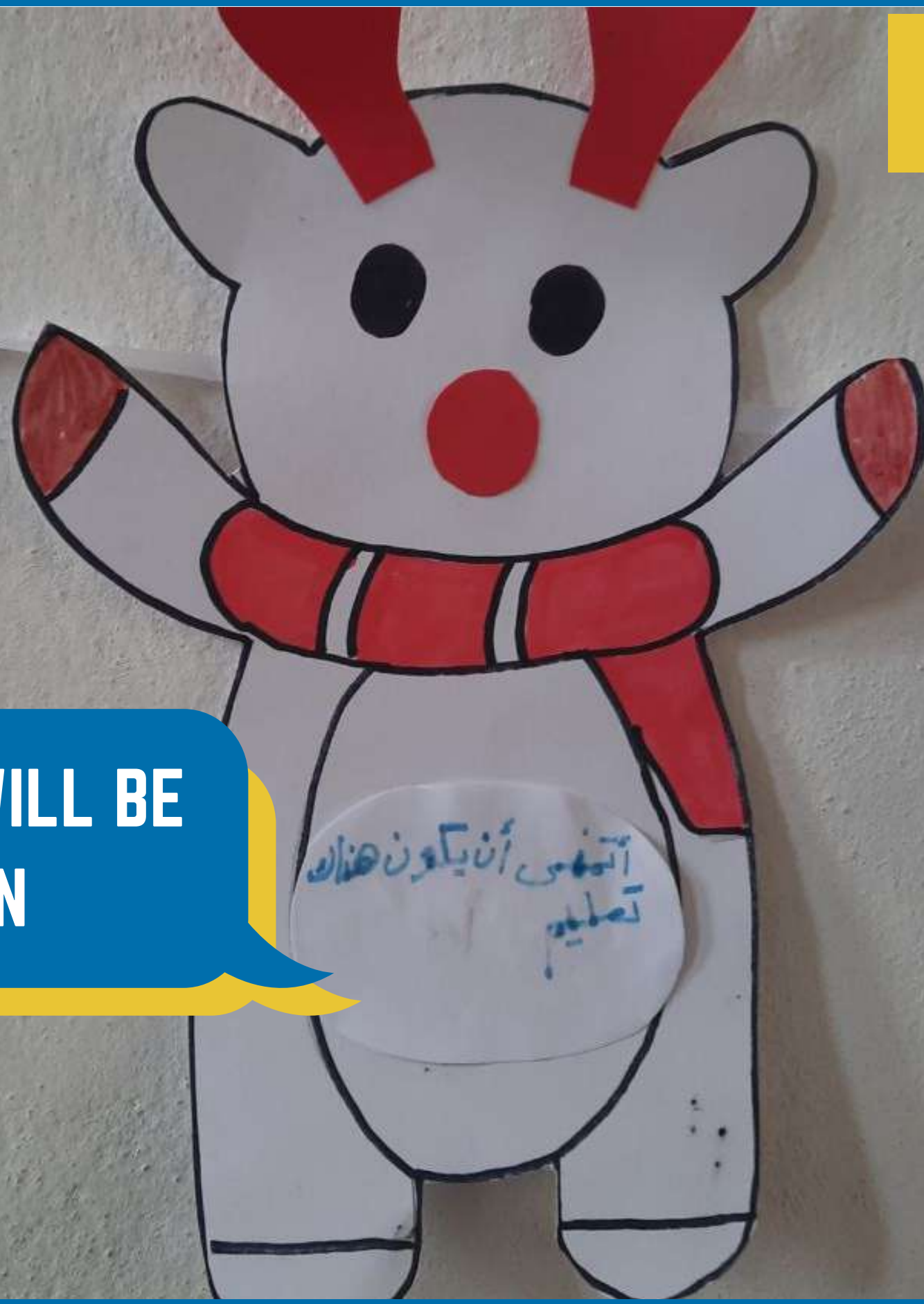


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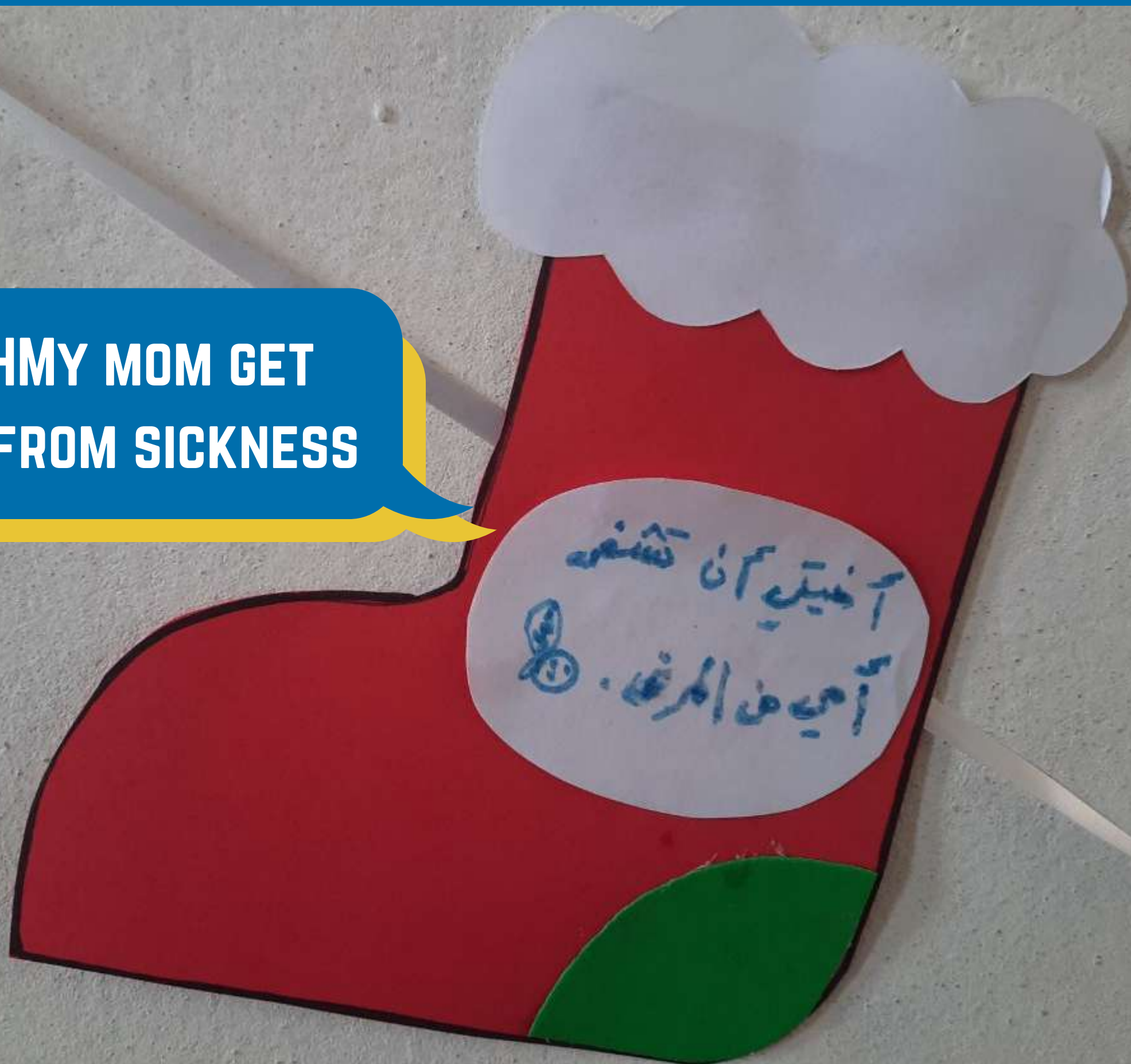
FUTURE IN THEIR EYES

THE STUDENTS LETTERS ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT FROM THE 2022





I WISH THERE WILL BE
EDUCATION



I WISH MY MOM GET
CURED FROM SICKNESS

I WISH I GO BACK TO MY
COUNTRY

أتمنى أن أعود
إلى بلادي
رائداً سعيداً

I WISH THAT THIS YEAR BE
FULL OF JOY AND HAPPINESS

أتمنى أن تكون سنة مليئة بالسعادة
والمسرور.

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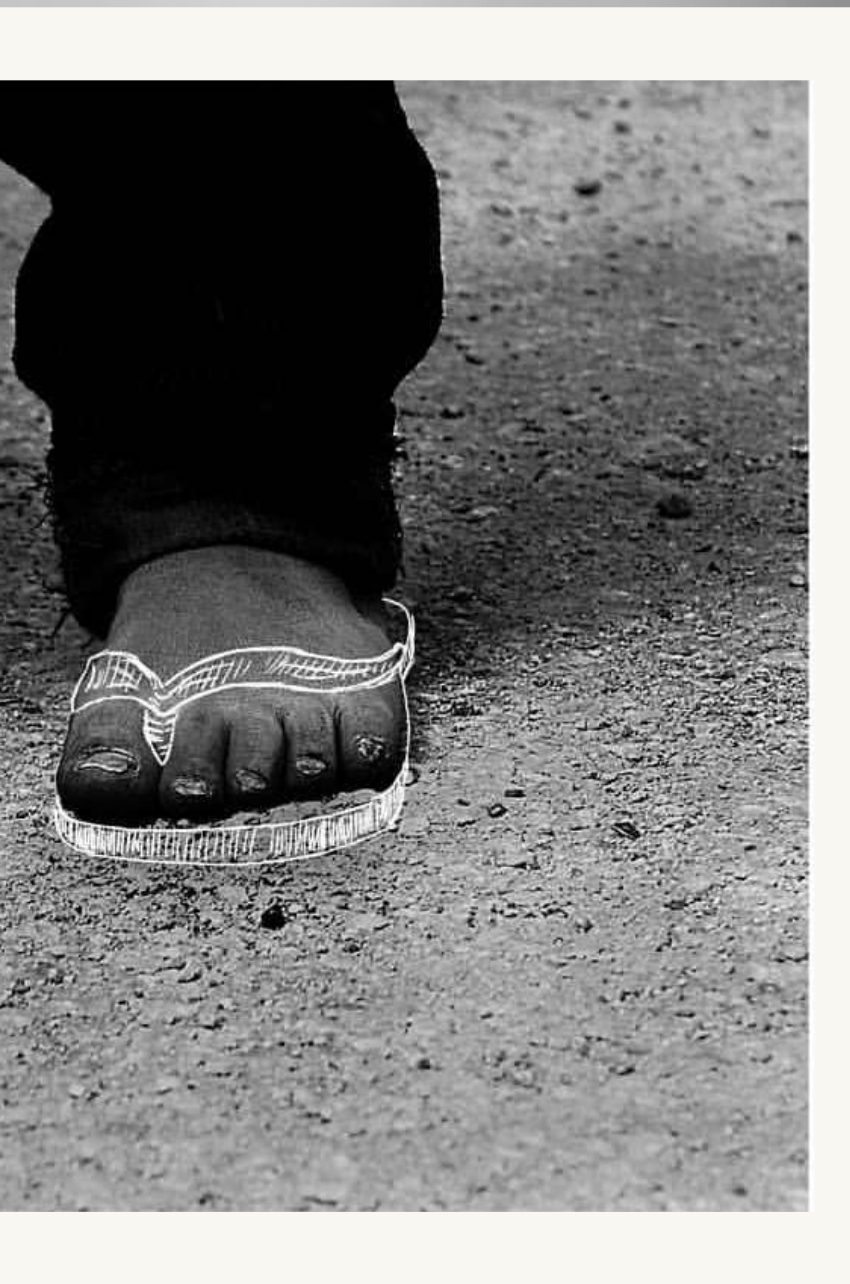


DREAMS OF HEAROS



EVERYONE LIVING ON THIS EARTH HAS A DREAM AND FIGHT FOR IT, AS GEORGES MOUBAYED A PHOTOGRAPHER FROM SYRIA ONE OF THE MOST DISPLACED COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, HAS SHOWN IN HIS PICTURES WHAT ARE THE DREAMS THAT CHILDREN IN SYRIA FIGHTS FOR.





GEORGE MOUBAYED - PHOTOGRAPHER BASED IN SYRIA.

S B O N E W S

DAFSHE HELWE INITIATIVE



WINNERS



**1. TALA GARABET
LEBANON**



**2. RAZAN DWEIKAT
PALESTINE**



**2. SARA IBRAHIM
ALGERIA**



**3. NOUA BULBULIAN
SYRIA**

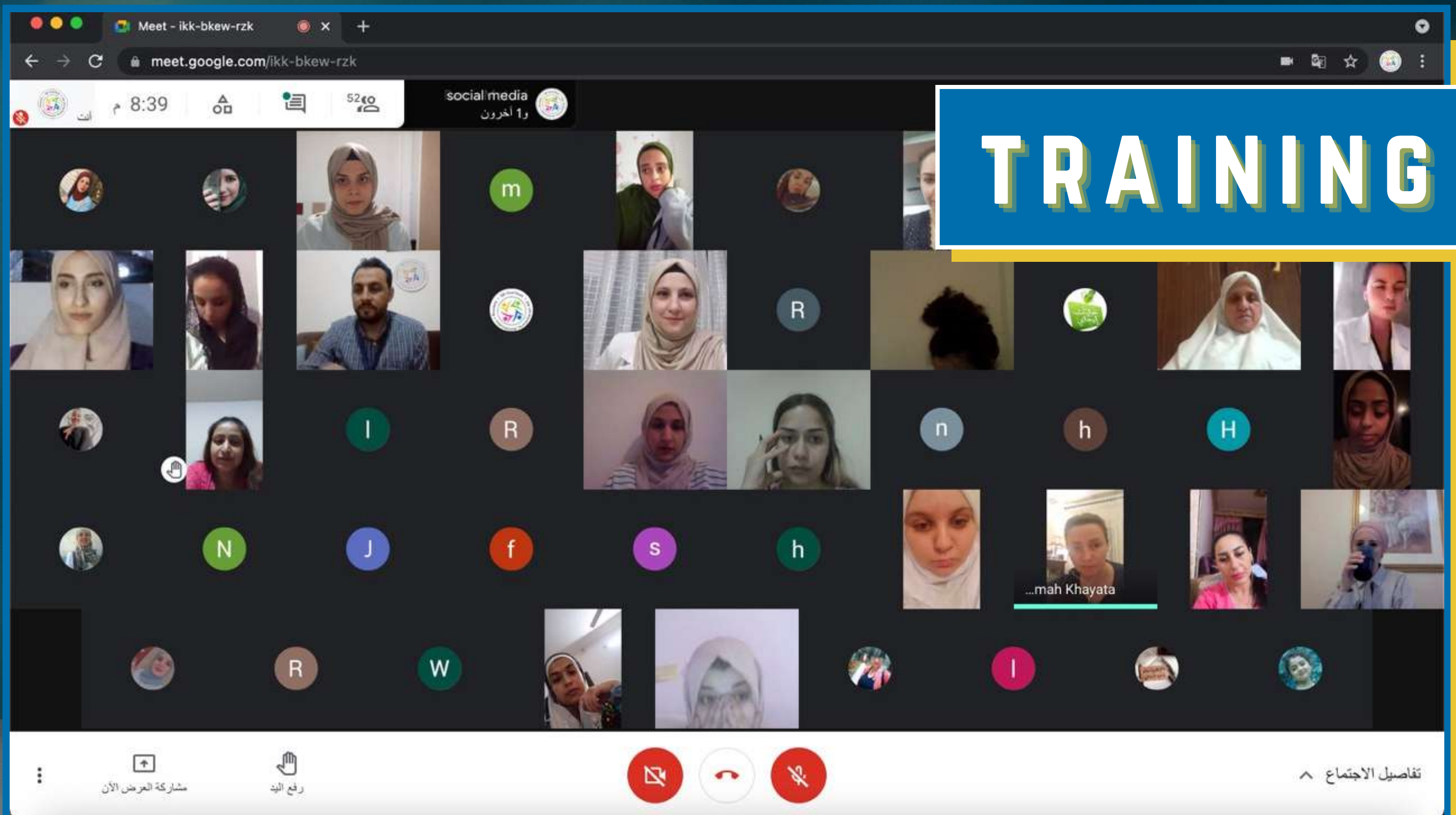


**4. DIANA_ORMAN
TURKEY**

DAFSHE HELWE PROVIDED FINANCIAL GRANTS TO COVER BASIC AND NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PROJECTS OR EXPANDING EXISTING ONES.

THESE PROJECTS WERE SELECTED BY A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTIEN BELGE OVERSEAS AND INDEPENDENT EXPERTS.

THEY ALSO PROVIDED TRAINING ONLINE COURSES (START-UP AND SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT) FOR 100 GIRL TO ATTEND



WINNER PROJECTS



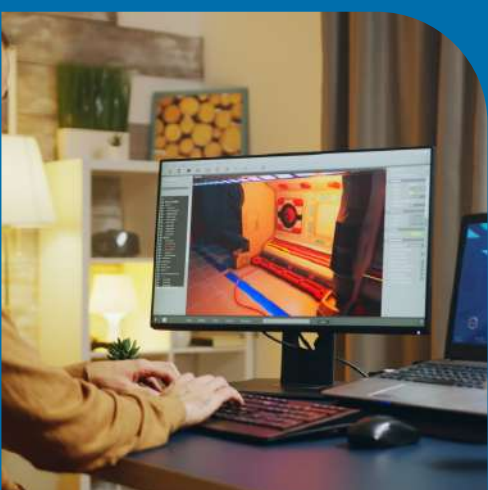
**TALAR GARABET:
HOME BAKERY KITCHEN**



**RAZAN DWEIKAT:
ORGANIC SKIN CARE COSMETICS**



**DIANA ORMAN:
EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTER**



**NORA BULBULIAN:
STORY GAME DESIGN FOR KIDS**

SPONSOR A CHILD

[DONATE NOW](#)



\$ ▾

50,00

€ ▾

45,00

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE CHILD ACADEMIC PROGRESS, EVERY TWO MONTHS WE WILL SEND YOU A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN THAT YOU ARE SPONSORING.

WHEN YOU SPONSOR A CHILD ON A MONTHLY BASIS YOU ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE A SPOT IN OUR CLASSROOMS AND ARE READILY EQUIPPED TO TAKE ON THE SCHOOL DAY.

OFTEN, STUDENTS COME TO OUR CENTRES WITHOUT SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND ON AN EMPTY STOMACH. THEY ARE UNABLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE WITHIN OUR CLASSROOMS AND THEREFORE CAN FALL BEHIND. WITH YOUR HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH ALL THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO PROGRESS AND SUCCEED WITHIN THEIR ACADEMIC CAREER.



WINTER CAMPAIGN



DONATE NOW

€



20,00

€



25,00

TARGET AMOUNT AND COST PER ITEM

100 PROTECTIVE COVERS FOR THE SHELTERS – 25 EUR PER COVER

22000 LITERS OF MAZOUT (DIESEL) THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR

HEATING PER SHELTER – 20 EUR FOR TENT.

TODAY THE TEMPERATURE IN #ARSAL, LOCATED AT THE #SYRIAN_LEBANESE BORDER, HAS DROPPED TO BELOW ZERO, WITH HEAVY #SNOWFALL COVERING THE SHELTERS WHICH CURRENTLY HOST OVER 250,000 #REFUGEES.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN PROVIDE THESE FAMILIES WITH SUFFICIENT MATERIALS SO THEY CAN KEEP WARM DURING THE REMAINING WINTER WEEKS. EACH FAMILY IS IN DIRE NEED OF A PROTECTIVE COVER TO INSULATE THEIR SHELTER FROM THE COLD, BLANKETS, AND SEVERAL LITERS OF MAZOUT (THE #LEBANESE FUEL REQUIRED TO HEAT THEIR SHELTER).



MORE ABOUT US

SINCE 2013, WE HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID TO REFUGEES TOWARDS ENSURING NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

EMPATHY | EMPOWERMENT | EQUALITY



IN LEBANON

ARSAL
BEIRUT
SAIDA

In three centres, we teach children to prepare them for formal education, run empowerment programmes for women and youth, and deliver emergency humanitarian aid.

BRUSSELS IN BELGIUM

We work in four asylum-seeking reception centres: three for unaccompanied minors and one female-only centre. With the youth and women we do weekend activities and workshops to promote inclusion in Belgian society.

We also collect clothing donations from our European community to send to refugees in need in Lebanon.



HOW CAN YOU HELP US CONTINUE TO GIVE HOPE



Donate to support our programmes



Buy products made by refugee women in our empowerment programmes



Donate unwanted clothing to CLOTHESUP for refugees in Lebanon



Join our programmes in Brussels and Lebanon

CONTACT US:

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES OF SB OVERSEAS OR TO DONATE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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