

***Damaan***  
***Humanitarian Organization***  
***2019 Annual Report***



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## OUR VISION

We envision a Syria where Syrians are no longer in need but productive and on their feet again to build a prosperous future for their country and the future generations. A country where human rights are respected, and all people are equal before the law and enjoy access to education, health, water and food. We work to foster sustainable development and to provide humanitarian response. We each contribute uniquely in advancing our mission. By offering our help and projects in health sector, we contribute to solving some of the main problems facing the Syrians – helping to find local solutions to challenges and sowing the seeds of lasting change. We recognize the importance of health care and provision of medical services in alleviating the hardship of the war. We aim for inclusive development, systematic change, local ownership, and contextualized solutions.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to make a lasting difference in the lives of Syrians and to help rebuilding the country in the future. Therefore,

**We work with Syrians** to change the current reality through **sustainable development** and **humanitarian projects / programmes**.

**We work with Syrians** to enforce and rebuild the vital sector of **health care** and the provision of **medical services**.



**We work with Syrians** to build and support **civil societies** and their roles in the **development** of communities and promotion of **local solutions**.

## *A message of gratitude and appreciation from our team*

Greetings from our team in Syria, Turkey and the Netherlands. As ever, it is with great pleasure that we share with you our annual report. We seek this opportunity to thank you for your generosity throughout 2019, without which we would have not been able to achieve anything.

2019 was a challenge and an opportunity. A year during which we had to persist in our new endeavor; learn new things, invent solutions and find our path in a new environment. It was also a year in which our team showed their commitment to our beneficiaries, goals and values. As always, we were primarily empowered by our beneficiaries and their resilience.

Our medical center, like the ones in Eastern-Ghouta, became the go-to point for those most in need and most deserving.

We are grateful for the compassion and generosity of our donors, as well as those who have raised their voices in our support and extended their expertise and support throughout the year. Thanks to your valuable contributions and continuous support, we have been able to stand side by side with the children, women and men in the north of the country. It is with your support that we managed to bring their voices to a wider audience and made the case on their behalf.



Like with previous years, our medical center did make an impact and touched the lives of thousands of people, whose appreciation, gratitude and smiles touched our hearts, and give us the motivation to carry on and to do our best. We, on behalf of our beneficiaries, are grateful to you.

***Damaan Team***

## *Year in review*

2019 was a challenge and an opportunity. A challenge because human suffering did not stop and the humanitarian needs increased across the country, especially in the north and the area, where our colleagues operate. Although the year witnessed less fighting, in comparison to previous ones, displacement continued unabated and with it poverty, suffering and economic hardships increased for hundreds of thousands of people. It was an opportunity to learn how to reinvent ourselves to be of most use and benefit to our beneficiaries and people in need.

2019 was also the year in which we invited our identity anew as an organization that focuses primarily on the health sector and provision of medical care. A thorough and careful assessment of the situation on the ground has resulted in this reorientation. Although we remain committed to all our previous goals and values, the needs on the ground, and our limited resources have shaped our new direction, where we believe we could be of the utmost benefit and added value.

Our medical center, which was opened in October 2018, was relocated to a bigger and more accessible location, where our colleagues carried on with their work with full dedication and commitment.

Throughout the year, our team did not stop its tireless efforts to bring the voice of Syrian to the Dutch audience. Our team produced studies and published in several outlets to make the voice of Syrians heard and to generate support to the operations; financially and through expertise and guidance.

Our organization maintained its legal status as a Public Benefit Organization – [ANBI](#), in Dutch” with the Dutch Local Authorities. The legal status entail taxes exemption for our donors and supports.

## ***Project Highlights***

In 2019, the focus of our efforts was mainly on the provision of medical services and improvement of the health sector in general. This was chiefly the outcome of a long deliberation and assessment of needs on the ground.

Our colleagues carried on with their work, despite the precarious conditions which they and their loved ones had to encounter, and we achieved great results, thanks to their dedication and commitment.

### **Damaan Medical Center, Sarmada, Idlib**

Our new medical center, which opened in October 2018, is located in Sarmada and is run by our team of specialized doctors and nurses. The new center has 4 clinics providing orthopedic care, gynecology care, pediatrics care and physical therapy. The center has 11 staff members including four doctors, a mid-wife, three nurses and three administrative assistants. By the end of 2019, the medical center provided services to 13335 beneficiaries, of whom 9114 were in 2019.



### **Consultancy project:**

In October 2018, our team was commissioned by the Peace Foundation and Global Rights Compliance to write a policy brief on the situation in Eastern-Ghouta under siege and the use of starvation as a weapon of war. The project was undertaken against a fee of 3000 € which was paid in 2019.

### **Media outreach**

Our team participated in the following events:

- Analysis, [Laying the Path to Accountability for Starvation Crimes](#), 18 June 2019.
- Opinion, [Syrians are watching their crops burn. These crimes of starvation must end](#)
- Mohammad Kanfash and Ali al-Jasem, 11 July 2019
- [War/Truth: Civilian Harm in Remote Warfare](#), 06 December 2019

## Donors

Damaan Humanitarian Organization would like to thank all those that contributed to its work throughout 2019. Your financial and technical contributions and support made our work possible and helped to save and improve thousands of lives.

We in particular would like to thank:

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## Treasury Report

For more information, please check our full treasury report on our website.

Stichting Damaan Humanitarian Organization  
Jaarrekening 2019

Staat van baten en lasten 2019

	<u>2019</u>
	€
<b><u>Baten</u></b>	
Donaties Nederland	8.853
Donaties Turkije	8.250
Overige donaties	<u>3.580</u>
<b>Totaal baten</b>	20.683
<b><u>Lasten</u></b>	
Salarissen	9.200
Huur	3.000
Kantoorkosten	240
Administratiekosten	575
Transfer fee	918
Programme expenses - medical center	15.340
Diversen	815
Bankkosten	131
Afschrijvingen	<u>294</u>
<b>Totaal lasten</b>	30.513
<b>Resultaat boekjaar</b>	<u><u>-9.830</u></u>



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