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For Relief and Youth Development

Needs Assessment

(South Damascus)

2023

This survey summarizes the basic needs of the population in the Jafra Foundation's areas of work in Syria, to the intervention required to target the various groups of community to bridge the gap in the lack of basic services, trainings or projects needed by the residents of the Foundations areas of work:

- Identifying the demographic structure of the Foundation's areas of work in general (the population, the number of: IDPs, children, males, females, persons with disabilities, the unemployment rate for males, and the unemployment rate for females).
- Identifying the services in the Foundation's areas of work.
- Identifying the basic needs of food or non-food items in the Foundation's areas of work.
- Identifying the key sectors in the markets of the Foundation's areas of work and the challenges facing the population in accessing this market and the challenges faced by these sectors that prevent expansion and growth.
- Identify the conditions of education and the basic educational needs in the Foundation's areas of work.
- Identify the key professions in the Foundation's areas of work and what professions exist/non-exist and identify the possibility of coordination and cooperation with the owners of these professions.
- Studying the conditions of households and their income sources of in the Foundation's areas of work to identify the most basic needs of these families.
- A detailed study of the conditions of youth in the Foundation's areas of work to determine the most important vocational or developmental training needed, whether to help them in their studies, or to empower them economically to enable them to access the labor market.

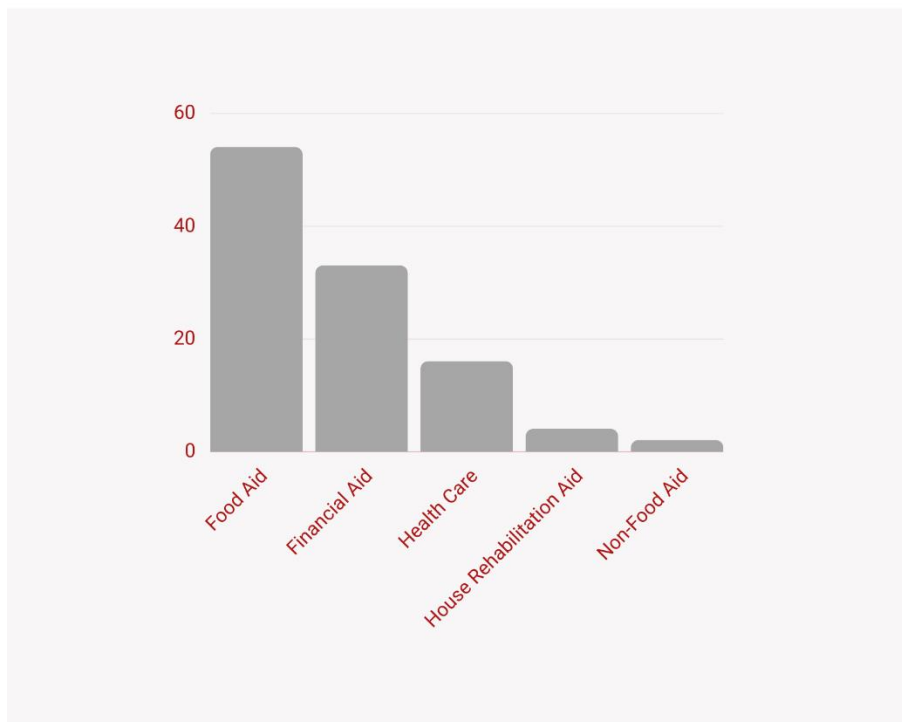
South Damascus:

General Information:



Number of Population	IDPs	
212,000	46,250	
Children	Women	PWD
23%	57%	4%
Males' Unemployment	Females' Unemployment	
56%	79%	

Aids Provision in South Damascus:



Types of support and aid most requested by the residents:



Majors that are studied most by the youth:

- Business
- Economics
- Software engineering
- Information Technology

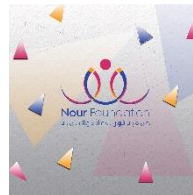
Trainings that are desired most by the youth:

- Accounting
- Programming and ICDL
- First aid and Nursery
- Accounting Applications
- Photography and Montage

Most barriers that prevent young people from entering the labor market:



The most important organizations specialized in providing development services to youth:



The main services presented by the aforementioned organizations:

- Development training
- Educational services
- Recreational activities

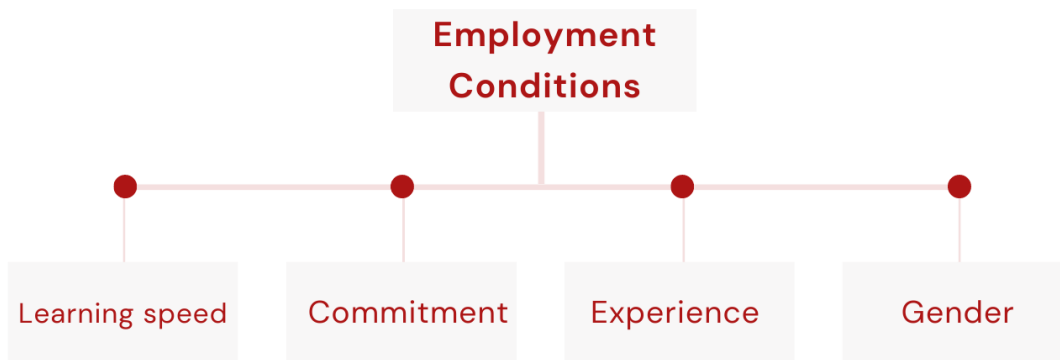
Most of youth spend time in:

- Looking for a job
- Videogaming
- Family/ friend gatherings
- Watching T.V
- Reading
- Sports

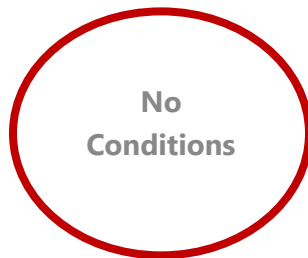
Organizations that offer the youth volunteering opportunity:



Most important employment conditions that employers want to be met by the job applicants in South Damascus:



Criteria for accepting beneficiaries within education and psychosocial support programs in organizations that provide these services in South Damascus:



Criteria for accepting beneficiaries within the youth development and vocational training programs in South Damascus:

1. Age
2. Nationality
3. Educational level
4. Social status

Criteria for accepting beneficiaries within the relief programs:

- Nationality
- Residency


Relief aid provided by the organizations in South Damascus:



Services in South Damascus:

Services	
Sanitation	Pretty bad: periodic malfunctions
Cooking gas	Subsidized gas insufficient, many households rely on the black market
Electricity	Long irregular cut-off hours in addition to the periodic malfunction
Diesel	Accessible only via the black market
Daily use water	Insufficient to cover the household's need households rely on tankers
Potable water	Unavailable: purchased from tankers
Internet	Lack of Internet portals people rely on landline network to access to Internet
Bread	Subsidized bread is insufficient, people rely on the black market where price is tripled
Medical Services	There are but insufficient medical points which lack for specialties and relief services
Transportation	Insufficient and even absent on holidays

Households' ability to meet their basic food needs:


Average percentage of households able to meet their basic food needs	The reason behind households' inability to meet their basic food needs
 <p>A donut chart with a dark grey outer ring and a white inner circle. The number '75%' is written in red in the center of the white circle. The dark grey ring represents 75% of the total, while the white circle represents the remaining 25%.</p>	Lack of sufficient income

Community economy:

Households' income resources:

- Day workers
- Livestock
- Government employment
- Agriculture
- Remittances
- Humanitarian aid

Market and supply in South Damascus:

Stores closure ratio	The reason behind stores closure
 <p>A donut chart with a white center containing the text '21-40%' in red. The donut is divided into two segments: a larger light gray segment and a smaller dark gray segment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The lack of electricity power led to the food items spoilage.• The local currency collapse vs. USD.• The HHs' low spending power due to the bad economic conditions.

Most basic goods and services that households purchase from outside South Damascus:

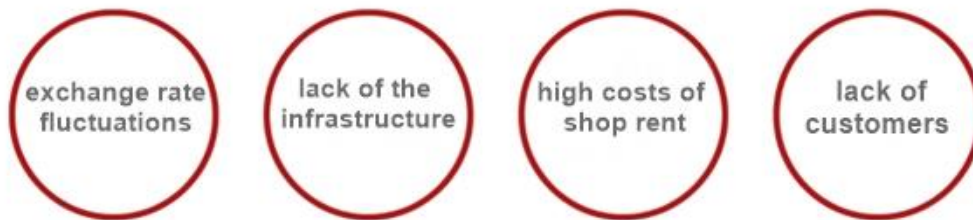
1. Clothing
2. Electrical devices

Livelihood in South Damascus:

Labor sectors in South Damascus:


1. Real estate/construction works
2. Agriculture and livestock
3. Education/childcare
4. Tailoring
5. Retail and wholesaling
6. Daily work/seasonal work

Most challenges that people face when starting a new business in the South Damascus:



Community support:

Organizations that provide paid/unpaid support to the popular sports		
Sport	Paid/unpaid	Organization Name
Football	Unpaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jafra for relief and Youth Development• Babilla Youth

Organizations that provide paid/unpaid support to the popular arts		
Sport	Paid/unpaid	Organization Name
Folklore	Unpaid	

The most common forms of child labor in South Damascus:

1. Car repair shops
2. Stores

Education in South Damascus:

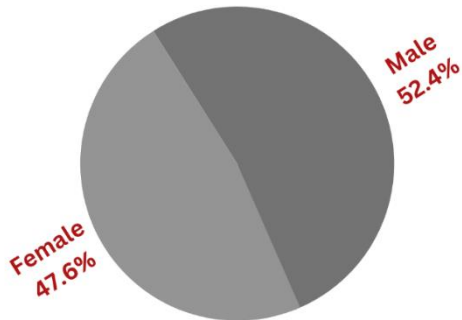
**AVERAGE CAPACITY
(FOR EACH SCHOOL/CLASSROOM)**

→ **800**

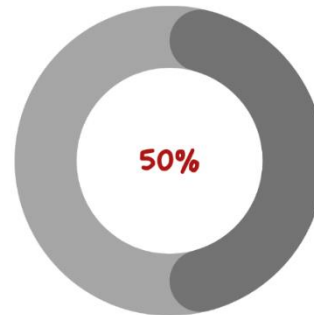
→ **40**

Education in the area	
Schools	12
Educational centers	2

Gender of children dropping out of school ratio



Children dropping out of school ratio



Age of children dropping out of school



Most reasons for dropping out of school:

1. School's limited ability to accommodate new students
2. The child's needs to work/ support the family
3. The perception of the culture on education

Organizations that provide recreational services, social, and psychological support for children, parents, and youth:

