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DEAR UOSSM FAMILY,

Thanks to your unwavering support of our mission, UOSSM concluded 2022 providing around 2.5 million services to almost 1.5 million people in Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Ukraine, and Mozambique. Our teams around the world provided medical care, mental health care and protection services, nutrition and community health services, vital medical training, and emergency and humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable families.

The Syrian crisis remains extensive and continues to leave millions of Syrians in dire conditions with over 4.5 million displaced persons in northwest Syria, around half of which are children. In 2022, an estimated 14.6 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance, and more than half of the population remained displaced from their homes - including 5.6 million refugees living in neighboring countries. Syria ranks among the 10 most food insecure countries in the world – around 12 million are food insecure, according to the United Nations. In addition, a cholera outbreak threatened the lives of the most vulnerable, with over 70,000 cases in 2022.

Suffering from years of war in Syria, we knew firsthand the many struggles and hardships medical professionals face while trying to save lives and heal patients with difficult war injuries. In 2022, UOSSM led several medical missions providing humanitarian relief, medical aid, lifesaving training to Ukrainian surgeons and doctors. We also helped combat food insecurity by delivering food baskets in northwest Syria, southern Syria, Jordan, and locally in the US. In addition, we held Ramadan Iftars for needy and orphan families in Syria and Jordan. UOSSM continued to support 25 medical facilities, 19 mental health and protection facilities, 60 EMT's, and 8 mobile clinics in Syria and Turkey, and continued to support the Bareeq Education Center with education and integrated psychosocial support in Jordan.

Thanks to your support we were able to achieve this, supporting the forgotten Syrian families, saving their lives, improving their well-being, and building hope. Our UOSSM family, including our doctors, nurses, medical and other staff, continue to strive to be an organization of excellence, providing the best quality medical care with the utmost dignity and respect, utilizing the most advanced methods and technology with sustainability and innovation in mind. We strive, every single day, to alleviate the suffering of those families that continue to struggle to survive. We would not be able to accomplish anything without your support!

Thank you for being our champions as we continue to save lives and build hope.

Warmest regards,
Dr. Khaula Sawah
President and Co-Founder of UOSSM USA

ABOUT US

UOSSM USA (Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations-USA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable, independent, medical humanitarian organization that is non-political and non-sectarian. Founded in 2012 by healthcare professionals, UOSSM USA provides lifesaving medical aid, medical care, mental health care and protection services, and emergency humanitarian disaster relief, to crisis affected individuals, irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, gender, religion, or political affiliation, fostering wellbeing and resilience for sustainable recovery. We work globally in collaboration with local communities and organizations to fulfill our mission, remaining resolutely non-political and non-sectarian. We adhere to global humanitarian principles and comply with OFAC regulations.

UOSSM USA is an independent affiliate of International Union des Organisations de Secours et Soins Médicaux (UOSSM-International), rendered in English as Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations, an international humanitarian medical, non-governmental organization, founded in France in 2012, by Syrian expatriate doctors from across the globe in response to the Syrian crisis. UOSSM offices are based in six different countries to include the United States, Canada, England, Switzerland, Turkey, and France (UOSSM-International).

Through this strategic partnership, built on shared vision and stewardship, UOSSM USA and other UOSSM members have been coordinating to increase its impact and the quality of health-related services provided to affected populations. UOSSM USA has a strategic alliance relationship with UOSSM pooling and maximizing the use of limited resources and developing joint strategic programming and operations to increase the impact and quality of health care.

As a global leader and expert, UOSSM has played an integral role in mental health and healthcare in the Syrian crisis. UOSSM established innovative, strategic initiatives early on, working closely with the most vulnerable local communities (particularly women & children) as well as international organizations that provide healthcare services to millions of people in need.

As a trailblazer, UOSSM constantly identified evolving solutions for growing health problems in Syria. One of UOSSM's major initiatives was the strategic establishment and operation of **Bab Al-Hawa Hospital (BHH)**, the most advanced referral emergency and specialty hospital in northern Syria. In addition, UOSSM established **two inpatient acute mental health units** in northern Syria and the **first mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)** centers in Turkey and Syria, including **tele-psychiatry** support in Syria. In addition, UOSSM has **primary healthcare centers, maternal units, mobile clinics, nutrition, and protection services.**

ABOUT US

Another major initiative of UOSSM was the establishment of the largest specialized war zone medical training center in Bab Al-Hawa in northern Syria, in response to the urgent need for building the capacity of remaining health workers in the region.

UOSSM has also supported a mental health center for child refugees with special needs in Lebanon, provided medical training to healthcare workers in Yemen, operated, through UOSSM-Canada, a dental clinic in Bangladesh in response to the Rohingya crisis, provided cataract surgeries in Mozambique, and provided medical and humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

UOSSM is dedicated to supporting vulnerable populations with lifesaving, innovative, and quality healthcare services, improving the healthcare of affected people and communities in Syria and other areas of crisis, and working with dedicated volunteers, doctors, and other professionals around the world to empower and build the capacity of local healthcare workers and communities in underserved and crisis areas.

OUR VISION

Improve health and well-being of people in need and communities affected by crisis.

OUR MISSION

Enhance the health and well-being of crisis-affected individuals through life-saving aid, medical care, mental health support, protection services, and strengthen education, healthcare systems, and community programs, fostering resilience for sustainable recovery.

OUR VALUES

Accountability:

We recognize our moral duty and responsibility to use our resources efficiently, and are transparent and accountable to our supporters, partners, and above all, the people we serve.

Integrity:

We abide by our principles and values taking good care of the resources with which we are entrusted and strive to the highest standards of personal honesty, ethical behavior, and fairness.

Ambition:

We commit to provide the highest quality care, innovative and creative solutions, guided by our medical profession, the international principles, and humanitarian standards.

Trust:

We respect each other and believe in essential human values. We value the trust we have accomplished in our relationships, and we strive to continue doing our best to maintain this trust with the people.

THE SYRIAN CRISIS

As the Syrian crisis entered its twelfth year, the severity and complexity of humanitarian needs remained extensive. Years of continued bombardment, attacks on civilians, doctors, health workers, and healthcare facilities left an extremely vulnerable population in Syria. The healthcare infrastructure has been decimated leaving families with limited to no access to emergency and specialized medical care as they are struggling with disease and malnutrition among other illnesses. Countless Syrians need mental health care after being exposed to the traumatic experiences they have faced for the past 12 years. Countless others lost limbs or have become disabled due to indiscriminate attacks on civilians. Many children have grown up knowing nothing but war and suffering.



The impact of present and past hostilities on civilians remains the principal driver of humanitarian needs in Syria. In 2022, 14.6 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance, which rose by 1.2 million people from 2021.

Millions of Syrians are displaced - living in dire conditions, with no protection from extreme weather or access to basic human needs such as clean water, food, or medical care. Children suffer greatly as the conditions affect their health, mental health, wellbeing, and education.“ After more than a decade of conflict, children continue to pay the heaviest price.” ~UNICEF.

Soaring prices, and insufficient incomes are the leading cause for malnutrition in Syria. Around 90 percent in Syria are living in poverty. Malnutrition leads to stunted growth, which over 609,000 children suffer from in Syria, causing irreversible physical and mental damage to children.

THE SYRIAN CRISIS

The numbers of acute malnutrition cases also continue to rise where the number of 6–59-month-old children suffering from acute malnutrition rose by 48% from 2021 to 2022. Acute malnutrition causes weaker immune systems, putting them at higher risk for death than nourished children.

In fact, over 6.5 million people are food insecure. More than half of the family members rely on unsafe water sources to meet their daily needs. Families living in makeshift displacement camps spend more than half their income on water. 70% of wastewater is not treated, and half of the sewage networks are not working; this exposes its users, especially children, to major health risks.

Cholera outbreaks also caused more suffering as there were over 84,600 suspected cholera cases in 2022. Weakened immunity caused more illness and death.



HEALTH CARE

Primary Health Care

Surpassing the decade mark of the Syrian crisis, the humanitarian situation continues to be dire. Years of continued bombardment, attacks on civilians, healthcare workers, and medical facilities has rendered the population in Syria extremely vulnerable. The healthcare infrastructure has been severely damaged, resulting in limited or no access to critical and specialized medical services for individuals grappling with diseases, malnutrition, and other health-related issues. This inadequate access poses a significant threat, particularly to the most vulnerable groups - children, women, the elderly, and those with chronic illnesses like diabetes, cancer, and heart disease, potentially leading to severe complications and even death.

UOSSM has been leading the way with the initiative of providing primary healthcare services in Syria. Since 2012, UOSSM continues to address increasing health needs of the general public, through the rehabilitation of existing, damaged healthcare facilities, the establishment of new medical facilities in areas of need, raising awareness through community health, and strengthening the health sector. UOSSM has provided more than 4.5 million health services to the Syrian people affected by the crisis since establishment.

In 2022, UOSSM provided over 676,000 primary health care services to over 525,000 people, in northwest Syria, of which 75% are women and children, and around 73% are internally displaced persons (IDPs). UOSSM operated 14 primary health care centers, and two mobile clinics, and a maternity center in which provided services to over 3,300 women. UOSSM also supported other health facilities with medical consumables and medications.



[Above] A child receiving pediatric care at a primary health care center in northwest Syria. [Below] An elderly man receiving healthcare services.



**UOSSM Provided Over 5 Million
Medical Services Since 2012**

HEALTH CARE



All primary health care workers are trained according to UOSSM protocols which follows the Essential Health Services Package (EHSP). UOSSM continues to build the capacity of staff by providing training on special packages including the EHSP. UOSSM takes pride in offering equal opportunities for both men and women in both recruitment and capacity building. In 2022, 536 staff were trained, of which 49% were women.

Despite the tireless efforts of other NGOs operating in these provinces, a healthcare disparity remains, underscoring the imperative need for heightened initiatives, increased efforts and expanded intervention to enhance public health in the community.

UOSSM is committed to delivering sustainable and high-quality primary health care services through its network of primary health care (PHC) centers in Syria. Since 2013, UOSSM has undertaken the rehabilitation of many existing PHC centers and established new centers in areas that people do not have access to health care across Syria. Many times, due to the armed conflict and security concerns, certain PHC centers have been relocated, temporarily paused, or permanently suspended, or permanently closed.



HEALTH CARE

Mobile Clinics

UOSSM's mobile clinics reach the most vulnerable, in hard-to-reach areas of mass displacement, where medical care would otherwise be extremely difficult to access. Since 2013, UOSSM has been offering vital medical interventions through mobile clinics including medical consultations, reproductive health services, psychosocial support services, nutrition services, and referrals.

Over 9200 Health Services were Provided By Mobile Clinics in 2022



Children in displacement camps receiving medical services via mobile clinics in northwest Syria.



Maternity Centers

The UOSSM operated Ariha Maternity and OB/GYN Care Clinic provided over 4359 reproductive health consultations to 3361 beneficiaries. This clinic is integrated with the Ariha PHC which provides different services related to reproductive health care including well- woman exams, prenatal care, miscarriage care, postnatal care, as well as treatment of gynecological conditions.

The Ariha Maternity clinic helped deliver 1031 healthy babies in 2022. The strategic location of the clinic played an important role in saving the lives of women and children by providing access to a safe and sterile environment for the delivery of babies, with the care provided by qualified health providers.

A newborn receiving care at Ariha Maternity Center.



HEALTH CARE



Secondary & Tertiary Care (STHC)

Since the beginning of the Syrian crisis, millions of Syrians continue to suffer by being killed, wounded, displaced, or forced to seek refuge globally. The crisis took a severe toll on the healthcare infrastructure as hospitals and medical facilities became targets, and the lives and safety of healthcare workers became at high risk. Many doctors fled the country in search of safety, creating a massive shortage of healthcare providers throughout Syria. This has resulted in the deterioration of the public health system, leaving millions of civilians in Syria, without adequate access to healthcare services.

Since 2012, UOSSM has been supporting the healthcare system through close collaborating closely with local communities - prioritizing the most vulnerable, especially women and children, and partnering with local health directorates, as well as national and international organizations.

UOSSM has also played a crucial role in delivering lifesaving humanitarian aid, medical relief, and specialized health care to millions of people in need. This includes supporting field hospitals across Syria, including besieged and hard-to-reach areas, providing medical supplies and equipment, funding the salaries of doctors and healthcare workers, supporting the ambulance and referral system (EMT), and training tens of thousands of doctors and healthcare workers, addressing the growing need and gap in qualified healthcare providers.

In 2022, UOSSM continued to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering in northwest Syria by enhancing access to STHC services, this was achieved through the operation of five hospitals, and seven specialty centers. These facilities are strategically integrated throughout the region addressing the diverse healthcare needs of communities affected by the crisis.

UOSSM led the way by taking new initiatives to find constantly evolving solutions for the growing needs and medical crisis in Syria. One of UOSSM's major initiatives is the establishment and operation of Bab Al-Hawa Hospital in 2012, which was considered the referral emergency and specialty hospital in northern Syria.

HEALTH CARE



In 2022, UOSSM provided over 603,000 secondary and tertiary services to over 515,000 patients

In 2022, UOSSM supported secondary and tertiary services in northern Syria including five hospitals, and seven specialty centers:

- Alandalus Hospital – **General Hospital**
- Al Hikma Hospital – **Specialized Ophthalmic Hospital**
- Aqrabat Hospital – **Specialized Orthopedic Hospital**
- Jisr Al Shughour Hospital – **General Hospital**
- Qunya Hospital- **General Hospital**
- Ibn Seena Dialysis Center – **Specialized Care- Dialysis Center**
- Kelly Blood Bank – **Specialized Care – Blood Bank**
- Thalassemia Center – **Specialized Care - Thalassemia**
- Tell Abyad Renal Dialysis Unit – **Specialized Care – Dialysis Center**
- Bladder Rehabilitation Unit – **Specialized Care – Urinary Tract Rehabilitation**
- Advanced Diagnostic Center – **Specialized Care – Radiology/Diagnostic Center**
- Sarmada Rehabilitation Center – **Specialized Care – Physiotherapy**

HEALTH CARE

COVID-19 Response

In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, UOSSM implemented comprehensive measures to ensure the continued provision of health services in a secure environment for both patients and healthcare providers. Triage centers, located at the entrance of each health facility, screened patients to ensure infected patients were isolated. UOSSM operated three COVID-19 community treatment centers (CCTCs) in 2022, with the capacity of 40 beds per center. The CCTCs were fully equipped to receive and treat suspected, and confirmed mild, and moderate cases.



Patients receiving care for COVID-19 in CCTCs



Cholera Response

With the beginning of the cholera outbreak in September 2022, the Cholera Response Taskforce was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) under the umbrella of the health cluster. UOSSM was an active member in the task force and participated in all response activities including:

- Regular meetings and strategic response plan
- Assess and prepare health facilities to treat cholera cases
- Provide capacity building for healthcare workers including prevention, early detection, referral, and case management.
- Activate rapid response teams.
- Distribute hygiene kits
- Supply health facilities with personal protective equipment (PPC)
- Distribute educational materials



Community Health teams visit areas of displacement.

HEALTH CARE

Physiotherapy in Turkey

The main objective of the physiotherapy (PT) program is to provide physical rehabilitation services to refugees with physical impairment whose daily function and independence has been limited. The medical team provides medical consultations including medications, physical therapy, auxiliary motor tools and devices, as well as artificial limbs for amputees, and psychological and emotional support for patients. The PT center in Kilis, Turkey provided over 20,000 PT services to almost 2200 patients.



A patient undergoing the fitting process for a prosthetic limb.

Surgeries Project in Jordan

UOSSM USA Jordan Regional Office began providing surgical operations to refugee and underserved families in Jordan. The Surgeries Project aimed to provide a variety of surgeries, free of charge, to refugee, needy, and other underserved families in Jordan, who would otherwise not have access or the means for these vital surgical operations. This initiative helped improve their health and overall wellbeing and alleviate their suffering.



A special needs child receiving dental care under anesthesia in Jordan



A patient undergoing a specialty surgery in Jordan.

Special Medical Cases in Syria

Through our partnership with Hathi Hayati, 536 special individual medical cases were treated in northwest Syria in 2022.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE & PROTECTION

Mental Health Care in Syria

UOSSM has served as a leader, expert, and innovator, and has been a pivotal force in addressing the mental health challenge prevalent among Syrians affected by the crisis. Since 2013, UOSSM has pioneered strategic mental health initiatives, actively seeking solutions to enhance psychosocial well-being, and prevent and treat escalating mental health issues.

UOSSM strives to provide comprehensive support, aligning its efforts with the four layers of the Inter Agencies Standing Committees (IASC) pyramid for MHPSS services in emergencies. This encompasses a broad spectrum of MHPSS issues, addressing social problems, emotional distress common mental disorders, such as depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, severe mental disorders, such as psychosis, and alcohol and substance abuse. UOSSM follows different intervention models tailored to meet the specific needs of those affected.

- ✓ **Mental Health Centers with Acute Inpatient Units and Outpatient Referrals** which aim to provide psychiatric care to individuals suffering from acute mental health disorders.
- ✓ **Mental Health c\Centers** which aim to provide care by **mhGAP trained doctors, with specialized training in psychiatry**, to individuals with mild to moderate mental health disorders and providing patients with other mental health issues with evidence based MHPSS programs by psychosocial support workers (PSWs).
- ✓ **Integrated MHPSS Services** in primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare programs.
- ✓ **Mental Health Mobile Clinics** (MHMCs) through six mobile clinics with one mhGAP doctor and two PSWs throughout northern Syria, which provides free access, to patients even in hard-to-reach areas of displacement.
- ✓ **Remote MHPSS Tele-services** with two helpline teams including a 24/7 suicide hotline. This was especially vital during the COVID-19 pandemic during lockdown and isolation.



In 2022, UOSSM provided
23,585 patients with
52,317 MHPSS services
in Syria



MENTAL HEALTH CARE & PROTECTION



In 2022, the UOSSM MHPSS program provided 10,200 sessions to 2858 people of which 491 children received SNR support in Turkey



Mental Health Care in Turkey

UOSSM's mental health centers in Turkey are among the first centers that cater to Arabic speaking refugees. These centers are strategically focused on enhancing mental health awareness and wellbeing, assisting refugees in overcoming challenging situations, and fostering improved integration into Turkish communities. Which ultimately helps them become resilient, positive contributors to society. The centers are officially registered with the Turkish Ministry of Health.

In 2022, UOSSM operated three mental health centers in Istanbul, Gaziantep, and Reyhanli, and two Special Needs Rehabilitation (SNR) centers – one in Idlib and one in Turkey. The technical staff in each mental health center has a psychiatrist, psychologist, speech specialist, and case worker, as they provide the following mental health services:

- ✓ **Trained Psychiatrists Provide Specialized Mental Health Care** as well as individual and group counseling sessions for refugees
- ✓ **Psychotropic Medications, free of charge**, to patients
- ✓ **Special Needs Rehabilitation (SNR) services** to children with special needs and disorders such as autism, mental retardation, down syndrome, etc.
- ✓ **MH Services to Gender Based Violence (GBV) survivors**
- ✓ **Outreach** activities
- ✓ **Psychoeducation and Awareness Sessions** in supported facilities and online
- ✓ **Capacity Building and Training** of staff on MHPSS and SNR topics

MENTAL HEALTH CARE & PROTECTION

Mental Health Care in Jordan

In 2021, UOSSM USA, in collaboration with Bareeq Educational Center, piloted integrating a Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) program in the education program, which offered tailored group and individual MHPSS sessions to mothers and students.

Additionally, the program involved conducting training sessions for teachers and staff to enhance their ability to identify mental health challenges like trauma and illness.

Protection Program

UOSSM developed a strategy to strengthen protection services including Child Protection (CP) Gender Based Violence (GBV) to conflict-affected populations in NW Syria. UOSSM offers these interventions in the following centers:

- Child Friendly Space (CFS) Deir Hassan
- Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS) in Deir Hassan
- Men & Youth Club (MYC) in Deir Hassan

**In 2022, UOSSM USA
provided 309 MHPSS
services to 246 people
in Jordan.**



Ahlan Sesame sessions in displacement camps.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE & PROTECTION

Child Protection

In 2017, UOSSM established the protection program in Syria as violations and disregard for human law and rights continued. UOSSM prioritized the development of protection initiatives, with a focus on Child Protection (CP). The program aims to enhance the protection of vulnerable populations by incorporating activities specifically designed to respond to and prevent human rights violations by building local capacity in the following areas:

- Psychological First Aid
- Child Case Management
- Family Tracing and Reunification
- Parenting Skills Training
- Protection Monitoring

UOSSM's protection interventions align with standards and guidelines recognized internationally by UNICEF, UNFPA, and UNHCR.



Children in a displacement camp receiving protection services through the Ahlan Sesame Program.



Children in a displacement camp receiving protection services through the Ahlan Sesame Program

Ahlan Sesame Program

In 2019, UOSSM developed the Ahlan Sesame Program, which is dedicated to offering hope and opportunities to children ages 0-8 affected by conflict and crisis. Its primary objective is to enhance their cognitive, emotional, and social skills, as well as their overall well-being.

The program offers integrated early childhood development (ECD) services in health, mental health, and nutrition. The project also provides parents and caregivers with Ahlan Sesame activities, aiming to empower them to create safe, nurturing, and supportive environments promoting play-based learning.

**In 2022, around 27,000
people received
protection services in Syria.**

MENTAL HEALTH CARE & PROTECTION



Parents and caregivers attending workshops on parenting skills.

Gender Based Violence (GBV)

In 2022, UOSSM managed to reach more areas in Idlib and Aleppo through integrated protection programs dedicated to serving the most vulnerable populations, focusing on children and women, by preventing, protecting, and responding to rights violations. Services also continued to be provided in Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS), Men and Youth Center (MYC) and Protection Mobile Units in Dayr Hesan and surrounding camps. In 2022, over 15,600 people were provided with protection and GBV services.

Raising Awareness

UOSSM continued to provide awareness raising sessions through the protection program on child protection related concerns.



GBV Violence and parenting skills sessions.

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF

Cholera Outbreak

In 2022, Syria experienced a Cholera outbreak leading to many illnesses and some death. According to the Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) there were over 200,000 suspected cases, and 26 deaths from that outbreak.

UOSSM treated over 5000 patients and provided community wide awareness campaigns to further prevent the spread. In addition, cholera kits and activating oral rehydration points were distributed in each healthcare facility, to provide oral rehydration solutions for patients to prevent dehydration, and to prevent escalation to severe illness. UOSSM also distributed 1000 hygiene kits to families in displacement camps.



Suspected Cholera case receiving care at UOSSM center.



UOSSM mobile teams providing care and awareness for suspected Cholera cases

Ukraine Emergency Response

In response to the war in Ukraine, UOSSM led several medical missions in 2022.

Throughout the year, UOSSM established two medical points providing medical and primary health care services, medicines, and urgent treatment to the displaced families.

In addition, UOSSM, in partnership with the David Nott Foundation (DNF) conducted several Hostile Environment Surgical Trainings (HEST) for over 100 surgeons, doctors, and medical staff. Many of the doctors were working in hospitals and receiving critical trauma injuries. These trainings were provided to doctors in Syria as they dealt with traumatic war injuries over several years.

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF



UOSSM and DNF providing vital HEST training to doctors and surgeons in Ukraine.

Dr. Monzer Yazji, co-founder of UOSSM said, “I have been watching the crisis of Ukraine from day one. History is repeating itself as I am seeing similar attacks and suffering that our people went through. I couldn’t sit back and watch the suffering of the Ukrainian people when we have learned so much from our work in Syria. I felt the duty to share our experience and help alleviate the suffering of the Ukrainian people. This is why we are starting our medical mission in Ukraine. This is our vision, mission, and promise, to help everyone suffering in the world.”



NUTRITION & COMMUNITY HEALTH



In 2022, UOSSM provided over 1 million nutrition and community health services to over 353,000 people through primary health care centers, and through field visits of community health teams.



Nutrition

Years of conflict continue to affect the most vulnerable in Syria as millions of children, pregnant women, and nursing mothers are at a heightened risk for malnutrition. Syria faces multiple layers of malnutrition including, rising levels of chronic and acute malnutrition, and emergency levels of anemia among children and women.

According to UNICEF, there are over 609,000 stunted children, under age five, and the number of 6–59-month-old children suffering from severe acute malnutrition increased by 48% from 2021 to 2022, while over 3.745 million children required nutritional assistance. These needs make children even more vulnerable and susceptible to disease and illness due to weakened immunity. In response to the emergence of malnutrition cases, UOSSM began implementing nutrition services at all UOSSM primary health care centers and mobile clinics in 2015.

Acute and chronic malnutrition is usually higher among children under the age of two. As women and children continue to live in unsafe conditions their health and wellbeing are at stake. Food insecurity continues to be a major factor along with limited access to healthy food and nutrition.

Many malnutrition cases are diagnosed through UOSSM mobile community health teams and nutrition technicians in primary health care centers and mobile clinics. Rapid response is crucial in preventing the transition from moderate to severe malnutrition, which can lead to additional complications and premature death. UOSSM has high recovery rates in patients that receive treatment, both for moderate and severe malnutrition.

In addition, the nutrition program helps raise awareness on a community level about IYCF (Infant and Young Children Feeding) to pregnant and lactating women and caregivers.

NUTRITION & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community Health



A community health team conducting a field visit at a displacement camp in NW Syria.

During 2022, UOSSM's health teams resumed response to health needs at community and facility levels in northwest Syria. Community health program services are of the most critical and influential health services at the community level during emergencies, which is implemented through community health workers (CHWs) teams under WHO's technical supervision.

All 104 UOSSM community health workers attended trainings according to the unified course of WHO and delivered services according to six modules:

- Basic Module
- Family Health Module
- Health Lifestyle Module
- Nutrition Module
- Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) Module
- Communicable Diseases (CD) Module

In addition, community health teams continue to raise awareness about COVID-19 and the Cholera epidemics.

Each CHWs team conducts 5-7 visits per day in targeted communities

In 2022, UOSSM's Nutrition and Community Health Teams Consisted of:

- 10 Mobile Teams
- 13 Teams Integrated in Healthcare Facilities
- 10 Rapid Response Teams
- 56 Community Health Teams
- 104 Healthcare Workers



A UOSSM community health worker screening a child for malnutrition.

FOOD INSECURITY

Food Insecurity in Syria and Jordan



Distribution of food baskets in northwest Syria.

While UOSSM's main programs are focused on healthcare services, emergency humanitarian relief services, such as the distribution of food baskets, are vital for the overall wellbeing of the population.

In 2022, **1510** food essentials baskets were distributed in northwest Syria, **500** were distributed in southern Syria, and **300** were distributed in Jordan. The food baskets contain nutritious food and are distributed among displaced, refugee, the neediest, and most vulnerable families to keep them healthy. **In addition, 52 Adahi were distributed to 312 families in southern Syria.**



In 2022:
Over 13,250 People
Received
Food Baskets in
Syria and Jordan

Food Insecurity in the USA

In 2022, UOSSM USA received grants to serve the underserved population in Cincinnati. Throughout the year, UOSSM USA distributed **80** food baskets to **75** families in Ramadan, **273** Adahi to 184 families, and **240** turkeys to 206 families during Thanksgiving.



Ramadan Iftar Dinners for Orphans

UOSSM USA held Iftar dinners for orphans in Syria and Jordan in Ramadan, through our partnership with Hathi Hayati. In 2022, **220** orphans attended the Iftar dinners that not only provided food, but also fun activities for the orphans and their caregivers.



Ramadan Iftar Dinner for Orphans in Jordan

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EARLY RECOVERY

Health System Resilience Program (HIRS)

When the conflict in Syria began in 2012, major sections of the civilian electrical grid went out of service. Most power stations, transformers, and distribution stations were either bombed, destroyed, or dismantled. Diesel generators, and particularly diesel fuel – became a central piece of the war economy – creating a vicious cycle of dependency, fragility, and conflict. As a result, most hospitals became completely dependent on diesel fuel. Any disruption in electricity meant the difference between life and death for patients reliant on lifesaving equipment. It became crucial to increase the resilience of the health system. In 2017, the **'Syria Solar Initiative'** was launched through the installation of a 480-panel pilot solar power system in an area hospital. UOSSM's experience under the Syria Solar Initiative has proven effective both in terms of life saving and cost saving to strengthen the health care infrastructure. Since the launch of Syria Solar, other hospitals throughout the region have also had solar panels installed.

Thus, the HIRS Program aims to **strengthen the resilience of health systems and critical services in Syria by leveraging advanced technologies, whether in renewable energy, electric mobility, or telecommunications as well as other technologies related to water, sustainable waste management, and health-tech.** The integrated approach aims at adding solar power, electric vehicles, telemedicine, WASH, and medical equipment maintenance, thereby reducing dependency on external variables.

By leveraging clean and advanced technology, the program will:

- ✓ Fully power health facilities and utilities that provide critical services such as: ICU units, operating rooms, and emergency departments during diesel outages.
- ✓ Reduce human resources gap in qualified health professional at all levels.
- ✓ Sustain life and health by reducing risk of water, sanitation, and hygiene related diseases.
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Syria Solar panels in hospital in northwest Syria.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EARLY RECOVERY

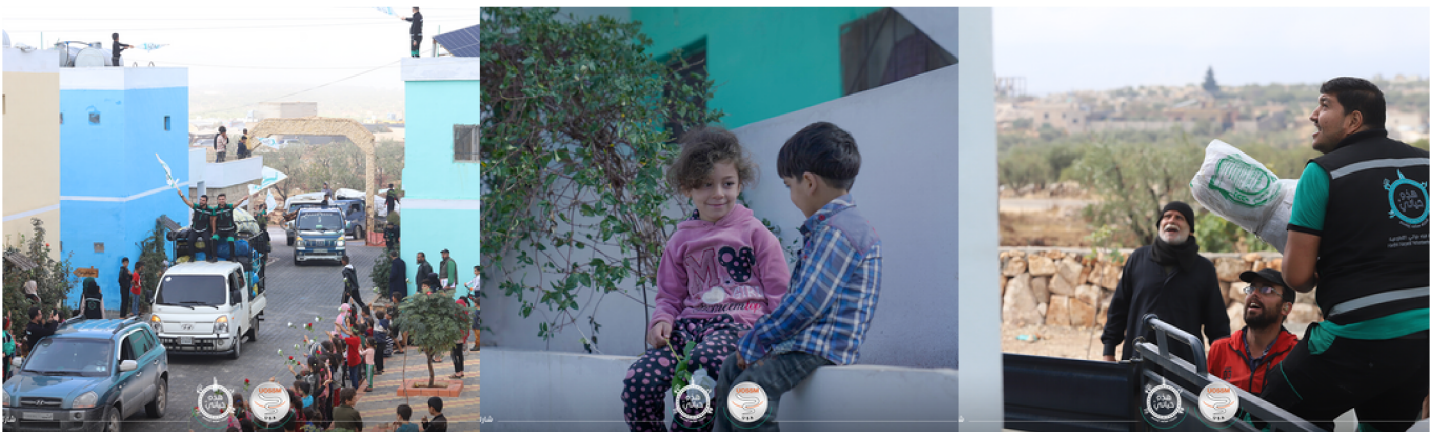


Strategic Partnership with Hathi Hayati

As thousands of Syrian families continue to be displaced, living in tents with limited access to basic human necessities and minimal protection from the extreme weather conditions, UOSSM USA sought out a more permanent solution to the displacement crisis.

In 2022, UOSSM USA continued its partnership with Hathi Hayati Turkey, a local nonprofit, to alleviate the suffering of these displaced families by: i) helping to establish villages/neighborhoods with all civil structures for a fully functioning town and ii) moving the displaced families from tents into permanent housing.

Each completed village will consist of new homes, a clean water tank, a school for all grade levels, a medical point, solar powered electricity, and a mosque. In 2022, **5143** Syrian displaced people were relocated into new homes. Selected residents usually have special needs cases, families with amputees, and families with professionals to help the community thrive, such as doctors, nurses, teachers etc.



EDUCATION



Education in Jordan

In 2021, UOSSM USA's Jordan office partnered with Bareeq Education Center to launch the academic enrichment program for refugee students and underserved Jordanian children, grades 1-12 in Amman, Jordan. The courses offered include Arabic, English, Math, Physics, Mental Math, and Chemistry. In addition, fun activities and competitions are provided for the students including soccer, chess, art, and other entertaining events.

In 2022, UOSSM USA was awarded a grant by the US Department of State to support educational enrichment integrated with psychosocial support services to refugee and underserved children in Jordan. Working in collaboration with Bareeq Educational Enrichment Center (BEEC) in Amman, this after-school program will assist 400 children in becoming better prepared to integrate into local school systems. UOSSM USA will leverage this partnership to incorporate a refugee responsive teaching competencies model (RRTCM) that will enable refugee children to access enrichment programming after school, while also strengthening the capacity of teachers to provide academic enrichment through social emotional learning (SEL) and psychosocial support services (PSS)-specific activities.

The primary objectives of this after-school program are to:

- Improve academic skills of the children via remedial and enrichment programming in an inclusive environment.
- Strengthen the capacity of teachers to provide academic curricula that improves the child's academic performance and overall wellbeing.
- Enhance the children's coping mechanisms by providing psychosocial support services and fostering social emotional learning skills to mitigate their trauma while providing mental health referrals as needed.

EDUCATION



Education in Syria

The Syrian crisis has taken a devastating toll on education as over 2 million children were out of school in 2022, and over 7000 schools were damaged.

UOSSM USA partnered with Hathi Hayati to support Al Hayat village, located in the Barisha area, which included a school for 600-800 children. Since previously there was only one school in the area, 40% of the children dropped out of school. In 2022, 373 children benefitted from the school in hopes of helping children achieve an education and ultimately, their hopes and dreams.

In 2022, over 300 students benefited from the Bareeq Educational Program in Jordan, and over 370 students attended the school in Al Hayat Village.



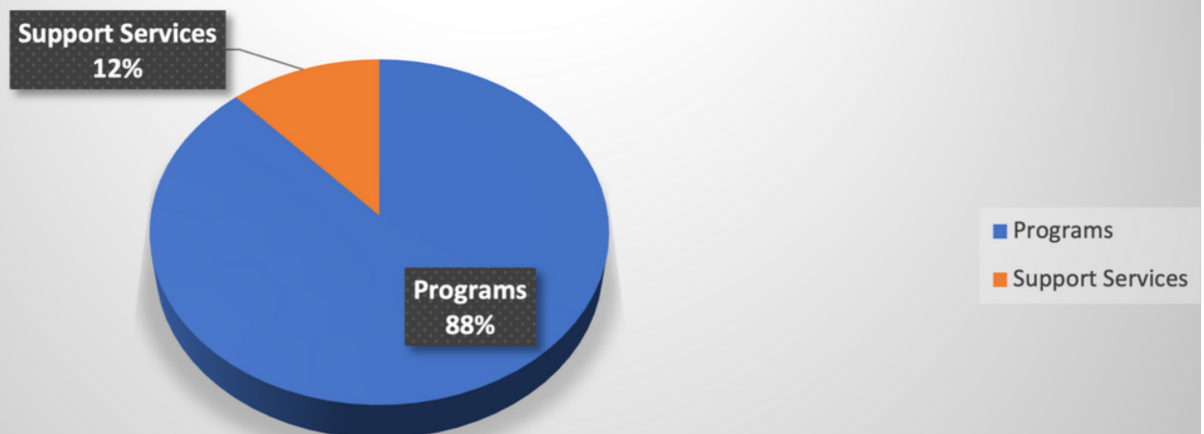
GLOBAL UOSSM FINANCES

Working together, UOSSM, through its member organizations in Turkey, Canada, and the United States, has reached millions of people with our lifesaving medical care and humanitarian and emergency relief services.

Institutional donors continue to be the major source of funding. 88% of UOSSM's expenditures were used to support programs such as Primary Healthcare Services, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, Physical Therapy, Nutrition, and other smaller projects such as Food Insecurity and disaster relief. Only 12% of expenditures were allocated to support services.

In 2022, through our global work, UOSSM expenditures were
around \$18 Million

How We Use Our Funds



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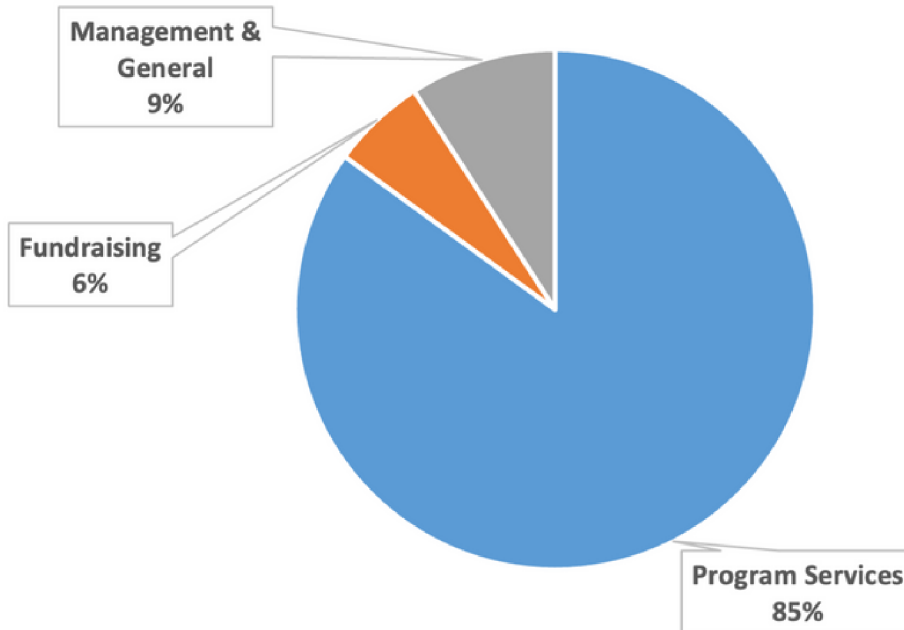
UOSSM USA's major source of funding continues to be from contributions, private grants and contracts; 94% of total funding.

In September 2022, UOSSM USA was awarded its first US government grant in the amount of \$50K, and an additional \$11K in 2023 for a two-month extension. The funds were used to provide enrichment education, integrated with psychosocial support services, to Syrian refugees and underserved Jordanian children in Jordan.

OPERATING REVENUE	2022	2021	Change \$
Private Gifts, Grants, & Contracts	1,016,344	593,931	422,413
In-kind contributions	65,280	103,652	(38,372)
Other Revenue	-	2,490	(2,490)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,081,624	\$700,073	\$381,551
OPERATING EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	2022	2021	Change \$
Program Services	\$ 1,007,821	574,276	433,545
Fundraising	69,499	121,600	(52,101)
Management & General	108,096	62,702	45,394
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,185,416	\$758,578	\$426,838
Excess/(Deficiency) of Operating Revenue over Expenses	(103,792)	\$-58,505	(45,287)
<i>Excess/(Deficiency) related to Unrestricted Funds</i>	(69,022)	60,496	(129,518)
<i>Excess/(Deficiency) related to Restricted Funds</i>	(34,770)	(119,002)	84,232
TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$(103,792)	\$(58,506)	\$(45,286)
COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS	2022	2021	Change \$
Unrestricted	102,903	171,925	(69,022)
Restricted	87,615	122,385	(34,770)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$190,518	\$294,310	\$(103,792)

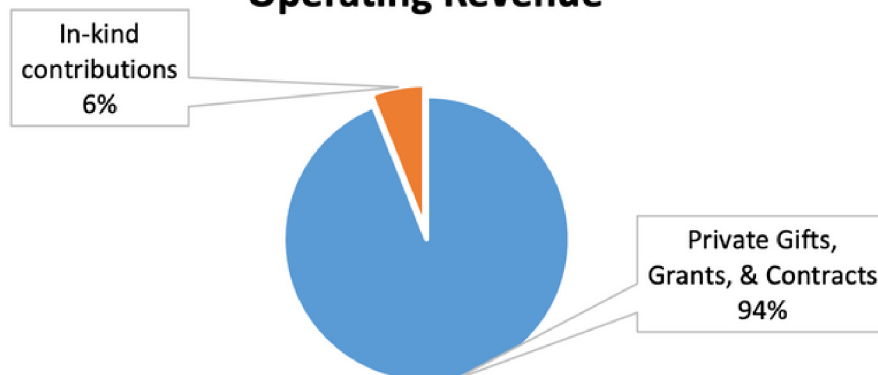
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How We Use Our Funds



In 2022, UOSSM USA's cash donations and grants revenue increased by about 71% compared with 2021, whereas program services increased by 75% compared to 2021. Additionally, support services (management and fundraising expenses) decreased from 24% in 2021 to 15% in 2022 due to improvement in operational efficiencies as well as programs expansion.

Operating Revenue



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