

PRESS RELEASE

Together for Syria's Future: Korea and UN Launch \$38 Million Lifesaving Aid and Resilience Projects to Revive Hope and Restore Services

Damascus, 30 September 2025 — The Republic of Korea, in partnership with four United Nations agencies, has launched a comprehensive assistance package to support vulnerable communities across Syria. With a total contribution of **US\$ 38 million**, the initiatives aim to address urgent needs in health, education, food security, and infrastructure, while promoting long-term resilience and recovery.

“For many years, Korea has stood side by side with the Syrian people. Korea is contributing to help the Syrian people overcome urgent humanitarian and development challenges. Korea itself rose from the ashes of war to achieve remarkable economic and social development, and it is in that spirit of shared experience that we wish to walk alongside Syria. Just as the Korean people once overcame devastation through unity, determination and international support, so too can Syria emerge stronger—with friends such as Korea at its side.” Said H.E. Mr. Geon Gysuk, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

“This partnership is a testament to what can be achieved when international solidarity meets local commitment. Korea’s support enables us to respond to urgent humanitarian needs while also investing in Syria’s future. Together, we are reviving hope, restoring services, and reaching communities with the tools they need to rebuild their lives.” Said Ms. Meritxell Relaño, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in Syria

Implemented by **UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO**, the projects will deliver life-saving services and sustainable solutions to millions of Syrians:

UNDP’s REVIVE Project will clear 550,000 metric tons of debris, rehabilitate essential infrastructure, and create over 4,000 jobs in Aleppo, Homs, Deir-ez-Zor, and Rural Damascus.

UNICEF’s Resilience for Children will reach 1.3 million people—including 800,000 children—with improved access to education, clean water, and maternal and child health services.

WFP’s REACH Syria Initiative will provide six months of cash-based food assistance to 95,000 severely food-insecure people.

WHO's Health Access Project will deliver 40,000 dialysis sessions, install 20 diagnostic imaging machines, and improve health outcomes for over 160,000 people.

The initiatives are aligned with Syria's Humanitarian Response Plan and national recovery priorities, reinforcing the collaborative spirit between international partners and national authorities.

For media inquiries, please contact:

- **UNDP:** Dania Darwish | danial.darwish@undp.org | +963989857937

- **UNICEF:** Monique Awad | mawad@unicef.org | +963950044304 | Hasan Burhan | hburhan@unicef.org | + 963950 044 206

- **WFP:** Hussam Alsaleh | hussam.alsaleh@wfp.org | +963932101139

- **WHO:** Halah Kabash | kabbashh@who.int | +963953888427 | Mrinalini Santhanam | santhanamm@who.int