

A glimmer of hope after devastation: Education for Syrian refugee children after earthquake



Ever since the war in Syria ten years ago, there remain over 6 million internally displaced people in that country, with 4 million refugees living abroad, many in Turkey. Today, our autumn appeal is to support **Firefly International's Recovery from earthquake impact on education**. Whilst Firefly's centre in Antakya was miraculously undamaged, the surrounding buildings are now just rubble; most of the cityscape is unrecognisable and few points of reference remain. Tents are the only option for the refugees to live in. Firefly is focused on providing a preschool literacy programme for 5-6 year olds in rural Qabasin, an area of north Syria where there is no other preschool provision. Further, teachers have few training opportunities in this area.

We hope to be able to support up to 60 children for three months of a nine month programme, providing a strong foundation in reading and writing for their future education. Alongside, Firefly will run a mentoring programme for teachers from its established team in Antakya. This is a vital part of the programme-building capacity, where so many teachers have been killed. Children will have a healthy snack and activities-based learning for three hours a day, five days a week. The workshops provide daily play-based learning activity for children who are living in extremely challenging conditions; they are exposed to endless graphic and traumatic stories of loss, injury, and miraculous survival, meaning many just listen and absorb. **These children otherwise have nothing to do - there are no playgrounds or other scheduled child activities.**



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'If we don't take these girls, the streets will.'

Fadia Shaker,
Firefly International's
project leader



Maria Chambers with pupil earthquake survivor

Object of funding	Outreach educational activity for pre-school children aged 5-6 years and a daily mentoring programme for young teachers
Beneficiaries	60 children aged 5-6 for three months mentoring plus training support for 3 teachers
Amount requested	£5,000
Programme location	Antakya and Qabasin (North Syria)
Firefly website	https://fireflyinternational.org