

# Report of Aid from UNFPA 2015, Syria



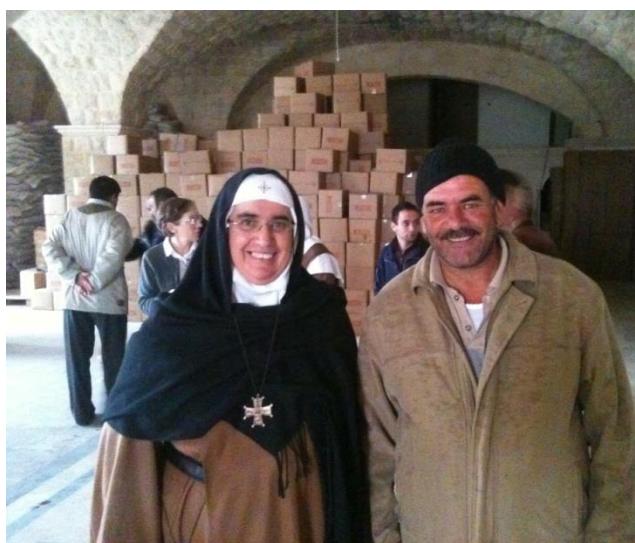
Syrians were pleased to receive 4000 personal hygiene packets in February and March 2015 from the UN Population Fund for Syria.

Of the 4000 packs received, 2000 were distributed in Damascus by the Greek Catholic Melkite Patriarchate, 1000 by the Humanitarian Assistance Team of Mother Agnes in Tartus, 500 by her team in Qara, 400 to poor families of Maloula, and 100 to an elderly home in Deir Atiyah.

Also 2000 boxes from the UNFPA dignity packets arrived in Qara and they are stocked in the New Building of the Monastery of Deir Mar Yakub (see photo below). Why Qara? Over the last 2 years Qara became a increasingly important aid

center in Syria, especially in the Qalamun region.

The team that is responsible for the distribution of this aid is the Humanitarian Assistance Team of Fadia Laham. The team is known in Arabic as *Fariq al-Mahaba wa as Salam Insani lil Um Fadia Laham*. Formed in 2013 the Team's goal is to bring assistance to all Syrians regardless of race, religion or ethnicity – especially those in life threatening need. The health and hygiene packets were useful to meet basic health standards in an area torn by conflict, where many people find themselves in need of aid beyond food, water, housing and sanitation.



Mother Agnes (Fadia Laham), left examines distribution of humanitarian aid from the UNFPA and other sources such as the Syrian Red Crescent. Deir Mar Yakub, Qara Syria – has become a center for aid distribution to many thousands of Syrian families, especially in the Qalamun region, Damascus and Tartus. Children are happy to receive UNFPA aid backpacks with useful clothes, hygiene products, underwear, and of course, soccer balls!



Walid Hourani distributes aid on behalf of the Humanitarian Assistance Team of Qara. Many people remarked that they found the hygiene packets helpful in these hard times, and many found enduringly useful the solar powered flashlights.



Thanks to the donations of the UNFPA and others the Humanitarian Assistance Team of Fadia Laham gives aid to the people of Qara, Deir Atiyah and the Qalamun region, especially to women whose husbands have died and they are left as single mothers with young children too young to work.



Ibrahim stands with Walid and Iman – ready to take aid from the monastery to Homs. Mother Agnes speaks to refugees from Maloula who seek her help in Damascus at the Greek Catholic Melkite Patriarchate (Zeitun Church).



The Humanitarian Assistance Team of Fadia Laham distributed 1000 UNFPA hygiene packets in Tartus, Syria which houses many refugees from Aleppo and Idlib. Many families who are in most in need have lost loved ones in this war.



