

STATEMENT

On the occasion of World Humanitarian Day, the Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA) stands today to highly commend the efforts of humanitarian workers who have stood by the Syrian people under the most challenging circumstances, from the onset of humanitarian interventions thirteen years ago to the present day.

In the early years of the humanitarian response in Syria, this dedication was evident in facing significant challenges. The first humanitarian initiatives, as is often the case, emerged from the homes of local families and communities, gradually evolving into institutionalized efforts that assumed the responsibility of supporting affected communities and filling the void left by the absence of essential services and safety. Humanitarian work in Syria has thus become not a luxury, but a necessity for survival, serving as a safeguard for life under the harshest conditions.

As these initiatives developed into organized efforts based on humanitarian principles, humanitarian workers faced immense challenges due to the brutality of the former regime, fluctuating global attention to the Syrian cause, and the difficulty of field conditions. Nevertheless, humanitarian efforts gradually expanded, both through the institutions where they work and through voluntary initiatives and engagement in various organizations to support communities, ultimately contributing to the "early recovery" process.

Colleagues in the humanitarian field, you have endured hardships and risks, exerting countless efforts to provide aid to those in need, always placing humanity above all else. Many of our peers have sacrificed their lives while performing their duties to serve and meet the needs of the Syrian people. Their noble sacrifices are a true testament to their unwavering commitment to humanitarian values, solidarity, and fraternity, reflecting a living spirit of responsibility and dedication to serving humanity.

More than ten years after the formation of the Syrian NGO Alliance (SNA), which brings together a group of organizations operating on Syrian territories, we renew our steadfast commitment to the essence of this noble humanitarian work. We call upon everyone to continue supporting and advancing this effort, as the humanitarian response in Syria remains a daily necessity, and the realities faced by the people demand that we remain at the forefront at all times.

