



Support & Sustain **Children**

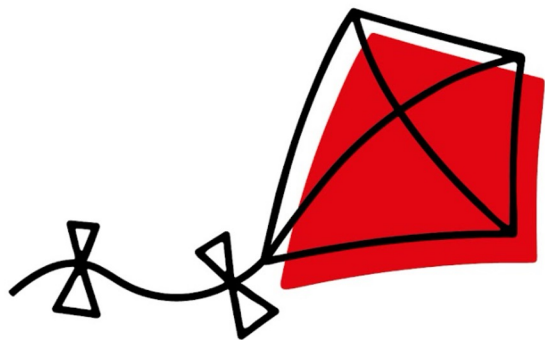


Support and Sustain Children (SSCh) is a small Italian Non-Profit organization based in Verdellino (Bg), established in 2018.

SSCh represents the natural progression of Arianna Martini's humanitarian commitment, founder of the association, since 2013.

The primary area of focus is the war in Syria and the dire conditions of the civilian population forced to flee.

The main beneficiaries of the humanitarian aid are children.



«Bombs and death, fear and tears. Children are the most affected by this madness that is war. It has exterminated them, mutilated them, starved them, made them orphans and we have forgotten them. The children I have met, however, still smile.»

Arianna Martini



SSCh. The beginning



Passion, courage, determination, and transparency are the qualities that accompany Arianna Martini's work on every mission in the field. She is an example to follow.

The association welcomes motivated volunteers with essential skills for the development of the emerging organization.

From 2013 to 2018, SSCh operated as a Committee.

Support and Sustain Children primarily intervenes in war-torn contexts marked by severe marginalization and poverty, environments that take the form of spontaneous refugee camps.

The team

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"We are ordinary men and women, with jobs and families, and like everyone, we experience the feeling of having little time to dedicate to good causes. After witnessing firsthand the situation of children in refugee camps - poor in every aspect - we realized that any help is fundamental for them. For their very lives but also for us, our community, and our society." - Arianna Martini

Arianna Martini - Founder and President of SSCh

Barbara Colombo - Vice President and Founding Member of SSCh

Luca Iacomelli - Storyteller, Social Media Communications for SSCh

Maruska Arrigoni - Website and Merchandise Management for SSCh

Margherita Dognini - Accounting Management for SSCh


Anna Menghini - Doctor, Specialist in Tropical Medicine and International Health Cooperation

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Gianluca Lazzarino - Operations Staff for Missions for SSCh

Simone Mapelli - Administrative Management for SSCh

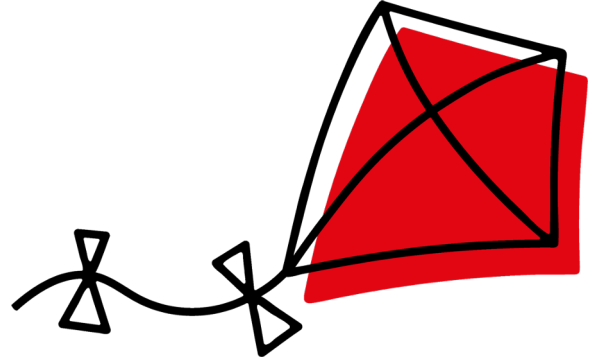
The contest



"Poverty is a complex issue, but feeding a child is not."

The Places of War

The Syrian conflict began in 2011. The state of war led to the mass exodus of the civilian population seeking to reach neighboring countries: Turkey - Greece - Europe (via the Balkans) - Jordan - Lebanon - Iraq. The flows of desperate people pressing on the borders of Turkey, including thousands of orphaned children, lead numerous international NGOs to intervene by creating recognized refugee camps, which receive funds and support.



BUT THERE IS ANOTHER REALITY

SPONTANEOUS REFUGEE CAMPS

Along the Turkish-Syrian border, over time, displaced persons' camps have formed, lacking any support and official recognition, where living conditions are unimaginable.

Completely lacking:

Potable water

Food

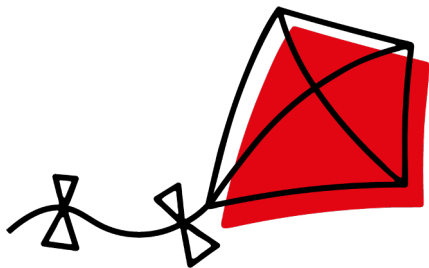
Medicines Healthcare

Tents

Blankets

Clothing

Basic education



OUR ACTION

"When you arrive at a refugee camp - in any camp and at any latitude - what remains inside you forever are the smiles of the children. Smiles that human folly will never manage to extinguish."

Arianna Martini

Living the reality firsthand

We operate mainly in the spontaneous camp on the Turkish-Syrian border, which differs from government-run camps due to the total absence of humanitarian aid. Since 2013, SSCh is the only entity that takes charge of these 'invisible' places by entering and operating directly on the ground. Our goal is to provide everyone, and particularly children, with what they absolutely need to survive.





What we provide

SSCh gathers support to purchase and distribute on-site:

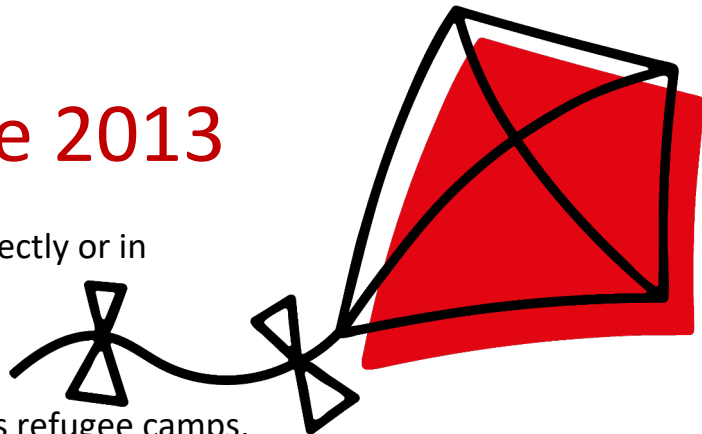
- Food supplies to each individual family, the elderly, and children
- Potable water by constructing two wells
- Powdered milk for infants
- Clothing
- Blankets
- Mattresses
- Field tents and school tents
- Firewood for the winter
- Medical assistance and medicines
- School supplies and stationery
- Basic education for children of school-going and pre-school age



What we have been doing since 2013

SSCh has been active in various humanitarian contexts, intervening directly or in partnership with international associations, holders of local projects.

Areas of intervention: Turkey, Jordan, Iraq, Romania, Greece, Balkans



- Turkey - Turkish-Syrian border, direct interventions in spontaneous refugee camps, since 2013
- Jordan - Refugee camps in Al Mafraq and Zaatar, 2016-2017
- Iraq - Organized refugee camp and shantytowns in Erbil/Mosul, 2016-2017
- Romania - Mission in Bucharest, in collaboration with the Parada Association, 2018. Remote support for the Parada mobile unit helping the street children of Bucharest, 2019.
- Greece - Refugee camp in Moria, Lesbos Island, 2018-2019. In collaboration with refugee4refugees.
- Balkans - Migratory route on the Bosnian-Slovenian border Velika Kladusa, Bihac, Bosnia, 2019. In collaboration with the NGO Linea d'Ombra.



Ongoing Projects

Given the small size of SSCh, a selection of intervention contexts has become necessary, prioritizing the continuity of actions and structured project planning.

TURKEY - Our commitment is primarily to the spontaneous camp where no humanitarian aid arrives. The camp hosts 900 families totaling 6,000 individuals, including infants.

SYRIA - The war has resulted in the displacement of over 6 million people, of which 4.5 million are scattered in areas lacking reception facilities and basic necessities. SSCh has decided to support in every economic, logistic, and supply aspect, the pediatric clinic in the Al-Resala camp.

Rebuilding after the Earthquake

On February 6, 2023, the earth shook in Syria, spreading fear, death, and destruction.

We provided our humanitarian aid initially to 150 families and to those who were stripped of everything.

The purchase of tents, thanks to your valuable contribution, has provided a roof and shelter from the weather and the cold, in a context of total desolation.

An emergency that remains so even now and for which SSCh continues to raise funds, in view of the coming autumn and winter. And this is precisely what we are addressing now...



And there are three spontaneous camps that have arisen after the Earthquake

The hell of the earthquake doesn't stop its impacts. As of today, there are three camps that have spontaneously formed after we took care of the primary setup of tents. In total, there are 300 families, plus 650 infants to whom we ensure milk supply (here and elsewhere) and 105 orphan units. Many. Too many. Life probably won't return to what it was, and people won't reclaim their homes. Not soon, at least.

We know it. They know it. That's why we've decided to take charge not only of the tent, providing the displaced with a place to call "home" as much as possible, but we try to make this home as comfortable as possible. Then we take care of the basic needs and the education of the young.



The Pediatric Clinic of Al-Resala

The clinic where we currently operate in Syria is located in the Al-Resala camp and consists of several facilities. Our team is composed of two doctors and a nurse. The care provided is completely free of charge. If for any reason the clinic is not accessible, the doctors reach those in need using an equipped medical vehicle that moves between the various camps in the Azaz area.

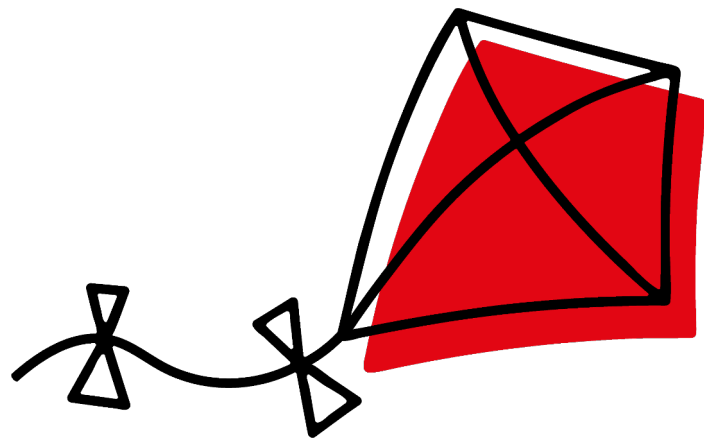


A Future for Syrian Women: The AMAN Project



Among the victims of war in regions that have been tormented for over ten years, such as in Syria, there are women who are left alone and without any means to provide for themselves and their children. Often victims of abuse, violence, and harassment, they need a social protection network and psychological support that allows them to gain confidence and full autonomy. The AMAN Project provides support, welcome, and assistance to 280 women, 360 girls, and 90 children with programs and activities for socialization, education, and introduction to the working world. With this project, SSCh indirectly supports 1,400 family units.





FROM 2024, NEW PROJECTS.

Wherever a child suffers, our mission begins:
we turn tears into smiles and hunger into hope
for a better future.

MADAPROJECT, ONE DROP AT A TIME



Madagascar, a land rich in unique biodiversity and diverse cultural influences, is facing a persistent challenge: poverty. With 75% of the population living on less than 2 dollars a day, the lack of infrastructure and political instability further worsen the situation. The current humanitarian emergency, caused by drought, has led to a severe shortage of food and water, with millions of people affected by the food crisis and a million children suffering from acute malnutrition. Our project, 'MadaProject: One Drop at a Time', aims to respond to this emergency with concrete actions:

- *Distribution of drinking water to ensure constant access to clean and safe water.*
- *Construction of water infrastructure to ensure a sustainable supply of drinking water in the long term.*
- *Promotion of sustainable agricultural practices to address the structural causes of the food crisis.*

Each action is designed to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the population, addressing the consequences of the drought and the structural challenges related to poverty.

We intervene today, one drop at a time.

GAZA EMERGENCY.

Help now.

In Palestine, daily life is marked by restrictions and difficulties, with checkpoints and roadblocks that make every movement a challenge. The situation worsened from October 7, 2023, with a humanitarian crisis that deteriorates day by day, forcing people to sell what they have for food. The toll is tragic: over 13,000 children have lost their lives, a distance measurable not just in kilometers but in lost souls.

SSCh commits to providing water and food, essentials to fight the advancing despair.

Our goal is to assist 500 families with food parcels selected based on availability and the variable costs due to the embargo. The parcels are designed for one month and distributed at Al Mawasi camp – Rafah, a densely populated and needy area, in this manner: water tanks, canned food, bread, potatoes, vegetables, cooked meals. All are provided alternately over the span of a week. SSCh's commitment is directed to families with children and to disabled or maimed individuals, in a mission of renewable and vital support.





THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING

“It is a privilege to be the hand of your hearts.”

Arianna Martini

Everything that SSCh has done over the years and continues to do happens thanks to the generosity of donors who have granted:

- utmost trust in the organization
- rewarded the transparency and prudent management of the funds received.

Almost all donations come from grassroots sources, made possible by the credibility gained, mission after mission. SSCh receives funds from:

- private citizens
- companies
- through participation in calls for proposals



GIVING A FUTURE

"We always think that education is the most powerful weapon in the world." (Arianna Martini)

There is an inseparable link between education and self-determination. Reading and writing are the foundation for asserting one's rights:

- Right to Education
- Right to Freedom
- Right to Justice
- Right to Health
- Right to Work

SSCh upholds the importance of Education for all children living in the camp. Two school tents are active, regularly supplied with educational materials. The educational management is entrusted to a selected team of salaried teachers, in constant contact with SSCh, which agrees and coordinates activities, assessing the results. Every child who enters school joyfully experiences the opportunity to attend lessons. It's a period of normality and serenity in a context where desolation reigns.



IT'S HARD TO REACH EVERYONE
ALONE. WE MUST MAKE A DIFFERENCE
FOR THAT PART OF THE WORLD THAT
HAS NO VOICE TO BE HEARD.
ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN.
SUPPORT OUR PROJECTS

There are many ways to choose from:

- with a donation
- with a sponsorship from afar
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- by spreading and sharing our work
- by becoming a volunteer offering your time and talent
- by participating in our events

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