

# MEN AND WOMEN — FOR — OTHERS

Fr Tony O'Riordan SJ in one of the areas of Aleppo that was hit by the earthquakes.

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You supported **167,839 vulnerable and marginalised people** across the globe over the last year.

Your support provided emergency aid and protection to 46,000 people in Syria following the earthquakes.

Your support helped cyclone victims in Malawi whose homesteads were devastated and washed away in flash floods. Your generosity enabled vulnerable communities in Kangemi, Kenya's largest slum, to get access to sanitation and psycho-social support. Thanks to the amazing support from Irish Jesuit schools 10,000 direct beneficiaries have been positively impacted with school and community water tanks in South Sudan, Ethiopia and the Philippines.

Your commitment to the forgotten wars that don't reach the headlines, brings us to the margins and isolated communities who are in severe need. Your donations have provided life-saving aid, shelter and psychosocial support to families fleeing bombings and violent militia in Sudan.



14 COUNTRIES



€1.8M INVESTMENT



PEOPLE SERVED

56% FEMALE 44% MALE

Your support is helping traumatised families to try to piece their lives back together.

It is thanks to your continued support and generosity that we can continue to carry out life-changing and life-saving work.

*Thank you for your faithful solidarity.*

*“I’m very grateful to IJI for supporting my education when my father couldn’t. They’ve covered my school fees, food, and supplies. I study hard because I dream of becoming a doctor and returning to South Sudan to help others”*

Mary Kichayona, a 16-year-old South Sudanese refugee living in Pagiriya Refugee Settlement.



## Empowering Vulnerable Children in Lebanon

Your support has provided vulnerable Syrian children in Jbeil in Lebanon, receive early-childhood education, mental health and psychosocial support.

### Impact:

- safe space and quality education for 992 children
- 90% of 4-5 year olds improved skills through language and homework assistance

Moe, a 10-year-old boy, is one of the many children who had to flee Syria to Lebanon for safety. Not only having suffered trauma in Syria, but life in Lebanon has also been particularly difficult. He has to overcome many obstacles since arriving in Lebanon, including leaving school in order to work full time at a supermarket and coffee shop to support his family.

He is now in the program you are supporting. With your help, a social worker has been able to support Moe and his family in order for Moe to return to his schooling. The support he receives at the afterschool club gives Moe hope of a better future.

Moe aspires to be a police officer in order to “defend society from criminals and fight corruption.” He wants to finish his education in Lebanon and return to Syria if the security situation improves to the point where it was before the war. He dreams of the day he can return to his homeland with his family.

*“Without learning, I can’t accomplish anything” Moe*



Moe in his afterschool club in Lebanon

# You provided 1,000 girls in Nigeria with educational assistance, uniforms, learning materials, school supplies and reusable menstrual hygiene products.

## Girls 4 Girls

Through your generosity, 500 girls—previously out of school—were re-enrolled, and an additional 1,000 participants received essential educational support, including hygiene kits. These girls, from low-income households where even basic school supplies were a challenge to afford, are now on a path to a brighter future, thanks to the Girls 4 Girls (G4G) project.

Your impact goes beyond education. Many of these girls, facing the dangers of early marriage and economic dependence, have gained critical skills that empower them to support themselves and their families.

Thanks to your help, they are no longer limited by their circumstances but are finding new ways to thrive.

*Shatu*, a 14-year-old girl from Yamarkumi community lives with a disability. Before G4G, attending school seemed impossible. Because of you, she was assessed using the Learning at the Right Level method, placed in primary 4, and now has the opportunity to build a brighter future.

Your support has given girls like *Shatu* the tools they need to learn, grow, and develop the skills necessary for success. Together, we are ensuring that no girl is left behind.

*“This project has given me hope and a future I never thought possible”*

*Shatu, a 14-year-old girl with disability*



*Shatu registering for the Girls for Girls Club in Nigeria*



*Rebecca and a group of 31 people arrived in Renk after a 7-day journey from Sudan, traveling by foot and bus. She fled Sudan when civil war broke out.*

## Rebecca's Journey to Safety

Rebecca thanks you for the support you have given to her and her children in South Sudan in the last few months. She fled from the shootings and bombings in Bahari, Sudan with her children. By foot, she and her children walked for 7 days with a group of 31 people – 16 were children and the youngest was just 9 months old – until they got to South Sudan.

To leave her home, Rebecca and her children had to cross a bridge that had been occupied and guarded by the military. This was terrifying for her children: “it was extremely stressful... we had to wait in secret” Rebecca tells us. Only when the military moved elsewhere and the fighting around the bridge stopped, was she able to escape with other families fleeing by foot.

She and her children finally reached Renk Transit Centre, at the border with South Sudan. There she was able to access emergency life-saving aid and psychosocial support - all of which couldn't be possible without your support.

Our relief effort continues, as more families arrive in Renk daily. We continue to assist families in relocating to Maban Refugee Camp, where we support teacher training, primary schooling, physiotherapy and psychosocial counselling.

*“It was extremely stressful... we had to wait in secret”*

## Rebuilding Hope following Syria's Earthquake

The people of Syria, already suffering with war, lack of electricity and fuel to warm their homes during the freezing winter, were further traumatised when the 7.8 degree magnitude earthquake struck. Your support during this time helped provide:

- Emergency food baskets to 11,079 households in Aleppo, Homs, and Damascus
- 2,290 vulnerable households with winter clothing and hygiene kits
- 8,714 people with Psychological First Aid

- 1,869 people with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
- 1,905 people with healthcare
- 540 patients with life-saving and life-enhancing surgeries
- 2,000 vulnerable children with winter coats

All this life-saving work couldn't be possible without your kind generosity. The call to be men and women for others is inspiring!

*“Sharing photographs of people in Ireland hosting bake sales, coffee mornings, sales of work, has brought tears to the eyes of many Syrians we serve – it has let them know **Ireland is thinking of them** – that the people of Ireland have not forgotten the hardship lived day in day out by those in Syria” Tony O’Riordan SJ*

*A man navigates daily life in his wheelchair in Aleppo, Syria.*



# THANK YOU!

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support. From the knitters, the bakers, the quizzers and card players to many parish and community group collections nationwide and as far as St Gabriel's Parish in Glasgow – it was amazing to see so many men and women for others in action.



*Volunteers and parishioners from St Joseph Parish Terenure organised a wonderful bake sale, sale of work, and raffle.*



*Saint Paul's Knitting Group.*



# Make a Difference this Christmas

## Gifts That Change Lives

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