

مركز اليراع السوري



FIREFLY FOR SYRIANS

ANNUAL REPORT

APR21-MAR22

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## Overview

### Annual report: From April 2021 to March 2022

It's my pleasure to update you about our activities for the year ending at the end of March 2022 for Firefly for Syrians projects in Syria and Turkey.

This year we focused on raising the quality of our different projects in both Syria and Turkey.

This report contains the years highlights in:

1. Primary School (Syria, Khiribit Aljouz refugee camp)
2. Preschool in Syria (bza'a and Qabasine countryside)
3. Arabic for children in Turkey
4. Applied Sciences in Syria and Turkey

### Primary School project for pupils aged 5-12 years old (Syria, Khiribit Aljouz refugee camp)

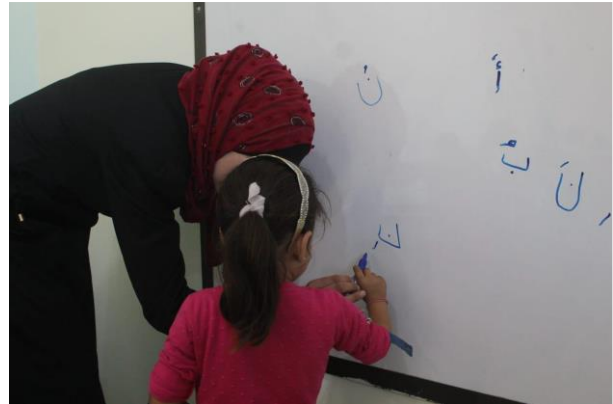
It was a special year for the primary School, our vision was to provide motivating atmosphere for pupils to bring their best.

We implemented the following measures to achieve this vision (more detailed progress month by month is recorded in the regular monthly reports)



**1-Daily monitoring and follow-up system.**

**2-Provide preschool education for children for 3 months before to their entry into the first grade of primary school.**



**3-Small reward system for pupils.**

**4-Development of teachers' teaching methods (interactive learning)**



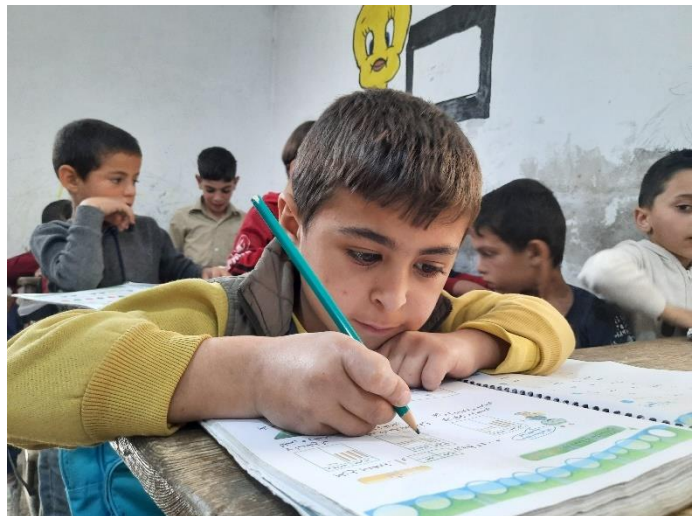
**5-Increasing the school space (adding prefabricated classrooms) Provide clean, safe and warm classrooms (in winter) and provide healthy daily snacks for pupils.**



**6-**Opening the fifth and sixth grade pupils (previously it was from the first to the fourth only.)



**7-**Strengthening classes for pupils outside school hours.



**8-**Distributing sufficient stationery and study books for school pupils.

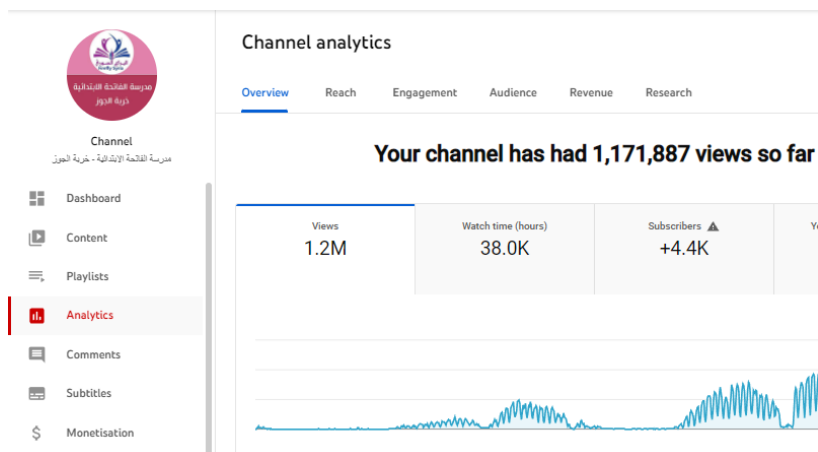




9-Organizing weekly competitions in all academic subjects.



10-Development of the primary education platform on the YouTube channel which contain 2,050 recorded lessons covering the primary school curriculum



**(This achieved 1 million viewers at the end of March 2022)**

## Preschool projects for children 5 years old

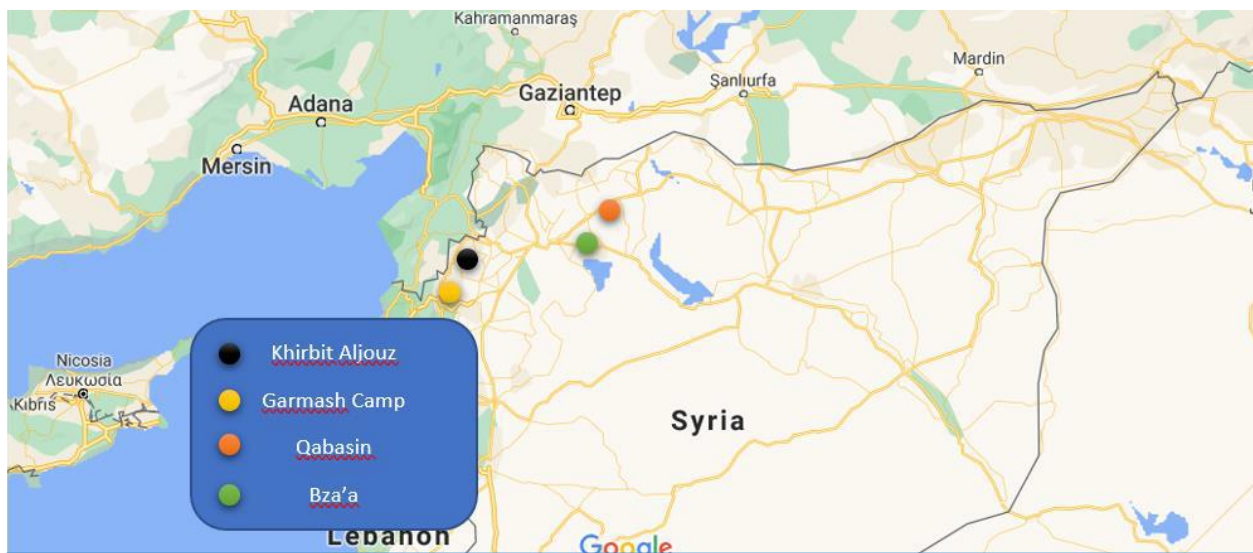
(Syria, 7 remote villages in Qabasin countryside: 355 children)

(Syria, Orphan center in Bza'a north of Aleppo: 75 children)

In Qabasin is we reach remote villages, supporting where children do not have any educational chance before primary school age and when they become school age most do not join school due to hard circumstances there.



1. We provide educational chances for these children.
2. We train, empower and support the teachers in their community.



We implemented the following measures to achieve this:

1-Provide good learning with a clear curriculum and plan.

2-Learning resources

3-Daily monitoring and follow-up system.

4-Provide clean, safe and warm classrooms (in winter) and provide healthy daily snacks for children.



5-Teacher training. (\*table below)

Teacher training courses in Qabasine and Bza'a- Arabic for children programme				
#	Location	No. of teachers	training kind	Hours
1	Qabasin	16	Basic Training	16
2	Bza'a and Qabasine	12	Basic Training	16
3	Qabasine	14	Basic Training	16
4	Qabasine and Bza'a	22	Training for enhancing	32
5	Qabasine	20	Training for enhancing	32

**Basic Training includes:** How to use the resources; strategies for dealing with vulnerable children in class; how to assess the level of children; introduction to our Arabic curriculum.

**Training for enhancing includes:** A Training in the basics of the Arabic language to raise the educational level of teachers.



**Time line for our project in Bza'a and Qabasine is:**

<b>Time line for in Orphan center in Bza'a</b>										
	July	June	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022
No of children	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
No of Classes	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No of staff	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6

<b>Time line for inQabasine countryside project</b>										
	July	June	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022
No of children	36	36	45	149	163	163	163	163	163	355
No of villages	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	7
No of Classes	2	2	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	19
No of staff	4	4	5	16	16	16	16	16	16	35

We achieved and exceeded our annual targets in this geographical area. The following quote for our coordinator, illustrates the impact of our project in that community

*"I personally am very grateful to you; I will convey to you the reaction of the people in the villages to this project.*

*You can clearly observe the happiness of people there, they start to see something new that they hadn't seen before, to be specific the level of care for their children. Families whose children are currently in primary school right now wished that something like this had existed for their children before. You can also see teachers' positive response and how excited they are, they are very grateful for training sessions that you give them.*

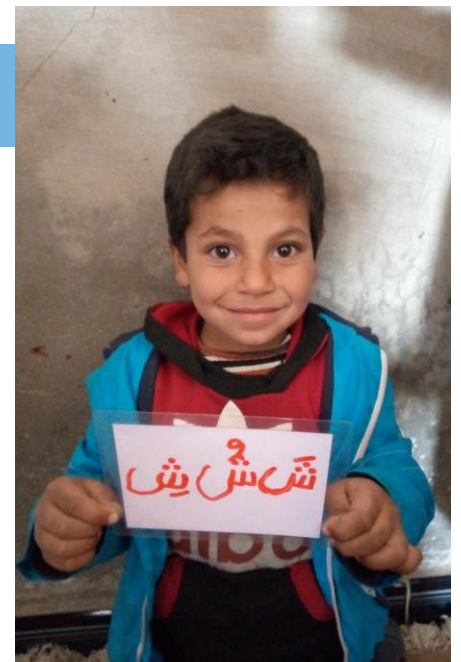
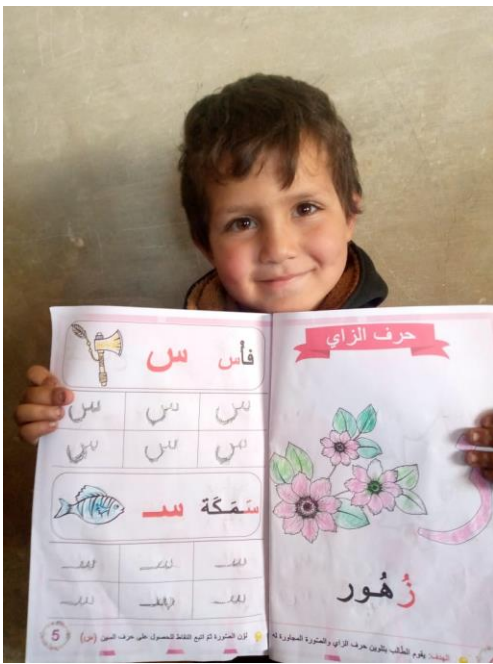
OUR CHILDREN IN QABASINE COUNTRYSIDE



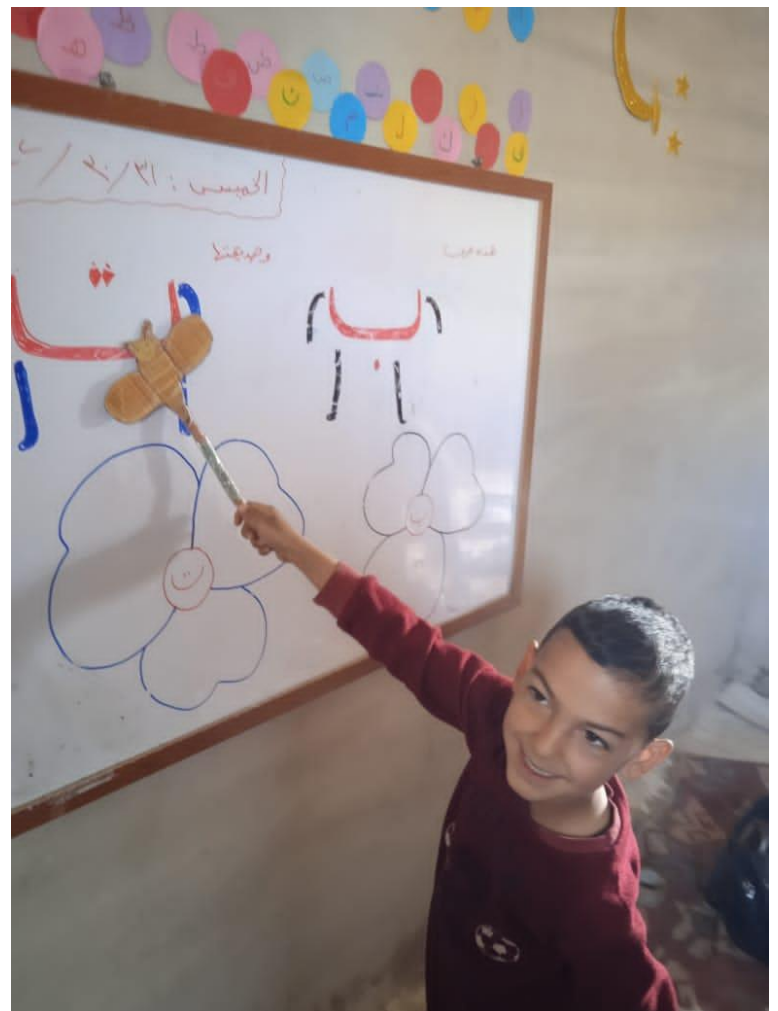
OUR CHILDREN IN ORPHAN CENTER IN BZA'A







From Qabasine projects







From orphan  
center in Bza'a

## Arabic for children project (Turkey, for Syrian refugees)

### Arabic language curriculum development:

Our curriculum is based on previously unfamiliar methods of teaching Arabic to children. In the past year we have developed and updated our curriculum books to support this programme: they are clear and visually stimulating for children in terms of colors and font size.

At March 2022 the Arabic for children programme completed all the new curriculum updates:

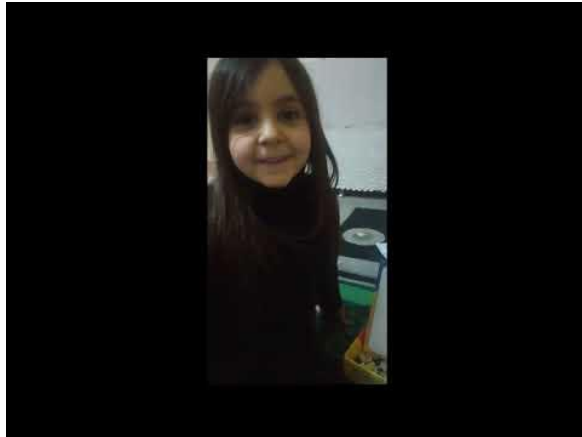
1. Books
2. Educational resources
3. Evaluations
4. Follow-up system
5. Lesson videos
6. Teacher Training
7. Archive preservation

The duration of our program for one class (online learning) is nine months, at the end of which children can write and read simple texts confidently.



- video example of a child who started to read and write after few months after he joined us.

The next video for child from Antakya read and write



**FROM ANTAKYA**



**FROM KAYSARI**



This year 76 % of children attending our Arabic language class could read simple sentences after attending our programme for 7 months (Sep21-March22)  
Of these children 84% couldn't recognize a letter at their initial baseline assessment

## Arabic language (pre- school group) Assessment

We built our child assessment in Arabic on five main skills:

1. Letter recognition
2. Pronunciation
3. Writing letters
4. Spelling words
5. Memorising

and four levels for each skill (1, 2, 3, 4) based on the following definitions:

1. Skill does not exist
2. Initial skill acquisition
3. Skill development
4. Mastering the skill

Assessments of children's development as follows:

1. Before the beginning of the course-September.
2. At the end of initial 3 months-December.
3. At the end of March.

An example from records completed by teachers in all classes

#	Children name	Letter recognition	Pronunciation	Writing letters	Spelling words	Memorising
1	Nawa Arabo	2	2	2	1	2
2	Rasha Ghorl	3	3	2	2	3
3	Hind Abdo	2	2	1	1	3
4	Banen Yasin	2	2	2	1	2
5	Khaled Salmo	2	2	2	1	2

The results show the number of children and percentage in each level for every skill. The teachers analyze the data to find out what the focus should be with each group of children.

Class Card	
Course	Arabic for children
Teacher name	Shahera Arabo
Place	Antakya- Turkey
Number of children	25
Children age	5-6 years
Teaching method	Online learning
First Assessment	September 2021
Second Assessment	December 2021
Third Assessment	End of March 2022

1-First assessment before the beginning of the course: We brought children to our center in Antakya in small group to make first assessment for every child through simple exam to know the starting point for every child.



## Results

Letter recognition: 21 children from 25 not able to distinguish letters, that's 84% of the class.

Pronunciation: 22 children from 25 not able Pronunciation letters in right way, that's 88%.

writing letters: 23 children from 25, can't write the letters, that's 92%

Spelling words: 25 children from 25 can't spelling words, that's 100%

Memorizing: 25 children from 25 have simple ability, that's 100

First Assessment September 2021										
Skills										
Skill Level	Distinguish letters		Pronunciation		Writing letters		Spelling words		Preservation	
	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%
1	21	84	22	88	23	92	25	100	25	100
2	4	16	3	12	2	8	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	100

### Second Assessment

Second Assessment December 2021										
Skills										
Skill Level	Distinguish letters		Pronunciation		Writing letters		Spelling words		Preservation	
	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%
1	9	36	7	28	5	20	6	23	7	28
2	16	64	14	56	15	60	13	50	13	52
3	-	-	4	16	5	20	7	27	5	20
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25	100	25	100	25	100	26	100	25	100

### Third Assessment

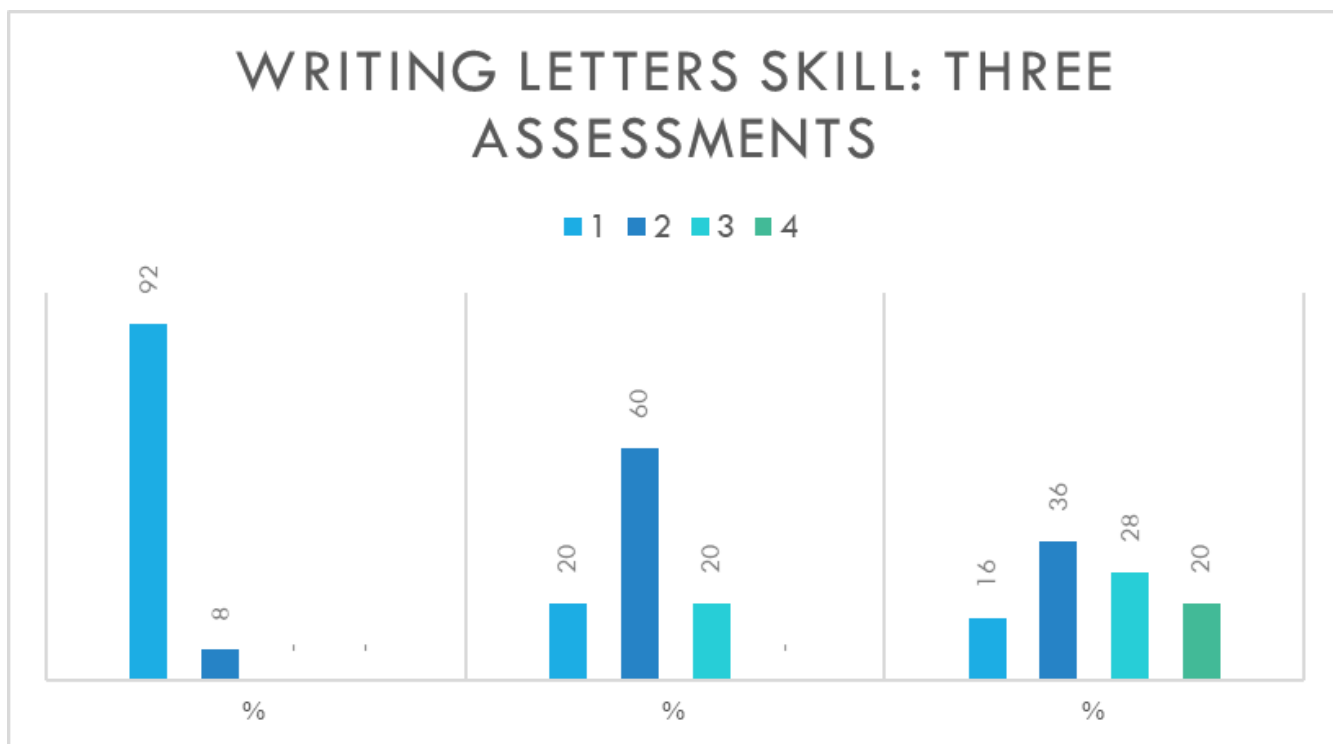
Third Assessment March 2022										
skills										
Skill Level	Distinguish letters		Pronunciation		Writing letters		Spelling words		Preservation	
	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%
1	4	16	5	20	4	16	3	12	4	16
2	10	40	12	48	9	36	9	36	11	44
3	8	32	6	24	7	28	8	32	6	24
4	3	12	2	8	5	20	5	20	4	16
	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	100	25	100

## A graph of Writing skill showing its path through the three assessments

Skills Level:

1. Skill does not exist
2. Initial skill acquisition
3. Skill development
4. Mastering the skill

	First September 2021		Second-End of December 2021		Third-End of March 2022	
	Writing letters		Writing letters		Writing letters	
Skill Level	Students No.	%	Students No.	%	Students No.	%
1	23	92	5	20	4	16
2	2	8	15	60	9	36
3	-	-	5	20	7	28
4	-	-	-	-	5	20
	25	100	25	100	25	100



September by %

end of December by %

End of March 2022 by %



## Applied Sciences in Syria and Turkey

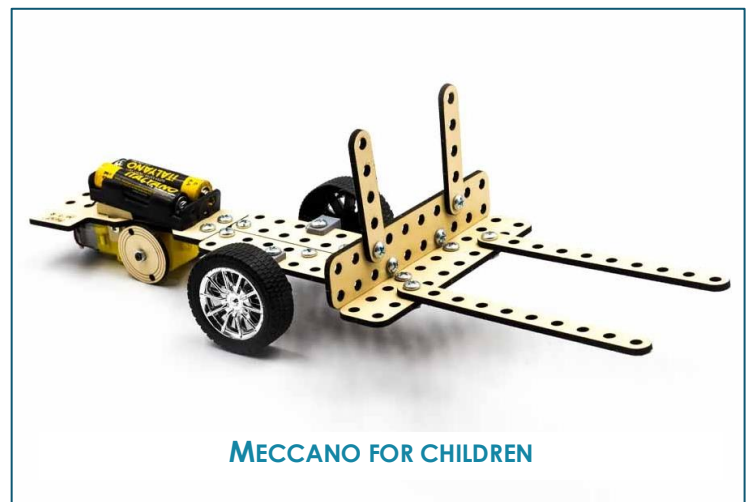
# HIGHLIGHTS

**New courses** In the past year we designed and released 3 new courses in Applied sciences

- Basic of control, Arduino Courses teach computer programming with simple devices and synthetic accessories such as sensors, motors, and different output devices.



- The third course is based on Meccano suitable for children 5-7 years, children build 40 models using simple resources science packs to learn the simple physics. We have added a small engine so children can add a movement mechanism to their models.



## Teaching in Turkish School

This year was the first time our applied science program was taught in Turkish schools of excellence (Syrian and Turkish students)

Our aim is to enhance social integration among Turkish and Syrian students and increase their acceptance of each other in a safe and



*They are schools affiliated with the Ministry of National Education and are not a substitute for formal education. Outstanding Schools aim to discover students with outstanding potential, support them and evaluate their potential. The students join those school after passing difficult tests and multiple requirements. Accepting students in these schools means that they study in both schools simultaneously. There are only 120 Schools in whole Turkey. one in Antakya city.*

healthy environment for refugee students in Turkish schools.

We are now operating in 3 Turkish schools in Antakya and Altinos one of which is a school of excellence (one of 285 Schools in Turkey providing Science courses for outstanding students.)

## Science laboratories

in the previous year, we opened applied science laboratories in schools that teach our program in applied sciences. This enables hundreds of students to study by attending the laboratory in shifts, using our resource boxes (thus reaching more children at a lower cost)

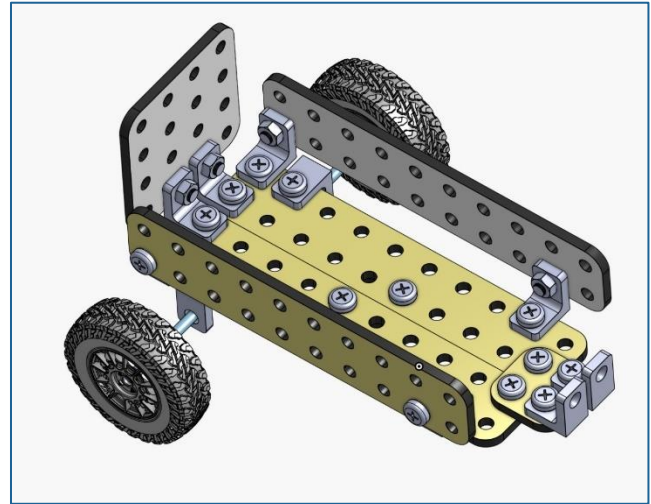


Now we have three laboratories dedicated to our programs in three schools in Antakya and Altinos

**Teacher training** During the past year we trained 15 new teachers to teach the Syrian Firefly program in applied sciences in Turkish schools.

## Program development

Work has also been done to improve the Syrian Firefly Program for Applied Sciences by designing catalogues and learning resource videos in each applied science program.



SAMPLE FROM MECCANO CATALOG

# OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- **In the past year we upgraded the legal classification of Firefly for Syrians in Turkey from an association to an organization** - This promotion is of great importance in terms of increased options it gives us in our field of work and in establishing partnerships, especially in Syria, in villages and refugee camps in areas managed by Turkish non-profit associations.
- **We signed MOU's with the Turkish Red Crescent** and with other organizations enabling us to send materials to our project sites in Syria Khirbet Al-Jouz, Qabasin, Bza'a.
- Substantial decoration and essential repair work in our main center was completed in August 2021.



**DELIVERY OF WINTER AID TO THE REFUGEE CAMP IN KHIRBET AL-JOUZ BY THE RED CRESCENT**



**BEFORE AND AFTER**

# FINALLY...

This is the sixth year that we have been operating, reaching thousands of Syrian refugee children living in very hard circumstances in refugee camps, remote villages, and tens of other locations, children suffering from war effects.

We respond to the ongoing needs of these vulnerable children, developing our programmes and staff.

760

average number  
of children we  
worked with over  
twelve months

After six years we have a very experienced core staff to lead and extend this work. The need is huge for children in Syria and Turkey.

We are grateful for your generous support, standing with us for these children.

Thank you very much.



Project Manager

Fadia Shaker



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## FIREFLY FOR SYRIANS

### ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

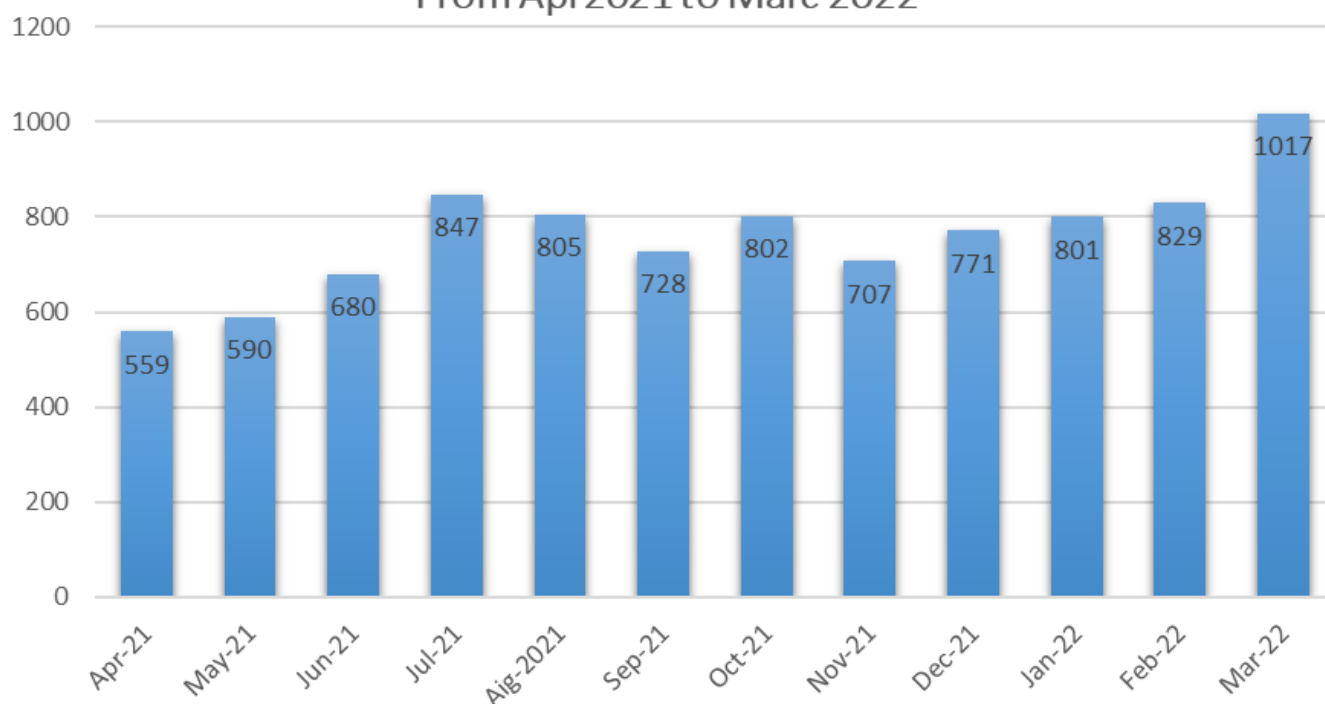
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## 1-MONTHLY CHILDREN CAPACITY FOR A YEAR

April 2021 – March 2022

Monthly Children capacity for Last 12 Month													
TOTAL	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	Year
	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aig-2021	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	MONTH
9136	559	590	680	847	805	728	802	707	771	801	829	1017	Students

Monthly Children capacity for 1 Year  
From Apr2021 to Marc 2022

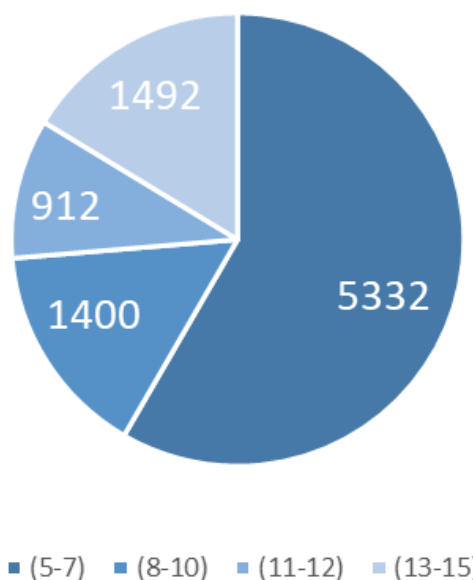


## 2-The number of children according to Age group

April 2021 – March 2022

The number of students according age group From April 2021-March 2022		
	Age group	No. of children
1	(5-7)	5332
2	(8-10)	1400
3	(11-12)	912
4	(13-15)	1492
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9136</b>

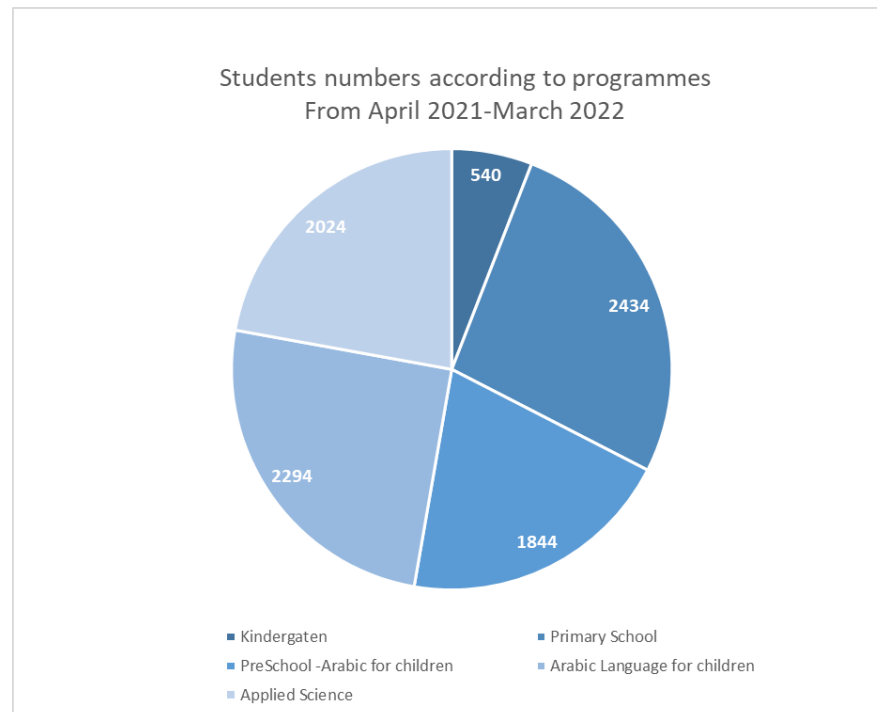
Children's number according to age group



### 3-The number of children according to our programmes

April 2021 – March 2022

students numbers according to Firefly Syria's programmes From April 2021-March 2022		
	Program	No. of children
1	Kindergaten	540
2	Primary School	2434
3	PreSchool -Arabic for children	1844
4	Arabic Language for children	2294
5	Applied Science	2024
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9136</b>



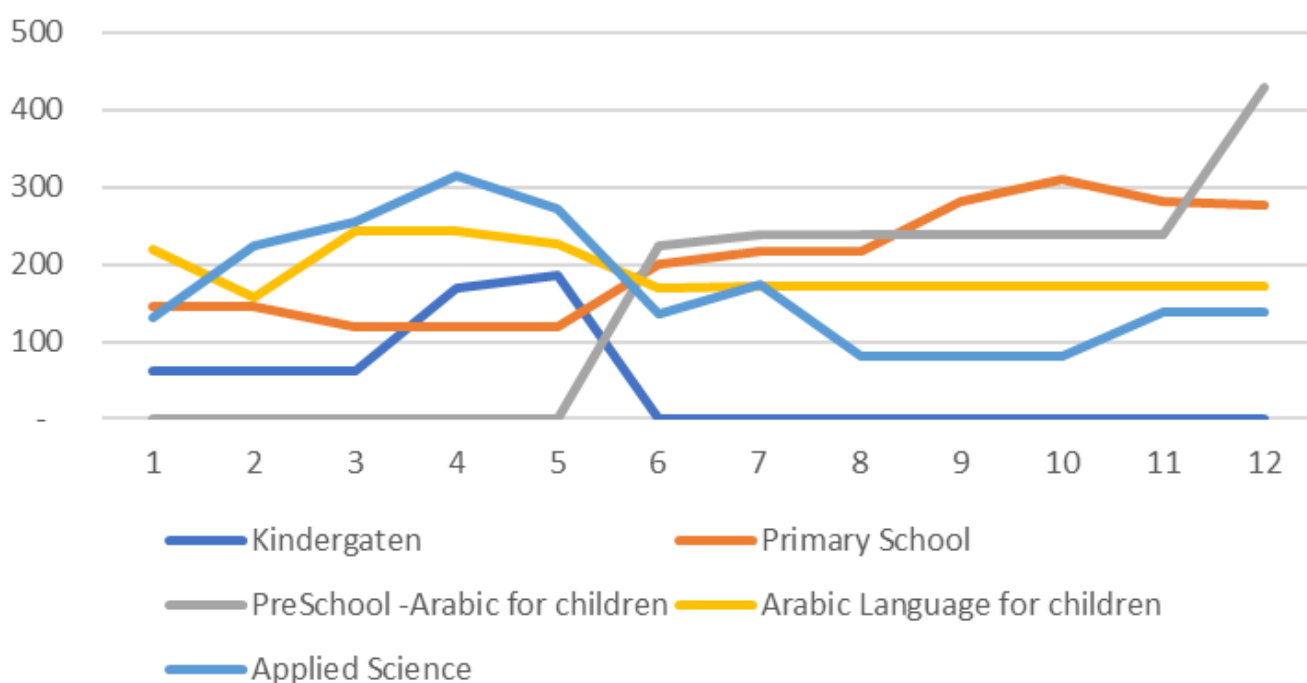
## 4-Timeline for each programme for a year

April 2021 – March 2022

Timeline for each programme for a year from April 2021-March 2022

	Programme	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	TOTAL
1	Kindergaten	62	62	62	169	185	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	540
2	Primary School	145	145	120	120	120	200	217	217	281	311	281	277	2,434
3	PreSchool -Arabic for children	-	-	-	-	-	224	238	238	238	238	238	430	1,844
4	Arabic Language for children	220	158	244	244	227	169	172	172	172	172	172	172	2,294
5	Applied Science	132	225	254	314	273	135	175	80	80	80	138	138	2,024
	TOTAL	559	590	680	847	805	728	802	707	771	801	829	1,017	9,136

Timeline for each programme for a year



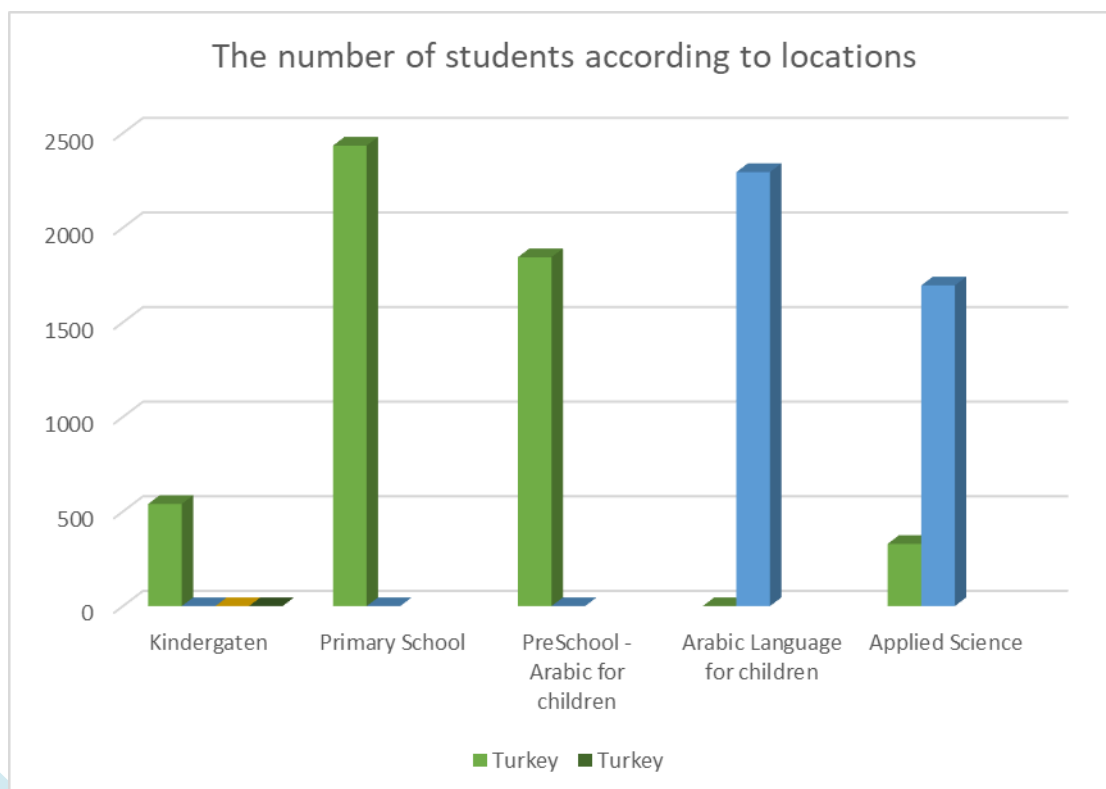


## 5-The number of students according to locations

April 2021 – March 2022

The number of students according to locations  
From Apr2021 to Mar 2022

	Program	country		Total
		Syria	Turkey	
1	Kindergaten	540	-	540
2	Primary School	2434	-	2434
3	PreSchool -Arabic for children	1844	-	1844
4	Arabic Language for children	-	2294	2294
5	Applied Science	329	1695	2024
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5147</b>	<b>3989</b>	<b>9136</b>



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## FIREFLY FOR SYRIANS

### HELPFUL LINKS

## Helpful Links



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[Firefly For Syrian You tube Channel](#)



[Primary School youtube channel link](#)



[Arabic for children youtube channel](#)

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**6 YEARS OF GIVING**

**THANK YOU FIREFLY INTERNATIONAL**

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