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Subject: Syria
- presentation by NRC

Following the COHAFA meeting of 4 Mai, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by the Norwegian Refugee Council Europe⁽¹⁾.

¹ Norwegian Refugee Council Europe, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 750447615329-96.



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- **The Norwegian Refugee Council**
COHAFA Briefing – May 2023



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Humanitarian Needs and Funding:

“What will the future look like for someone from the camp? What sort of a future are we talking about? The future of a child who can’t find food, or the future of a father who can’t provide for his family. The future for people here is to live through the day. Honestly, no one thinks about tomorrow. People live day by day.” – Ibrahim

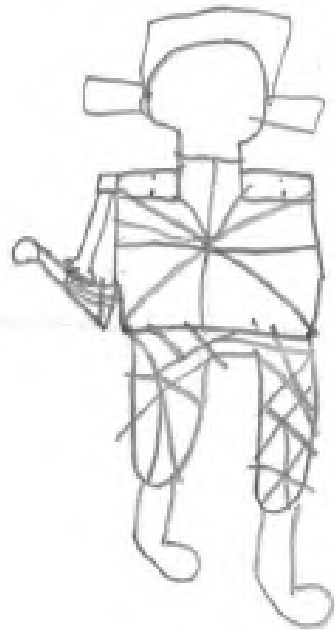


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“My kids keep asking me when we are going home,” says Mais, a mother who is still unable to find the words to explain to her children that their home was lost in the earthquake. “I tell them ‘tomorrow, soon’, but tomorrow has yet to come.”





- *Hatoun, 7-year old –Loves nature, and always asks the facilitators how the world outside the annex looks like. She once said: “I wish to see real flowers” and asked the teacher: “there are real flowers outside, right? Real and colourful? I haven’t seen any in my life” That’s why she keeps drawing field with flowers and grass.*



Principled Access by all means and modalities :

support all humanitarian actors working in NES, NWS and in GoS-held areas in their efforts to expand regular programming as long as it is implemented in line with the Core Humanitarian Standard and humanitarian principles. Humanitarian funding should be based purely on need and not influenced by the geographic location or modality of assistance



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UN Security Council re-authorise the cross-border mechanism in July 2023 when UNSC Resolution 2642 expires - for a minimum of 12 months to ensure that adequate UN-supported aid can continue to reach those most in need across NWS. A UNSCR provides the necessary guarantee of such access for the duration of the resolution that is currently not feasible through bilateral agreements alone.



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Thank you!

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