

Covenant With the Poor appeal 6-7 June 2020

A Glimmer of Light and Hope: Education for Syrian refugee children during Covid-19

Because of the war in Syria, there are 6.6 million internally displaced people in that country, and 4 million Syrian refugees living abroad. Today, our Trinity appeal is to support *Additional outreach educational activity for Vulnerable Girls* run by **Firefly International** at a Centre in Idlib and Firefly International's school in Khirbet Al Jouz refugee camp in North-West Syria. Currently pupils are able to come to a centre in Idlib city for workshops wearing face masks and adhering to social distancing. We hope to be able to support up to 80 girls who have missed out on their education. The girls, aged 7–14, have huge gaps in their learning. These workshops provide a daily activity for children who are living in extremely challenging conditions. These children have nothing to do during the long summer months - there are no playgrounds or other scheduled summer activities - they have only known war which continues, despite the lack of reporting. It is vital we reach these children in times of isolation and social distancing and the added complications that Covid-19 brings.



Firefly International, a UK registered charity founded in 1998, has a very strong track record of establishing and supporting locally-led projects in conflict and post-conflict regions. Their centres create safe, supportive and inclusive spaces for young people to learn, thrive and grow. Among the aims of this project are:

- to help young refugees to build up intellectual skills and self-esteem through a creative educational programme;
- to help them overcome post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) through interactive play and psychosocial support;
- and to restore confidence in the value of education in them and their families.

Please give this important project your support—you can donate by bank transfer:

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'If we don't take these girls, the streets will.'

Fadia Shaker,
Firefly International's
project leader



Object of funding	Outreach educational activity for Vulnerable Girls
Beneficiaries	80 girls aged 7-14 for 3 months
Amount requested	£5,000
Programme location	North West Syria, Khirbet Al Jouz and Idlib city
Firefly website	http://fireflyinternational.org