

# Annual Report

2014/2015



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putting the last, first.

# War is Empty

Empty apartment buildings, gutted out like dolls' houses that you can see into the rooms. Empty spaces that were once parks where children played and now avoid, because of snipers. Empty eyes in people's faces who stand in empty spaces where their homes used to be. Empty hearts struggling to get some hope back.

Rebuilding hope in empty places has been a major goal for us this past year in Questscope. Just last week a Syrian engineer in a refugee camp in Jordan asked me what my vision had been for our space in that camp 3 years ago. I really had no clue at that time. But I had years of experience with Syrians in their country - doctors, lawyers, artists, engineers, school teachers, nurses, librarians - and I knew that if we created positive space that needed their skills, abilities, and strengths, something would change. Beside me, another engineer broke in to say, «Because you created a space in which we were needed, we have been able to help our children, and that has given us hope.»

The opposite of emptiness is relationship. And relationships lead us to action to bring back hope. In our space in the camp, we needed them to be leaders. Syrian refugee volunteers led informal education for children with no other option for learning. They led a mentoring program in which 2,000 children, youth, and young adults formed strong supportive bonds for personal growth. They specialized in mentoring troubled adolescents who would have been drawn into greater harm. They plan, design, monitor, and implement youth programs now, interfacing with other agencies to draw in resources, hone skills, and establish partnerships.

A year of emptiness has been usurped. Sabotaged. Replaced with the subversion of relationships, action for others, and hope. No one needs to stand alone, with empty eyes, in empty spaces, with hearts empty of hope. When we come together, listen together, and act together, things can change, hope can grow.

Things have changed. This report carries the evidence - inside and outside refugee camps in Jordan and in Syria with displaced persons - refugees in their own country.

Be full of hope as you read this. I am, in spite of the conflicts around us. Your interest in us and support of us fills all of us with capacity to give a chance for hope to others.

**Dr. Curt Rhodes**

Founder & International Director  
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## The edge of dreams

Sami had an attitude. And a look. Oh, and now a dream.

Not quite 3 years ago, when he was 11, he and his family were ripped out of their lives in Syria, thrust into the Zaatari Refugee Camp with 100,000 other Syrians, and set on the perilous course of homeless people living among strangers with - nothing.

Getting through to age 14 is hard enough for a young guy without war and refugee stuff. He was illiterate, aggressive, and a thief - stealing from his family and neighbors - they owed him, right? Hanging with a bad crowd - and even they were repelled by his rotten attitude and lack of respect for anyone.

Bad attitude, thieving, disrespectful, generally a pain-in-the-neck kid. He exactly fit the profile of our project called «Youth in conflict with the law.» Headed towards violence. We picked him out of a crowd in a busy market and actually talked to him. So bored. So he was willing to visit our «space» for youth in the Camp.

He was welcomed by a Syrian mentor who absolutely would not take offense at his bad language, crappy attitude, and sullen look. In a little community of mentors and youth he found friendship, second chances, and people to belong to.

Sami is deep. When you hear what he has been through at such a young age, he makes you feel more like a human being. His hurts draw you together as two human beings who need each other to grow.

Sami is growing. He is in school now. He reaches out to other edgy kids with attitudes and looks, urging them to try out the Questscope community of mentors. His dream? To be someone others can depend on. To be worthy of trust.

He could have gone on in resentment and petty crime. Then more crime and violence. His story could have been very different. He could have died. He could have killed. But it stopped with a conversation in a noisy, crowded market with a guy who listened and a community who believed - in him.

We dream, too. That we can have more friends with attitude, sullen looks, and, oh yes, dreams.



# Inside Jordan

18,000  
Indirect Beneficiaries & Counting ...

3,500  
Direct Beneficiaries (Boys & Girls)

550  
Mentors/Teachers Trained

113  
Centers all over Jordan

## With Questscope

### We Have-

A Champion  
Lots of Fun  
Freedom  
Safety  
New Ideas



### We Are-

Respected  
Thinking of our Future  
Socially Connected  
Good Communicators  
Cool

**Donors and Partners  
Who Made This Happen**



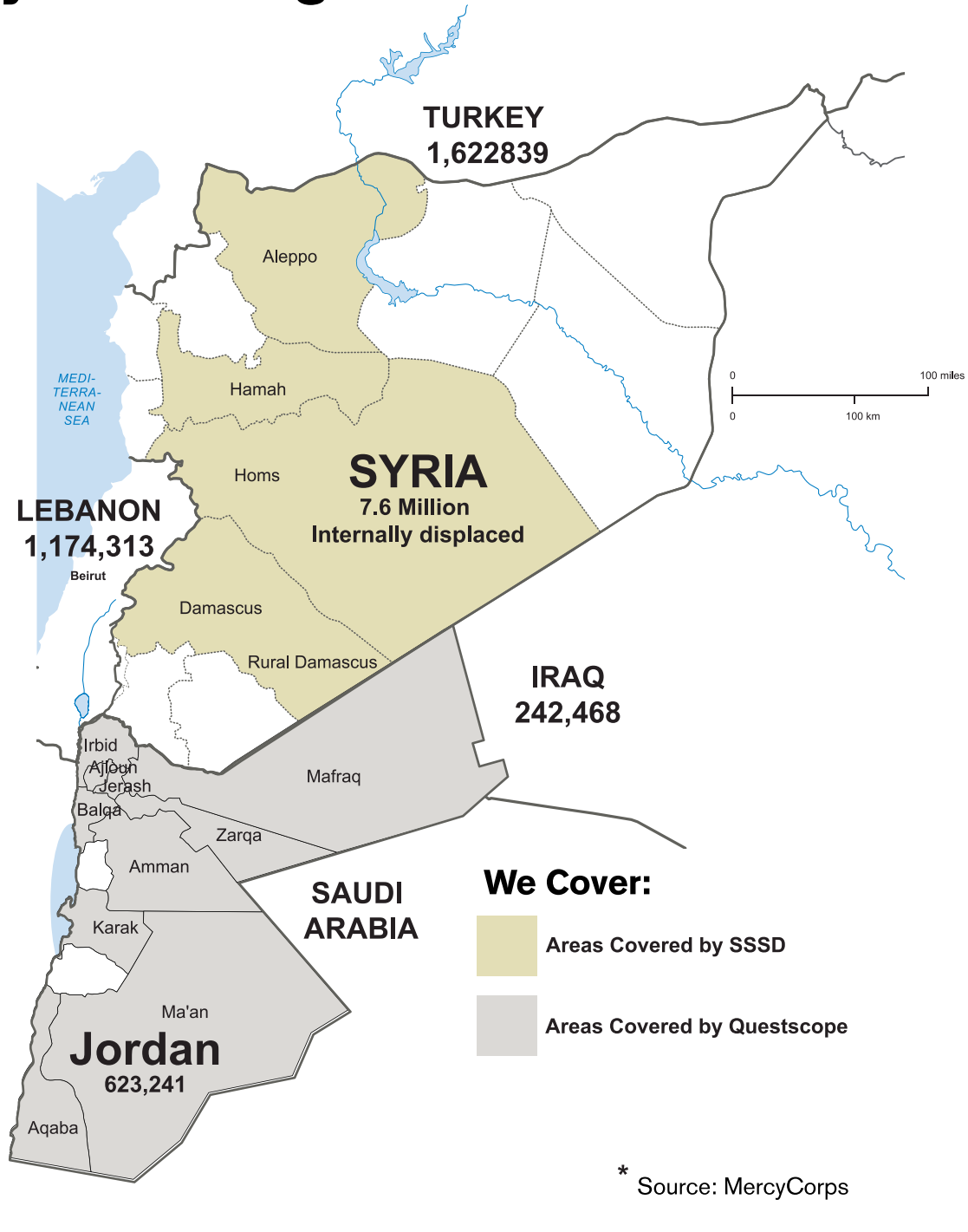
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# 4 Million Syrian Refugees in 5 Countries\*

## Inside Syria with our partner SSSD

The Syrian Society for Social Development was founded in 2009 in Damascus and registered with the Ministry of Social Affairs. Syrians from a wide variety of backgrounds provide effective responses to challenges facing Syrian youth. SSSD and Questscope cooperate through a formal Memorandum of Understanding that now includes youth and internally displaced children and their families.



\* Source: MercyCorps

## SSSD



الجمعية السورية للتنمية الاجتماعية  
SYRIAN SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

## Syrian Society for Social Development Action Highlights

- 30,000** *Syrians* were provided shelter, access to water/sanitation, and specialized trauma counseling
- 6,250** *Children* had access to "safe spaces" for learning and recreation
- 3,500** *Parents* were assisted with coping strategies for their families
- 300** *Of most vulnerable children* received direct psychosocial support



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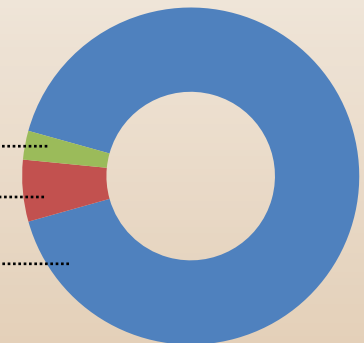
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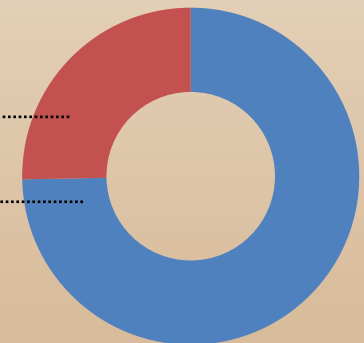
**Total Expenses**  
**\$2816075.31**

3% Fundraising  
\$77,724  
6% Administration  
\$166,712  
91% Program Activities  
\$2,571,640



**Total Revenue**  
**\$3155666.48**

25% US Donors  
\$798,306  
75% International Donors  
\$2,357,360



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