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I: MFA Founder and Executive Director

"Thou Shalt Not Stand Idly By ... "

The global pandemic has created a two year hiatus in our lives - and we're inching up on a third. Despite our best efforts, we might be facing another year of living at a distance from friends and family, and the things we love to do. Yet, we have become more optimistic of late, not only about surviving this virus and its variants, but also about managing it with vaccinations, boosters, and the science that urgently is seeking to discover how we can live with this, like we do the flu.

For the people of Syria, however, the hiatus has lasted 11 years, and there is no science coming to their rescue. How they have endured one of the world's most horrific and complex humanitarian emergencies for so long is incomprehensible.

Communities are still being bombed, displacing families over and over again. The country continues to spiral deeper into economic decline. Poverty and COVID are rampant. Prospects for any relief are bleak, and yet, the Syrian people we see every day are resilient survivors.

We opened this letter with a quote from Leviticus 19:16 which also happens to be the title of my [Georgette's] most recent book. Its message is the driving force behind our work, and it defines our supporters and supply partners who are galvanized daily to help. Among the gifts you give to the Syrian people living in despair, is that of hope. Evidence that they haven't been forgotten is in every shipment of lifesaving supplies you provide, and the amounts are staggering. By the end of 2021, MFA had distributed almost \$225 million of critical aid to more than 2.7 million Syrians in need. We have done this together.

One of our visions was to broaden our reach, and last year we seized an opportunity to put down roots inside northern Syria. From this vantage point we've gained greater oversight of our distributions, and are more adept at identifying and responding to the immediate needs of the communities we serve.

We now have an operations office and two healthcare facilities to fill the void caused by the deliberate destruction of Syria's healthcare infrastructure by the Assad regime and its allies. In the eight months since our primary healthcare facility opened in the northeast, MFA's medical team has cared for over 35,000 patients, and the diagnostic center in northwest Syria has seen 4,000 more. Our goal is to ensure that funding will be available to continue providing these essential services throughout 2022, and add more and specific projects and programs to fulfill the urgent and ceaseless demand. On the home front, MFA's advocacy efforts continue unabated, albeit virtually. We have kept in close contact with the offices of policy makers on Capitol Hill, pressing them to safely bring the fully-vetted Syrian refugees who have been waiting almost five years, into our country. Our message is a simple one. We want our government to uphold the values that define America - welcoming and caring for the stranger.

An important distinction to be made when we talk about "caring for" the stranger, and one that is fueled by misinformation, is that refugees are given a "free ride" when they come to this country. On the contrary. They are provided with a modest stipend (and some social services) for a short while, but within months they must begin repaying the government for travel and expenses, and demonstrate their efforts at self-sufficiency.

Syrians who are admitted to this country are educated entrepreneurial people. They bring their strength, knowledge and talents, and their overwhelming desire to build new lives. Data show that within two years Syrian refugees are independent, successful, and many have started businesses that hire Americans. Our role as citizens is to help them immigrate, assimilate, and become contributing members of society.

It is the American way to help those in need. We have seen enough disasters to know that what they all have in common, without exception, are the neighbors who flock from all over the country to pitch in bringing food, clothing, skills, and comfort to ease the burden of others. That coming together to help a stranger is America at its best.

That is what you represent to us. In raising awareness of the insurmountable crisis affecting the Syrian people, we asked for your help to fulfill our mission, and you never wavered. We can think of no better way to thank you than to share the video links below relaying expressions of gratitude from the people on whose lives your generosity has had the greatest impact.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4MNXR3j0I> - <https://youtu.be/2Q00b6jqpRk>

With deepest appreciation for your ongoing support,



Dr. Georgette Bennett
Founder

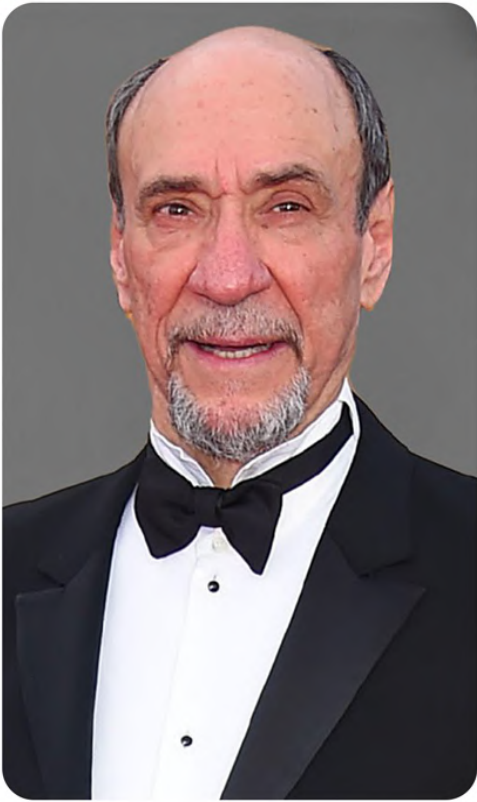
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II: MFA Spokesperson, F. Murray Abraham



The 2022 New Year burst on the scene with the baggage of 2021, but brought its own new COVID variant, and suddenly Omicron was a household word. I'm proud of my fellow New Yorkers, who, despite the weariness of three years of COVID protocols, and not a little grumbling, seem to have learned to live with this virus safely.

Another holdover from last year's epidemics is the spate of violence that has rocked the country, and we seem to be scratching our heads about what to do. New York is one of the cities that has been hit particularly hard, and I am hopeful that our new mayor -- a former police officer -- and a new no-nonsense governor, who seems to possess the rare quality of having the courage of her convictions, will combine their power and wisdom to solve these life and way-of-life-threatening issues.

This increase in crime is prevalent on my mind because of what it has taken from us - our sense of peace. Feeling vulnerable and threatened robs you of that. When I think of peace, my mind is always drawn to the Syrian people who have endured 11 years of war. I find it unimaginable. Yet, I know there are things we can do as a country to help, if only for those who wish to immigrate.

When the new administration immediately lifted the ban on Muslim refugees, I was greatly encouraged. President Biden promised to admit 62,500 refugees in fiscal year 2021, almost 50,000 more than the previous administration, (but it still is only half of the UN's annual recommendation). So far, the admission numbers are a disappointing trickle.

There are 29,000 fully vetted Syrian refugees, mostly women and children, who have been waiting in the pipeline for five years for legal entry into the country. Meaningful action is needed by us and our elected officials to accelerate the process.

What can we do to help? MFA's website (www.multifaithalliance.org) will give you the information and tools you need to contact your representatives to press them to act on behalf of these refugees.

As a Syrian and a long-time spokesperson for MFA, the integrity and values of the Syrian people are well-known to me. The horrific protracted war they have suffered began with peaceful protests for free and fair elections. What happened next was life-shattering. Those who cannot stay in Syria wish to come here for opportunity not handouts. And I know this because that's what my grandfather and father did, and they instilled in my brothers and me a work ethic, not a free ride mentality.

The other important thing you can do is support MFA. Despite the challenges of the war, the pandemic, supply chain issues, and more, they have continued to deliver massive amounts of humanitarian aid into Syria - an impressive \$225 million worth! Not content with just sending aid, which has already benefitted almost 2.7 million people, last year MFA set up offices inside Syria to provide medical care to thousands of displaced people - more than 39 thousand just since last May, and their goal is to sustain these services and add more.

I am not only MFA's spokesperson, I also am a donor, and I invite you to join me. I speak of their accomplishments with great pride and satisfaction. From my perspective, I can assure you that the money you give could not be better spent.

With appreciation,

F. Murray Abraham

III: Situation on the Ground: Syria Needs Assessment

A decade into the Syrian humanitarian crisis, factors driving humanitarian needs among Syria's population have multiplied. The March 2020 Idlib ceasefire agreement led to a reduction in hostilities and large-scale displacement compared to the peak of the crisis. However, during the second half of 2021, hostilities have re-intensified along front lines in northern and southern Syria, triggering new displacements and destruction as well as continued violations of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law. At the same time, the long-standing needs of an estimated 6.9 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) remain staggering, particularly for the more than two million people in 1,760 informal settlements and planned camps, often hosted in inadequate shelters with limited access to basic services. Further, the resources of host communities are overstretched, and Syrians who have returned to their - often destroyed - places of origin continue to face inadequate living standards.

Throughout 2021, the economic situation has continued to deteriorate sharply. The combined effects of currency depreciation, soaring prices, reduced fiscal spending, and widespread job loss have plunged segments of the population into great humanitarian need. Their ability to meet basic needs and access basic services has decreased further. The income gap has widened across the country, with average household expenditure now exceeding available income by 50% compared to 20% in August 2020. As a result, families have increasingly resorted to harmful coping mechanisms. These include child labor, child marriages, and the sale of productive household assets.

Food insecurity has grown. Syria was ranked among the 10 most food insecure countries globally by mid-2021, with an estimated 12.8 million people considered food insecure.

Basic service delivery across Syria continues to be vastly inadequate and hampered by damaged infrastructure, lack of critical supplies, and, increasingly, financial unaffordability. One of the most pressing concerns is the scarcity of trained staff required to deliver and maintain basic services due to displacement, death and/or impairment, and the lack of specialized training. By way of example, in almost half of all sub-districts in Syria, the number of health-care workers (doctors, nurses and midwives) is less than 11 per 10,000 people. This is catastrophically below emergency standards of at least 22 per 10,000 people. With just 2% of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the country recording its highest weekly case numbers as of late October, the pandemic continues to take its toll on Syrians and overburden the fragile health system.

In 2021, climatic shocks affecting natural resources, particularly water, have intensified and exacerbated humanitarian impact. In the north, and in northeast Syria in particular, insufficient rainfall combined with historically low water levels in the Euphrates River have not only reduced access to water for drinking and domestic use for over 5 million people, but also triggered substantial harvest and income losses, an increase in waterborne diseases and additional protection risks. In the medium to long term, these developments are expected to worsen high food insecurity and malnutrition rates in the region.

Access to humanitarian aid in Syria continues to be challenged by geopolitical dynamics, periodic border-crossing closures and COVID-19 measures. The number of border-crossing points authorized by the UN Security Council for UN-delivered assistance and supplies remains limited to one (Bab al Hawa at the Turkish border), which is a reduction from four in 2019.

Downward trends are expected across all major need drivers in 2022. However, new or recurrent displacements across the country are likely to remain similar to those recorded in 2021. This year, an estimated 800,000 people will become displaced, and 250,000 previous IDPs will return to their homes, stretching the need for humanitarian assistance far beyond the capacity to fulfill. In a context where 90% of the population is estimated to live below the poverty line, the socioeconomic deterioration is expected to trigger further increases in extreme poverty, and to aggravate already alarming food insecurity and malnutrition rates and protection concerns.

Basic service delivery will remain inadequate, and will be hampered by the lack of infrastructure, investment, human resources, and an increasingly unreliable electricity supply. If political agreements cannot be reached by rival factions who control some of the critical water stations across Syria, then regular access to safe water through public networks will remain a particular challenge for over 500,000 people in northeastern Al-Hasakeh Governorate, as well as for an estimated 184,000 people in Al-Bab subdistrict in Aleppo Governorate. With COVID-19 vaccination coverage expected to grow slowly throughout 2022 and continued poor adherence to preventive measures, the population - particularly health-care professionals and front-line workers - will remain at heightened risk of contracting COVID-19, and health services will continue to be disrupted. The combined humanitarian response by UN agencies, international and local organizations, and other actors that reached 6.7 million people on average each month in 2021, is estimated to have prevented a more pronounced deterioration in humanitarian suffering and served as a vital lifeline for millions of people. However, the response still remains insufficient to stem or revert the downward trends described here. Underfunding of the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan - funded at only 44% of total requirements - has contributed to a decrease in the number of people reached each month (6.7 million in the first half of 2021 compared to 7.4 million in the same period in 2020).

HRP	People in need	People targeted	Requirements (US\$)	Funding coverage
2022	14.0 M	12.0 M	4.2 B	
2021	13.4 M	11.1 M	4.2 B	44%
2020	11.0 M	9.0 M	3.3 B	58%
2019	11.7 M	11.7 M	3.3 B	64%
2018	13.0 M	11.2 M	3.4 B	63%
2017	13.5 M	12.8 M	3.4 B	57%
2016	13.5 M	13.5 M	3.2 B	55%

1 Source - Global Humanitarian Overview, published by the UN Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

IV: Humanitarian Relief Projects

Last year, MFA was met with the challenge of rising shipping costs and unparalleled logistical hurdles. It was widely reported that the world faced an unprecedented supply chain and shipping crisis in 2021. As a result, containers available for our humanitarian relief shipments became scarce, and our total shipping costs increased 57% compared to 2020. At the same time, global supply chain issues reduced the local availability and affordability of essential supplies in Syria, making our response even more critical.

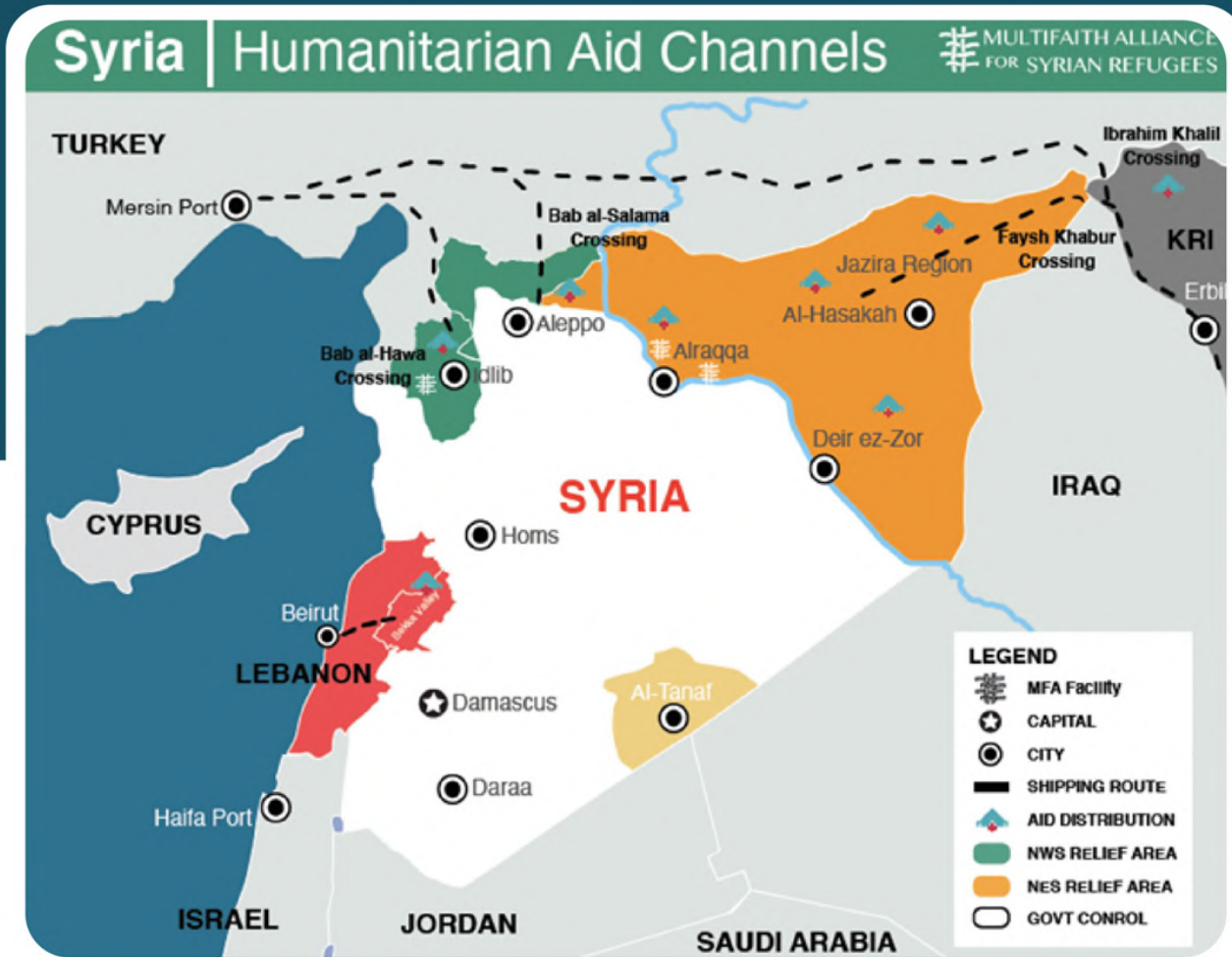
Despite these obstacles, we are pleased to report that MFA was able to respond to increased needs by outpacing our 2020 shipments. Throughout 2021, MFA provided thirty-nine 40-foot containers filled with more than \$52 million worth of humanitarian relief to northern Syria, Lebanon, northern Iraq (KRI), and Turkey. These shipments served over 230,000 beneficiaries (representing over 150 communities) and included emergency food and nutrition kits, clothing, household supplies, medicines, and medical supplies, and essential PPE.

To expand our reach as much as possible, MFA deepened key partnerships this year. Our aid distribution partners are organizations that are well-positioned on the ground, are able to meet our requirements, move supplies quickly, and work effectively with local communities and regional authorities. With their support, MFA has been able to reach isolated camps and communities where other organizations (limited by governmental or other constraints) have been unable to respond. Notably, this year MFA began distributing relief in Lebanon and Turkey through new partnerships with the Lebanese Food Bank and IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation.





A. Aid Shipments & Distribution Network



B. Primary Healthcare Center

In June 2021 MFA established a Primary Healthcare Center (PHC) in northeast Syria (NES) to serve a region without access to basic health care caused by the decimation of Syria's healthcare infrastructure by the Assad regime and his allies. Essential services have been further diminished as both donors and service providers rushed to respond to the pandemic, resulting in the closure of many of the primary healthcare facilities that remained.

MFA's facility is the only PHC in the area with a catchment population of more than 50,000. Its objective is to enhance accessibility of healthcare services for IDPs and the host community by providing comprehensive primary health services, prioritizing the most vulnerable groups: women, children under five years old, and people with disabilities. The PHC's medical staff includes a pediatric doctor, an internist, a midwife, two nurses, and a pharmacist. All services are provided without cost to patients, and include:

- General health consultations
- Newborn and child health consultations
- Management of communicable and noncommunicable diseases
- Sexual and reproductive care
- Distribution of free medications
- Clinical management of sexual assault and rape
- Identification of gender-based violence cases: safe and coordinated referrals to secondary care, trauma services, and social services
- Routine immunization and leishmaniasis treatment in cooperation with the Ar-Raqqa health directorate and The Mentor Initiative.

Since the PHC became operational on June 15th through the end of this year, we have served the primary health needs of:

Month	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
June	160	616	198	189	1,163
July	538	2,325	905	951	4,719
August	713	2,647	1,076	1,146	5,582
September	858	2,551	1,055	1,048	5,512
October	695	1,747	862	810	4,114
November	1,139	1,992	1,584	1,644	7,751
December	944	2,656	2,123	2,028	7,751
Total	5,047	14,534	7,803	7,816	35,200

The strategic location of the PHC has significantly enhanced MFA's ability to distribute humanitarian aid throughout the NES region. It quickly became a hub from which MFA distributed 120,000 bottles of complete pregnancy supplements to all the health facilities in the Ar-Raqqa governate, as well as to several in neighboring Deir-ez-Zor governate that provide sexual and reproductive care services to twenty-seven locations in total.

The scale of these distributions was made possible by the participation of community health worker teams and local MFA staff who were involved in delivering these supplements directly to women across nine formal and informal camp settlements. MFA plans to expand its reach by leveraging the cooperation of local groups on the ground.

In the fight against COVID-19, MFA intensified its efforts to source and deliver essential PPE to health professionals and aid workers across the region. Of our thirty-nine shipments in 2021, eighteen of them included massive amounts of masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, and filtering facepiece respirators.





Click the following links to hear from PHC staff and beneficiaries:

<https://youtu.be/kBMdPISfF0>

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=GuOv3I3IDvE;>

C. Diagnostic Center

In the spring of 2021, MFA made a one-year commitment to support a diagnostic center in Idlib city, which is the only facility providing free MRI, CT scan, and digital x-ray services in northwest Syria. The center provides for more than 700 patients monthly, most of whom are referred from other health facilities in different parts of northwest Syria. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for advanced diagnostic screening and follow-up care. MFA supports the maintenance of the imaging machines as well as the costs for operating the center, including staff salaries and other direct and indirect costs. Since May, the diagnostic center has served 3,901 patients.



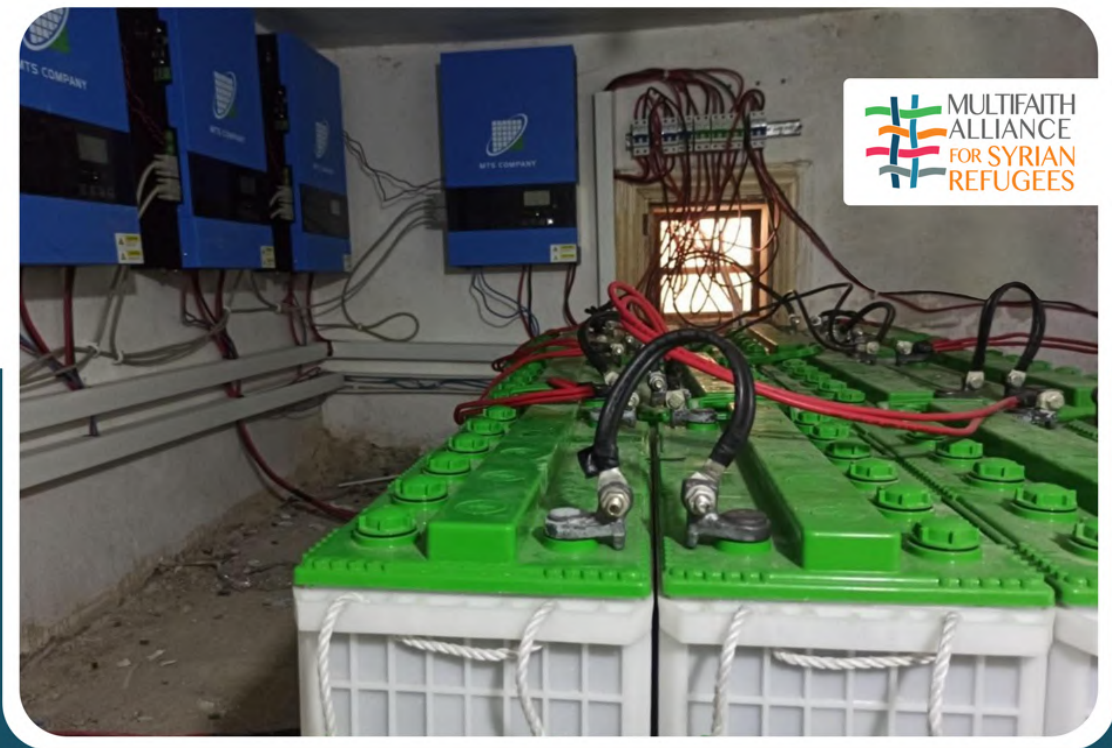
Click the following link to hear from Diagnostic Center staff and beneficiaries:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=P1TlvKx4f-s&t=1s>

D. Drinking Water – Watergen

To address the chronic shortage of drinkable water in Syria, we are in the process of installing the first two Watergen units in northeast Syria. MFA plans to install a total of ten, funding permitting these units in northeast Syria. These units use unique Israeli technology to convert droplets of moisture from the air into pure drinking water through a patented, high-tech condensation process. Once installed, they connect to the plumbing system of a pre-existing building to provide drinkable water. This project will not only meet the needs of many, but also continue our ongoing commitment to foster cross-border humanitarian diplomacy between Israelis and Syrians. Overcoming several delays due to global supply chain and shipping challenges, both units arrived at our PHC in December. Our local staff is now preparing them for use and will have close oversight over the installation and ongoing operation of these units. The first of the two units will be installed at MFA's PHC. Since Watergen technology is new to us, our team expects to quickly become adept at installing and operating these units. By working in partnership with remote support from Watergen engineers based in Israel we will be able to identify any unique issues not confronted in Watergen's prior installations. Once the first unit is fully operational, we expect the installation of the second to be swift.





V: Raising Awareness

A. Advocacy

The ongoing pandemic continued to affect legislation on Capitol Hill. Many offices remained closed for public discussions and lobbying. Staff members worked remotely, and the "people's business" focused heavily on a few of this Administration's priorities, such as budget issues.

The pandemic also changed how MFA, like other organizations, handled advocacy. Meetings with Hill staff shifted from the usual method of in-person visits on Capitol Hill to lengthy phone discussions and Zoom meetings. Hearings we monitored were also done on C-SPAN and Zoom, as legislators were also in lockdown and/or often scattered throughout the country.

Despite all this, we continued to place the Syrian humanitarian crisis front and center in dealing with Capitol Hill and the new Administration.

As the new Administration was getting settled, we made sure that Secretary of State Anthony Blinken had a copy of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program's far-reaching report, prepared in consultation with MFA, **"Fulfilling U.S. Commitment to Refugee Resettlement: Protecting Refugees, Preserving National Security & Building the U.S. Economy through Refugee Admissions."**

The report was made possible by a grant from the Howard and Abby Milstein Foundation, long-time supporters of MFA, and was prompted by the 11 year war that created massive numbers of Syrian refugees. It contains extensive recommendations regarding the United States' historical role in protecting vulnerable refugees, safeguarding foreign policy interests, advancing American job creation, and complying with humanitarian and legal obligations. We believe it will assist this Administration and the Hill in developing more effective implementation and modernization of the Refugee Resettlement program.

In January, our efforts helped ensure the renewal of the temporary protected status (TPS) program for Syrians here in the U.S. As part of The Immigration Act of 1990, TPS is a temporary immigration status provided to nationals of designated countries like Syria that are confronting an ongoing armed conflict, among other categories. It provides a work permit and stay of deportation for those nationals temporarily in the U.S. who would otherwise face deportation to their now dangerous war-torn homeland.

We not only helped gain the 18 months renewal for current TPS holders, but ensured a lifeline for Syrians in the U.S. whose other visas were expiring. We pressed the Administration to provide for their re-designation into that program. The last Administration renewed TPS for current holders but had not provided for re-designation.

We also focused on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that annually looms large, both from a U.S. budget perspective, and in the diverse issues it includes. Some provisions focus on the use of artificial intelligence; military construction; national security related energy programs; studying contracting for reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan; protecting whistleblowers; parameters for the U.S. president invoking executive privilege, etc.

MFA worked hard to get a measure in the NDAA to address the staggering amount of money -- some \$3 billion-- that Syrian President Bashar Al Assad has netted from Syria's manufacture and sale of the illegal drug Captagon. In fact, Assad has allowed his cronies to virtually turn Syria into a "Narco state."

Captagon, sometimes called "the poor man's cocaine" or the "ISIS drug" (because ISIS fighters use it for energy and focus) is an illegal substance now flooding the Middle East and permeating Europe. Increasingly, it is manufactured in Syrian abandoned warehouses and shipped out through Syrian ports.

Rep. French Hill's (R.AK) provision in the House version of the NDAA, for which we vigorously lobbied, calls for an interagency study of the Captagon crisis and a report to the Congress laying out a strategy to deal with it. While it passed the House, it was excluded in the Senate version put forward by Senator Roger Marshall (R.KS.). MFA is now active with both the House and Senate members in advocating for freestanding bills to do the same things.

MFA has also been active legislatively on both the TRAP Act and the Counter-Kleptocracy Act. Those bills would address a dictator's penchant to use Interpol access to information as a means to thwart dissidents -- creating arrest warrants for them and wrapping them up in costly and specious red tape. A provision on the TRAP Act did pass both the House and Senate as part of the NDAA.

Another important provision for which we sought support required that within six months, the U.S. release information on all the financial holdings of Assad, his family, and cronies. This could eventually be used as an effective tool in placing other strategic sanctions on all those individuals.

MFA continues its work on the Senate side to gain passage of the important Basam Barabundi Rewards for Justice Act. This would amend the State Department's Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State for information regarding individuals or entities that are contravening U.S. sanctions.

This is particularly important in dealing with Syria where efforts are constantly underway to subvert the Caesar sanctions. Those sanctions target industries including the Syrian infrastructure, military maintenance and energy production, along with individuals and businesses that provide funding or assistance to Assad to advance this war.

MFA also took an active role to ensure that there would be no future bans on Muslims, or people from other religions, entering the U.S. President Biden eliminated the anti-Muslim ban when he took office. But to insure that future presidents would not attempt to institute a ban during their administration, both the House and Senate introduced standing bills to close loopholes in the immigration law on this.

A House of Representatives version of the bill called the No Ban Act, (HR 1333) did pass, but the Senate version hasn't been voted upon by Senators yet. We will, of course, continue to focus concerted efforts on this



Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees representatives at a No Muslim Ban rally in D.C.

B.Public Awareness Campaign

The pandemic and its medical, economic, and political fallout continue to dominate the airwaves. Accordingly, it is absolutely critical that MFA continues to find ways to maintain public awareness of the tremendous needs in Syria. Working within guidelines limiting in-person connection, this year we continued efforts to raise awareness through virtual speaking events throughout 2021, which included:

- A week-long screening of the Emmy-award winning documentary, *Brightness of Noon: The Intersect of Faith, Immigration and Refugees, Part II* in commemoration of World Refugee Day.
- Presentations to Seattle's Holocaust Center for Humanity, George Washington University, Williams College, Wesleyan College, the University of Pennsylvania, and UC San Diego.

In addition to these discussions, we also made a concerted effort to raise awareness through content that elevates the perspectives of the communities we serve. As part of our plans to do so, MFA entered an arrangement with Live Point Studios, which is a Syria-based production company. This year Live Point produced a strategic campaign about Syria and MFA's work that has consisted of 17 videos so far - with an additional 6 planned for release in 2022. The videos are in Arabic and English and underscore showing how MFA's support has positively changed the lives of our beneficiaries. They emphasize their strength, resilience, and hope.

VI: Get Involved

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For \$6,500, individuals or groups can cover 100% of shipping and logistical costs to send a 40-foot container of relief supplies to Syria. Once the supplies are distributed, donors receive a comprehensive report with photographs and detailed information about the container's contents, its value, the location and number of people reached, and the impact it had on them.

Invite an MFA speaker

[Contact Us](#)

By sharing their compelling personal stories, MFA leaders will help your organization better understand the Syrian refugee crisis. Our team offers its expertise in collaborating to create a speaking event, virtually or in-person that assuredly will be inspiring and memorable. Learn first-hand about the situation on the ground in Syria from eyewitness accounts of MFA colleagues who work in the Northeast and Northwest regions. By providing in-depth knowledge of the ongoing crisis, MFA will help you and your organization discover opportunities to become involved in projects and programs that strengthen and empower displaced Syrians to begin rebuilding their lives.

On the home front, with a new administration has come revitalization of our advocacy efforts for rational U.S. refugee policies. Invite MFA's speakers to motivate your community to take action and become voices for policy changes that not only are lifesaving, they also honor the precepts of all of our faiths to help the needy, the oppressed, the stranger and the disadvantaged, and reinforce American values.

MFA's Mission

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