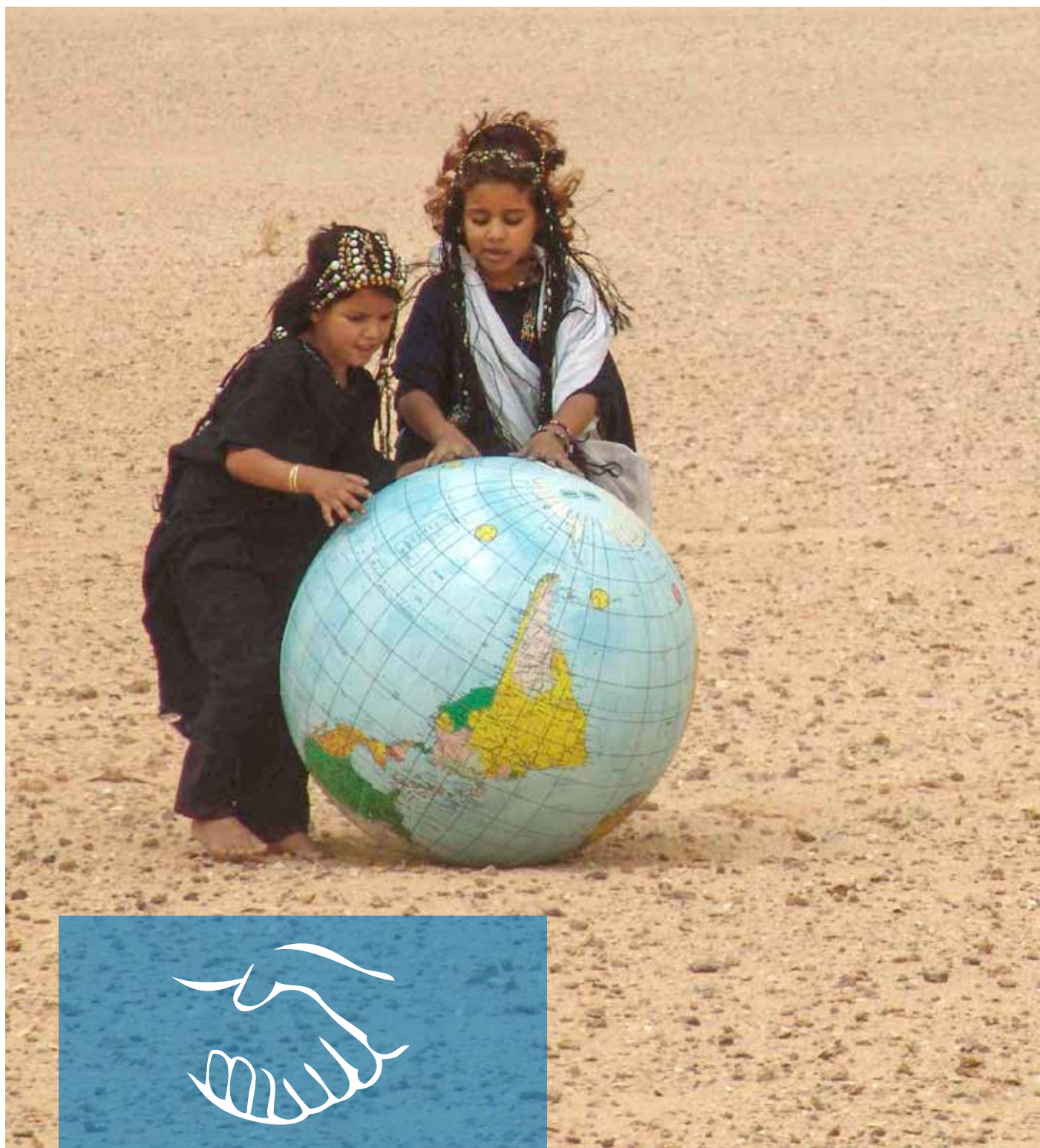


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Dear Donor

There are stories that are more than just reports. They are encounters with people whose courage, hope, and dignity touch us deeply. When we look at the world - at Gaza, Central Asia, or North Africa - we see crises, conflicts, and poverty. But behind every statistic are real people. And that is exactly where our heartfelt mission begins.

There is Yousef (name changed) in Gaza, standing before the ruins of his home and believing he has lost everything. Amid destruction, he experiences unexpected help and discovers new hope. There is Rana in Central Asia, who is desperately fighting for her son's health and is grateful for a clinic that treats him for free. And in North Africa, a young couple is rejected by their own family and has to start all over again - with courage, hard work, and support that enable them to build a new future.

These stories show us something crucial: hope often grows where it is least expected. It arises when people stand up for one another - across the boundaries of culture, religion, or origin.

Our work is therefore more than humanitarian aid. It is a sign of humanity in action. It involves seeing people in their time of need, listening to them, and seeking ways together toward a better future. Sometimes this happens through food, medical care, or education. Sometimes through personal relation which encourages someone.

What all these stories have in common is the realization that even small gestures can have a big impact. A loaf of bread, a blanket, a medical consultation - or simply someone who doesn't look away.

This heartfelt mission is carried by many people in tandem: local partners, courageous volunteers - and you, who support this work. Together, we send a message of hope to a world that desperately needs it.

For hope changes lives. And sometimes it begins very quietly - with an open heart.

Your SwissRelief ●





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Where

Active in 13 countries in the Middle East, North Africa, Central America and Asia.



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Who

Over 20 projects implemented by local partners.



200,000

Whom

Over 200,000 people helped every year.



Focus

How

on disaster relief, reconstruction, literacy, education, networking, aid distributions, advocacy, refugee relief, food, water, MED/start-ups, medical care, etc.

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CENTRAL ASIA Grateful for Medical Assistance



Screening of malnourished children during the food distributions.

Despite small signs of economic growth, many ordinary people feel none of it. According to the latest estimates, three out of four households do not have reliable access to healthcare or clean water. Families have hardly any savings left to cope with shocks such as a devastating earthquake or the sudden return of over 2 million refugees from neighbouring countries.

Over 9 million people suffer from acute food insecurity. In this ongoing crisis, SwissRelief was able to provide 16,951 families with food parcels, winter blankets and jackets in 2025. In addition, 1,257 families received emergency relief packages after the earthquake.

Women and girls are increasingly being pushed out of society. More than 78% of women no longer have access to work or education. All the more encouraging was the fact that our clinics were still able to employ women, as 95% of treatments concerned women and children. In total, 112,546 patients were treated in the two clinics. In addition, 129,930 visitors were trained in how to live more healthily and prevent diseases with simple means.

Rana, a young widow who can barely survive on her low income from her laundry shop, reports: "Most of the

time we do not have good food, so our children often get sick. A few days ago, my son Yasin suddenly suffered from vomiting and diarrhoea. His condition deteriorated rapidly. We came to this clinic, which started treatment immediately. Now, three days later, my son is doing much better. We are so grateful for this clinic, which treated us free of charge!" ●



Women are educated about health issues in the waiting room.

NORTH AFRICA Strengthening Couples and Supporting Children



The participating married couples are challenged in a creative way. One couple announced afterwards that they will cancel their planned divorce.

In Mauritania, this year's seminar to strengthen married couples was again a great success and received positive coverage in the local media. The aim of strengthening marriages is to counteract the high divorce rate, which further exacerbates the considerable financial difficulties faced by many families. It is common practice in Mauritania to dissolve marriages lightly. Many people have been divorced several times. Yet the greatest victims are not the divorced parents, but their children. It is not uncommon for them to end up as "semi-street children", particularly when both parents remarry and

do not wish any contact with their children from their previous marriage. If the future of children in Mauritania is to be improved, it makes strategic sense to reduce the number of divorces. This gives children a more intact hope for the future—and many married couples also live happier lives.

A partner in another North African country is also working to create a better future for children by establishing a school. The school aims to foster an educational approach based on respect rather than intimidation, and by moving away from memorization, it seeks to

create an environment that ideally supports the children's development. Launched in the second half of 2025, the school already enjoys a good reputation, partly because children are taught foreign languages from an early age. Parents are enthusiastic about the atmosphere at the school and the progress their children are making there. During the summer, all schools in this region are closed for 3 months due to the heat. During this time, our partner wants to offer the often unsupervised children an additional program with meaningful activities. We are happy to help. ●



The end of the semester is heartily celebrated! All teachers are deeply committed to their work and passionate about it

WEST BANK & GAZA Food and Drinking Water

The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip has not improved significantly since the ceasefire in October 2025, as too few aid deliveries are still reaching those in need. The security risk remains high due to recurring outbreaks of fighting. The healthcare system has largely collapsed, and diarrhoeal diseases and infections are spreading. The majority of the population has been displaced and is living in overcrowded emergency shelters or out in the open. Women, widows and orphans are often hit the hardest.

Throughout 2025, SwissRelief provided emergency aid by distributing food to the poorest and most vulnerable families, including regular supplies of baby food. At various hotspots, we distributed clean drinking water,

which is otherwise scarce in Gaza. We provided displaced people with essential tents, mattresses, blankets, clothing, basic kitchen utensils and solar power to charge their communication devices.

In the West Bank, the economic situation has continued to deteriorate for most residents. In 2025, SwissRelief distributed food to many families who have lost their income, to refugee families and to stranded jobseekers from Gaza. For years, we have also been supporting an educational facility comprising a nursery, primary school and leisure centre, where children from refugee camps learn the value of reconciliation rather than joining the cycle of hatred between the hostile ethnic groups. Since the start of the war, this educational mission has become



Provision of tents to people in need in Gaza

even more important—not least to strengthen the children's self-esteem, creativity and ability to resolve conflicts. ●



Distribution of clean drinking water in Gaza

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ALGERIA Life Is Restored

Unfortunately, the following account is not an isolated case in Algeria and is representative of many others. A young couple with a small child increasingly distances themselves from the traditions and beliefs of their extended family. A dispute over life choices finally proves to be the last straw and the situation escalates: The young family is disowned by their relatives; their parents no longer wish to see them, they are forced to leave their home, and the husband loses his job. They have no choice but to leave their hometown and move to another city. They choose a place where the influence of their extended family is minimal. Here, they start from scratch and must build a new life for themselves.

First, they need a flat to rent. Their child is not yet of school age, which makes the move easier. Next, they need a source of income. We learn about their situation and work with them and the local partner to draw up



Thanks to start-up funding, a single mother was able to become economically independent.



The couple learned quickly and can now produce fresh cheese themselves.

a plan. They have previous experience in agriculture. The new town relies on agriculture and trade. Due to geopolitical tensions, not many fresh organic products are being imported, so there is a growing demand for them.

Therefore, they are trained in making various types of cheese using organic milk. With some start-up funding, they can rent a small shop and sell their products there. Before long, they offer other organic products from the region alongside their cheese. Thanks to the small shop, they quickly get to know the local community and build social connections. After about a year, they tell us: "We've finally settled in and feel at home again. Thank you for helping us!" ●

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