## COUNTRY PROFILE // SYRIA

## BACKGROUND //

In 2017 the Syrian crisis entered its seventh year. The country and its population have experienced massive displacements, and faces a devastated health care sector. Bombing and air raids have profoundly affected the Syrian infrastructure and housing. Due to the pressing circumstances Vision Hope made it a priority to work within Syria to support the most vulnerable of the communities: women, new-borns and children.

SIX MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE // 13.5 MILLION PEOPLE INSIDE SYRIA NEED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

## A HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN //

To respond the needs, a maternal and child hospital was jointly established with the Violet organisation in Idleb during the second quarter of 2016. It ensures sufficient maternal and child health for women, newborns and the youngest pediatric patients. Their various health needs are addressed in the hospital: not only acute

problems, but also preventive treatments through vaccination campaigns. The, mostly female, staff delivers high quality medical assistance and deliveries, while also running a pharmacy and laboratory. To provide high quality treatments, it is broadly equipped with medical devices: hospital beds, ultrasounds, incubators and monitors, sterilisation units and other necessities. To help beneficiaries reach the hospital an ambulance service has been established which allows the most vulnerable and immobile people to access the services.

## MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAM //

Over the course of the year, we realised a great success of the treatments, the overall satisfaction and acceptance of the hospital. Together with Violet and funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, we decided to expand the activities: (1) training of 20 birth attendants to work and provide maternal services directly in the communities; and (2) further strengthen the capacity of the Idleb Health Directorate.







- MORE THEN 150 BABIES DELIVERED MONTHLY
- CAESAREAN DELIVERIES AND EMERGENCY SURGERIES
- OVER 800 WOMEN AND 500 CHILDREN TREATED MONTHLY
- WORK IN THE COMMUNITIES THROUGH BIRTH ATTENDANTS
- CAPACITY BUILDING OF MEDICAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE STAFF

