



## BASIC NEEDS:

### IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

In 2018-2019, Lebanon and Syria went through one of the harshest winters in many years as they were hit by intense storms, heavy rain, and snowfall leading to floods and freezing temperatures that severely affected numerous families living in makeshift settlements or poorly insulated dwellings.

In this context, our partners in Lebanon provided thousands of households with around 5,000 blankets, 2,500 mattresses and fuel vouchers, 2,000 winter clothes, and 130 heaters. In addition, our partners in Syria distributed over 2,300 blankets, nearly 1,000 cash stipends for fuel and warm clothes, 150 heaters, and coats and boots to vulnerable families.

We hope and pray that the next winter will be more lenient, but we need your prayers and help to ensure a timely and harmonized response to the needs of affected individuals in case of a similar crisis.



## “ Meet Mohaned\* ”

*My wife Fadia and I have lived in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley for the past three years with our five children – ages 10, 8, 5, 3, and 1.*

*I suffer from a disability that causes me severe headaches, especially in extreme hot or cold temperature, and prevents me from working. We do not receive any humanitarian assistance except from the local church.*

*This winter was way harsher than the previous ones. My family and I had to sleep on the floor of our tent until the local church gave us eight new blankets and four mattresses. People from the camp gave us old blankets but they weren't any good. The blankets from the church are much better.*

*\* Name changed*



Read our blog article and meet Mohaned and Fadia's family