

# Nuon organization for peace-building

Annual report 2017

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### 1. Introduction to Nuon Organization for Peace-building:

The organization began its strategy for the years 2017-2020 with the beginning of 2017, which focused on working on empowering young people and civil society within Syria. Then, it continued its work on Syrian refugees' protection and human rights in Lebanon where it targeted groups instead of individuals. Therefore, the organization managed to train 22 organizations in Syria and Lebanon pertaining to human rights, peace building and institutionalization. It intensively trained 117 young men and women.

#### Definition of the 2017-2020 plan:

Nuon Organization for Peace-building focuses on children from the age group 10-17 and youth from 18-29, as both groups are more vulnerable to conflict and violence. Therefore, all the organization's projects and programmes will be built with these age groups, both male and females, in mind. Moreover, the organization also adopts a strategy based on the UN resolution 2250 for the year 2015.

#### 2. Who are we?

A non-governmental non-profit organization, founded in 2012 by a young group of Syrian men and women. They were brought together by the war in their country and the large number of victims as a result of the widespread of violence in addition to the destruction of Syria's infrastructure that damaged its social fabric and destabilized civil peace. Therefore, the founders demand halt to the war and call for restoration of peace through peaceful means, they also work on building peace in Syria by devoting a culture of non-violence and understanding of human rights.

#### 3. Objectives of the organization:

1- Promoting a culture of peace and peace-building

- Consolidating the meaning of civil peace and working to bring peace among people in the Syrian society

- Spreading a culture of tolerance and reducing the violence in Syria
- Arms control and prevention of child recruitment
- 2- Activating the role of civil society in Syria
- 3. Spreading a culture of human rights

#### 4. Mission of the organization:

The organization works to build lasting peace through the dissemination of a culture of peace, tolerance, acceptance and non-violence through young people who are capable of a positive social, cultural, economical and political change. The organization relies on its leaders and members to be mostly youth people, believing in their creativity and great gifts to be decision makers who are believers in peace as a main requirement community building and development.

#### 5. Youth empowerment:

Nuon Organization for Peace-building organized a training programme for 25 young men and women in the Bekaa region of Lebanon. The program lasted for 18 sessions within six months. It focused on public education and the role of youth in addressing violent and extremist discourse in media.





#### 6. Human rights:

In view of the fact that the Syrian associations operating in Lebanon are directly involved in the field without a period of preparation for the culture of civil work and human rights, which is the basis for the formation of civil society associations, especially the relief and development societies, they could not take enough training pertaining to human rights.

Therefore, Nuon Organization for Peace-building found an urgent need for human rights education for members and volunteers of these associations, especially in regards to their direct contact with the refugees. The organization organized a training workshop in cooperation with five Syrian associations in the Bekaa region (Women Now for development - Sawa for aid and development - Karavan Association - Bassamat Association - Syrian Eyes association), which lasted for eight sessions and focused on the rights of (women, refugees and marginalized groups). Sixty young men and women members and volunteers of these associations were targeted, mostly youth.



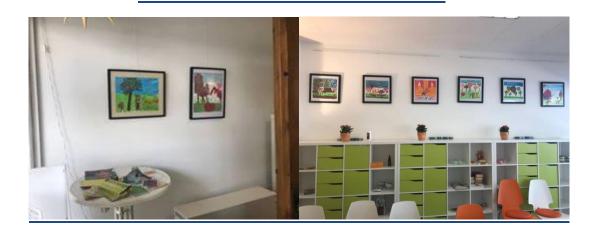






7. Children of peace: The organization held an exhibition entitled "Voice of Peace: from The Syrian Child to The world" in Lebach, Germany. The exhibited drawings were the work of Syrian refugee children in Lebanon in 2015-2016. The exhibition lasted for four days and the artworks were printed as a calendar.





#### 8. Empowerment of youth associations in Syria:

With the expansion of the civil society in Syria, the introduction of new youth organizations and associations, the absence of institutional status for these entities, and the lack of empowerment of human rights, Nuon Organization for Peace-building has conducted an initial survey of 26 associations since the beginning of 2017. The organization started training 31 young men and women from these associations for 10 days in November (institutionalization - human rights - peace building). A project planning training will be held in Damascus for 3 days at the beginning of next year. The organisation will help these associations until the end of 2018, and will provide 4 grants for projects to be implemented in Syria in the field of human rights and peace building.







## 9. Financial report for 2017:

All projects 31/12/2017

Revenue	USD	Euro
2016 balance	9540	
donations	150	
OHCHR	19870	
EDD		90320
Donations and contributions of members of the Organization	600	
Total	30160	90320

Expenses	USD	Euro
Administrative expenses	6600	7666
2017 Programs and Activities	23560	30334
Total expenses for 2017	30160	38000
Remaining balance 2017-2018	0	52320