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The National Evangelical Synod of Syria & Lebanon

Project Proposal for a Fixed Grant

Helping Poor Syrian Families inside Syria in Various Needs for two years

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## 2.Background

### 2.1 General

After two years of the global pandemic crisis of Covid 19 and its negative & destructive ramifications, the whole world could hardly take a little break & short breath before it entered again into another crisis as Russia decided to invade Ukraine.

This invasion influenced negatively almost every country & every sector in the world. The main consequences were many – to mention few: escalation of prices of food, fuel & gas and shortage of many basic items. This caused rich countries to go for austerity, and caused poor countries severe poverty and suffering.

For Syrians, this has been a third crisis in just one decade after the civil war & Covid 19. As if Syrians' destiny is to go further in hardship even beyond Pharaohs' dream (or nightmare!!) in Genesis 41 of 7 years of famine.

As I write this report, the exchange rate of the Syrian pound hit – for the first time in its history – the amount of 5.100 S.P. per 1 USA dollar. This means 100 times more than its original rate of 50 S.P. before the war in 2011.

What does that mean ?

This means that the average monthly salary for a governmental employee is worth(less) of \$20 per month. Meanwhile the minimum wage of poverty line according to United Nations is \$2 per day per person which is \$60 per month.

This means that most of Syrians have to work hard & for long hours to survive.

This means that most of Syrians will go for bad quality & low quantity of food.

This means that few will be able to afford little fuel for their warmth in cold winter.

This means that most of patients in Syria have to minimize their medication & have to postpone their doctors' visits & hospitalization.

But wait, didn't I just mention above that we could survive the 10 years of civil war and 2 years of Covid 19?

Yes, we did survive. We survived neither by our own power, strength or ability, nor by our own intelligence, rather we survived by the Providence of God shown in His Word & in His Spirit of fellowship.

The word of God tells us through the mouth of Paul in Romans 8: 35 – 37:

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

Yes Paul, Amen, it is in all these things - Not without them, Not in spite of them, Rather in all these things, we are more than conquerors, but how? It is through him who loved us.

These words are not mere verbal encouragements to Romans & to us, rather they were & are true experiential reality for all of us as we lived them & saw them incarnated in the Spirit of fellowship of our partners.

God was with us in His words & in His Spirit of fellowship & Love working through the care, concern, help, response & visits of our partners.

Through them, God was meeting all our needs as he promised in Philippians 4: 19. And we trust that He will continue to do so in the future - near & far.

## **2.2 NESSL Contribution**

NESSL & its Precious Partners were at the heart of the events from the very beginning in 2011 responding quickly & generously with heartfelt compassion to help their sisters & brothers in Syria as they experienced the turmoil & consequences of the Syrian crisis.

Throughout 11 years of suffering, God was with us in various ways but mainly through our great partners.

He was present through them as they stretched their generous hands to provide food, fuel & medication. To rebuild & renovate churches, church facilities, centers & demolished homes. To fly thousands of miles, crossing seas & taking all types of risks through war-torn roads, cities & towns in order to visit congregations in their locations; to sit, talk, listen, smile, cry, hug & walk with them. Our experience is best worded in the biblical verse that says: "The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah" 1 Kings 17: 16

Partners continued to do so step by step & year after year with love & perseverance; without getting tired or bored at a single moment. They continued the journey with their sisters & brothers in Syria as the latest walked in the shadow of the valley of death.

And today – after 11 years of continued cycle & phases of hardship - we look back to the past, smile & say: "Thus far the Lord has helped us" 1 Samuel 7:12.

As part of this journey of fellowship, comes this 7<sup>th</sup> appeal that NESSL is willing to implement through the Relief & Rehabilitation Program.

### 3. Justification:

The justification for the project sectors of assistance is to give cash amounts to around 1.000 known poor & needy families in and around our Presbyterian Churches in Syria that will help them survive as they pay for their food, fuel, hygiene, & medication.

### 4. Project's Schedule & Timeline:

The schedule below will explain the project's timeline from January 2023 – December 2024

Number & Date of Payment	Assistance	Targeted Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiary Families	Kit's Value in US \$	Total Amount needed in US \$
<b>1. February (2) 2023</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
<b>2. April (4) 2023</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
<b>3. June (6) 2023</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
<b>4. August (8) 2023</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
<b>5. October (10) 2023</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
<b>6. December (12) 2023</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
					<b>Total for 2023: \$360.000</b>
<b>1. February (2) 2024</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
<b>2. April (4) 2024</b>	Cash	Poor families	1.000	\$60	\$60.000
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					<b>Total for 2024: \$360.000</b>
<b>2023 – 2024</b>	Operational cost	Accounting fees, Employees, Volunteers, office and other Ministerial expenses.		10%	<b>\$72.000</b>
<b>Total for 2023 – 2024</b>					<b>\$792.000</b>

Personnel	Number of staff	Project share in %	Amount per month \$	Project Share in \$	Number of months	\$ Total amount
General Program Manager & Project Coordinator (part time)	1	50%	\$400	\$200	24	\$4.800
Communication officer/reporter (full time)	1	100%	\$200	\$200	24	\$4.800
Accountant	1	50%	\$400	\$200	24	\$4.800
Financial Auditor	1	50%	\$400	\$200	24	\$4.800
Secretary	1	50%	\$400	\$200	24	\$4.800
Volunteers	10	100%	\$100	\$1000	24	\$24.000
Travel in country	1	100%	\$200	\$200	24	\$4.800
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$52.800</b>

### Office running costs

Office running costs	Project share in%	Number/ quantity	Units	Price per unit	Project share in \$	\$ Total amount
Office rent	50%	24	Months	\$200	\$100	\$2.400
Office utilities	50%	24	Months	\$200	\$100	\$2.400
Office supplies	50%	24	Months	\$200	\$100	\$2.400
Communication	50%	24	Months	\$200	\$100	\$2.400
Computer Supplies	50%	24	Months	\$200	\$100	\$2.400
Small office equipment, computers, printers	100%	4	Lump	\$1800	\$1800	\$7.200
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$19.200</b>

Total costs for Management Personnel & office:

**52.800 + 19.200 = \$72.000 = 10% of the total cost.**

**Total Project Fund:**

**720.000+ 72.000 = \$792.000**

## **5. Project's description :**

### **5.1 The Goal:**

The goal of the project is "Helping Poor Syrian families inside Syria in various needs for 2 years".

### **5.2 The project's main sectors:**

The Project will be composed of the following main sectors: food, fuel, hygiene & medication. Cash amounts will be given to poor families every 2 months to buy for their needs to survive.

### **5.3 Location and Target groups:**

The project will address poor & needy Syrian families in Syria in the locations of the Presbyterian churches' presence.

The Presbyterian churches that will be able to distribute assistance are:

Damascus, Kharaba, Ain alshaara, Hafar, Nabek, Homs, Fairouzeh, Amar Al Hosn, Yazdieh, Banias, Latakia, Hama, Mhardeh, Aleppo, Alhasakeh, Qamishli, Malkieh and the displaced families of Edleb & Ghassanieh living in various areas inside Syria.

The project will depend on the local relief committees at the local congregations to supply people with the cash amounts.

### **5.4 Primary target populations of this project are:**

Poor families, displaced people, poor families with children, old poor people with chronic disease, widows and homes headed by a women, unemployed people or low income families.

### **5.5 Project Period:**

The Project will start from January 2023 till the end of December 2024.

### **5.6 Funding: Total Project Volume \$792.000**

## **6. Structure for Monitoring and Implementation:**

### **6.1 Implementation:**

The NESSL Relief Committee and The Committee of Social & Medical Services will distribute the number of individuals & families in need at each location on the basis of the population size and the size of damage in the sectors of assistance.

Money & Sample for name tables for signature will be sent to the Local Relief Committees to do the implementation task. Then they will be sent back to the NESSL Director of Relief & Rehabilitation Program &

Financial department for auditing where the director will write a report to the General Secretary about the distribution of the church.

## 6.2 Distribution:

Local relief committees will set a date for distribution and inform the targeted beneficiaries to come to the churches to receive their assigned amount of money for their assistance. Each beneficiary should have his/her legal document (family identity card or Identity Card) that prove his/her identity. Before handing the cash amount, a member of the local relief committee will write on the form list all needed information of the beneficiary (name, number of family members, phone number, situation, amount etc.) Beneficiaries will sign on the form to prove he/she received his/her assistance. Then all lists of beneficiaries will be signed by committee members and submitted to the NESSL Director of Relief & Rehabilitation Program & NESSL Financial Department for auditing & reservation.

Sample of a list of distribution:

السينودس الإنجيلي الوطني في سورية و لبنان (NESSL) لجنة الخدمات الاجتماعية و الطبية (COSMS)

برنامج الإغاثة و التأهيل (RRP) الكنيسة الإنجيلية المشيخية الوطنية في (Church)

لائحة بأسماء المستفيدين من توزيع بدل (List of Beneficiaries) رقم # التاريخ: شهر سنة (Date)

رقم	الاسم الثلاثي للمستفيد Name & Surname	العدد #	رقم الهاتف/الخليوي Tele.Cell.	وضع الأسرة Family Status	المبلغ ل.س. Amount S.P.	التوقيع Signature
1						
2						
20						
=		مجموع المبالغ		اسم و توقيع و ختم راعي الكنيسة Name, Signature & Stamp of the Pastor		
اسم و توقيع مسؤول التوزيع Person in charge of Distribution		شيخ Elder		شيخ Elder		

## 6.3 Post Distribution

After annual distributions, the local relief committees will send reports about the distribution process which includes: dates of actions; photos of some beneficiaries; and stories from people on how this assistance has helped them.

End of the Appeal