



Diaspora Dialogue on the Revolving Credit Fund (RCF) of the Syria Recovery Trust Fund (SRTF)

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The SRTF at a Glance

- A **multi-donor financing mechanism**, established in 2013, by Germany, the United Arab Emirates and the United States (the Original Donors).
 - Contributions: To date, the SRTF has received EUR 384.3 m from the Original Donors and nine others: Japan, Kuwait, UK, France, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands and Italy.
 - **Host countries of operational centres:** Türkiye and Jordan
 - **Trustee:** KfW (German Development Bank)
 - **National counterpart:** SOC.
- **The governing bodies:**
 - The **Steering Board (SB)** for strategic decisions.
 - The **Management Committee (MC)** for operational decisions.
- **The Management Unit (MU)**

The MU is entrusted with primary responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the Fund, including the development of project proposals and the implementation of the approved projects.

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➤ SRTF Financials:

- **Total Contributions:** EUR 384m
- **Approved Projects:** EUR 277m
- **Available funds:** EUR 19m
- **Total Pipeline:** EUR 79m

➤ Output to date:

- **143 projects (EUR 277)**
- **17m beneficiaries in 465 communities in eleven governorates**

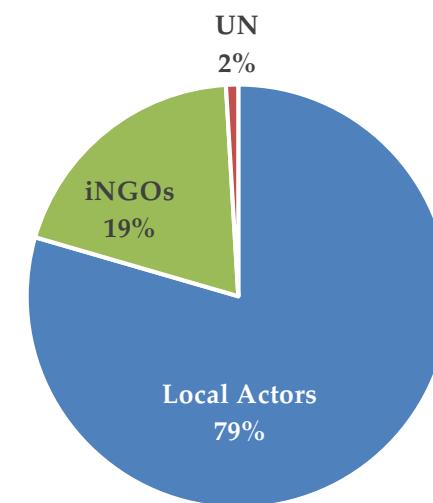
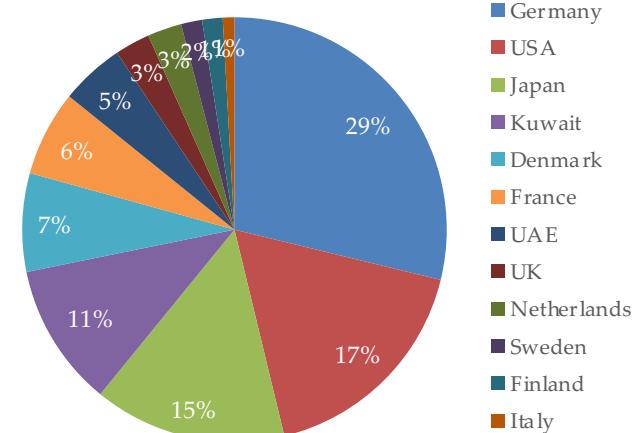
➤ Local partnerships:

- 79% of assistance implemented by local actors,
- 19% by INGOs,
- and 2% by the UN.

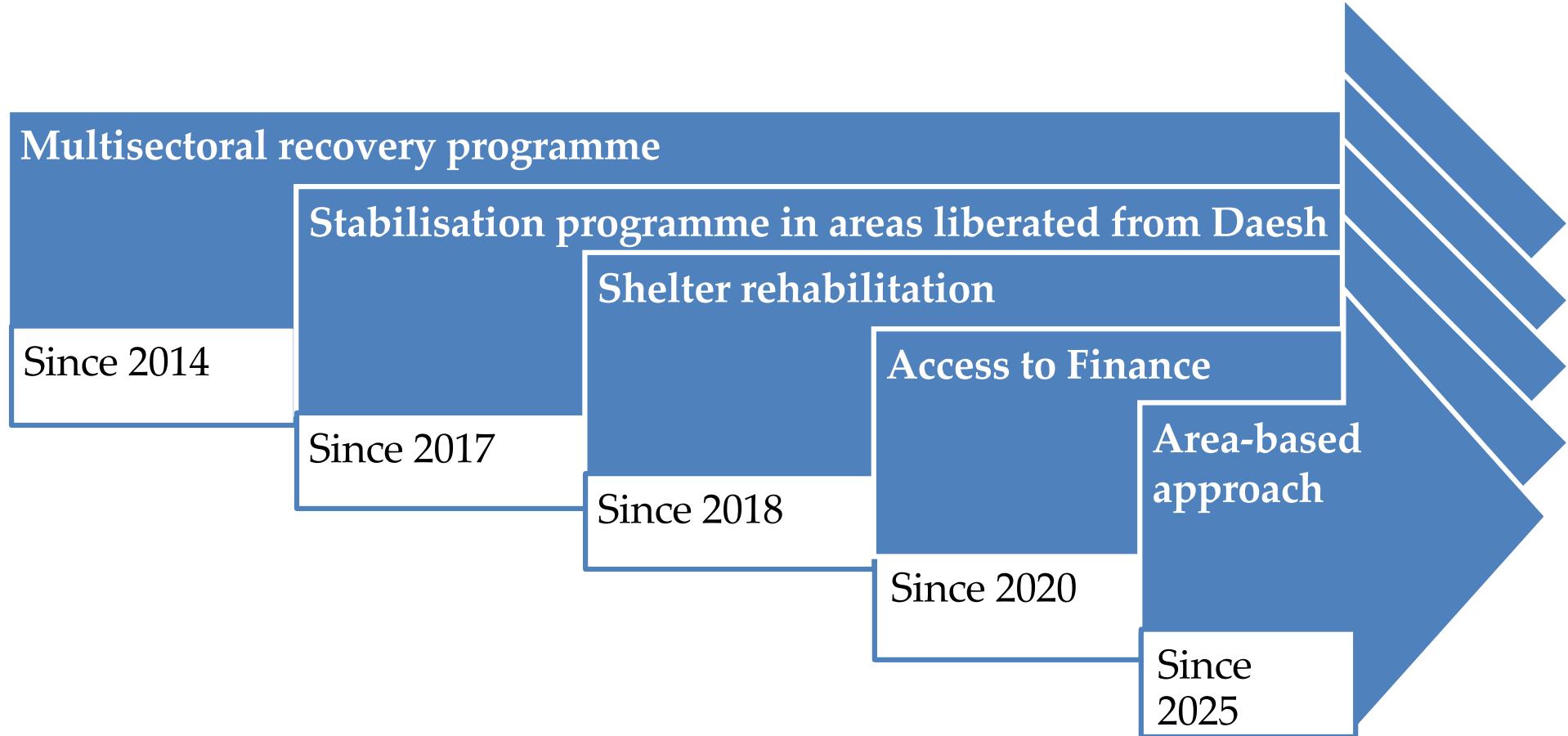
➤ High cost-effectiveness

- 2025 overheads 15.7%
- Accumulated overheads since inception are below 18%.

➤ Stringent vetting and compliance procedures.

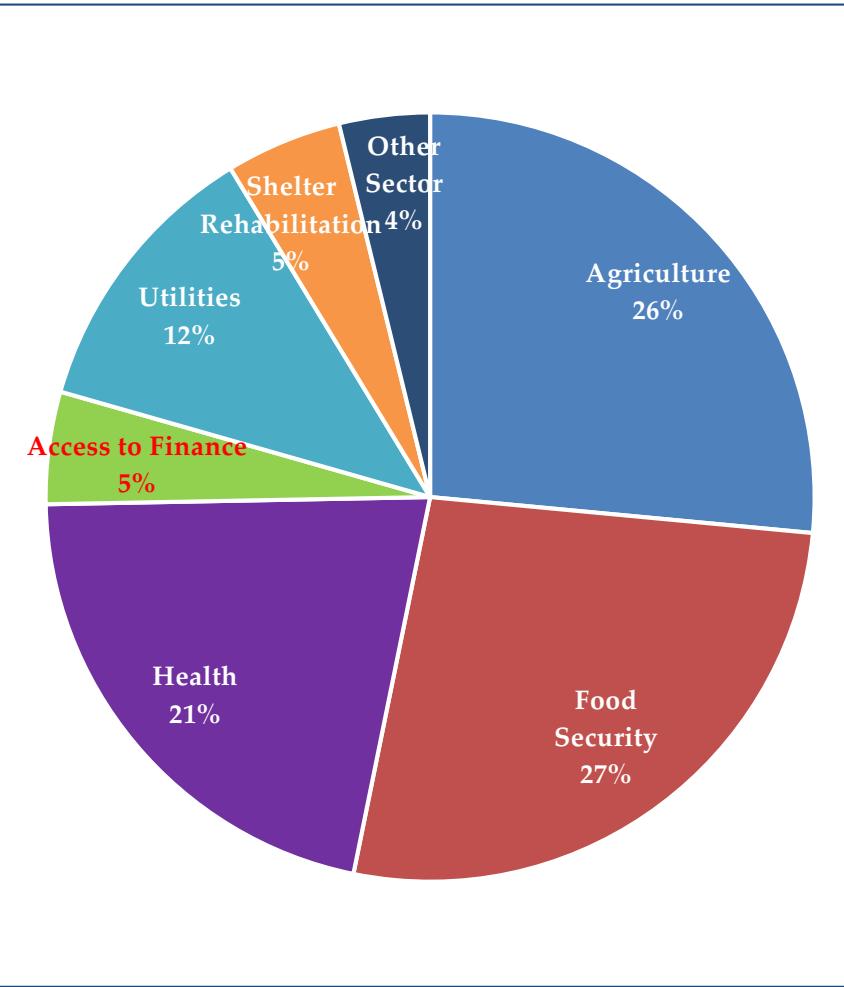


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Programme Overview

**143 Projects for
EUR 277 million with
17 million Beneficiaries
since 2014**





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Approved Phases: Five (5) phases with a total budget of EUR 13 million.

Planned Phase : One (1) phase with a total budget of EUR 3.5 million.

Beneficiaries Reached: 5,200 business owners.

Key Highlights

- A Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFI).
- Implemented by Near East Foundation (NEF). Operations through Siraj Financial Centres, community-based livelihood hubs.
- Offer financial and non-financial services.
- A total of around (50) communities have been reached across four (4) Governorates: Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Deir ez-Zor, and Al-Hasakeh.
- Ongoing assessment of digital payment solutions to enhance the efficiency and quality of services.
- Social inclusion, the RCF has specific focus on women, youth, PWD, returning refugees and IDPs.



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Main Activities

- **Non-financial services, including:**
 - Business development and financial literacy training.
 - Marketing and market access training and coaching.
 - Demand-driven coaching and mentoring.
 - Participatory value chain workshops.
 - Facilitating the uptake of innovative technologies and practices.
- **Financial products/loans:**
 - Microloans ranging from USD 400 to USD 1,200. (avg. USD 843)
 - Development loans ranging from USD 1,201 to USD 3,000. (avg. USD 1,840)
 - Agricultural loans ranging from USD 500 to USD 5,000. (avg. USD 1,884)
 - Innovation loans* ranging from USD 5,001 to USD 60,000. (avg. USD 22,830)
 - Other loans, such as growth and emergency loans.

* The Innovation Loan is currently being piloted in one governorate and is limited to value chain actors adopting innovative solutions at the water–energy–food nexus.



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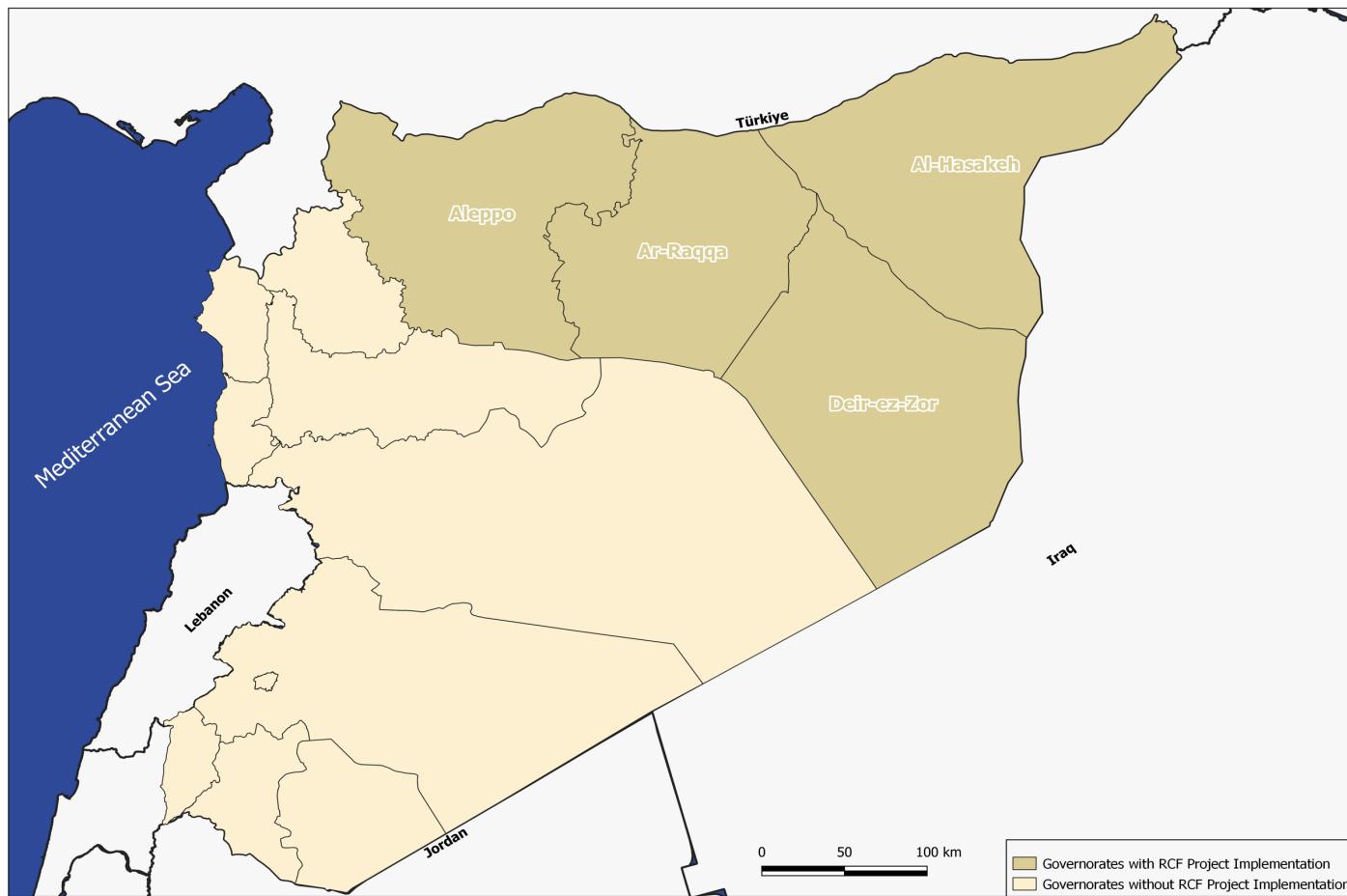


Current Loan Application Eligibility Criteria:

- **Availability of funds for new loans.**
- **Syrian citizen.**
- **Aged 18–60 years** at the time of application.
- Reside in and operate a business within the **targeted geographic areas**.
- Operate a **lawful business**.
- Business operates within the **targeted industries** defined by the programme.
- Business premises are **accessible and subject to site visits** as part of the assessment and followup / monitoring process.
- Not an active borrower or guarantor of an outstanding **RCF loan**.
- Successfully **pass credit assessment and vetting** procedures.
- Able to **provide a guarantor and sign promissory notes**, as required.
- Commit to and attend the **capacity-building activities** offered by the Siraj Centre.



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Industries Reached to Date

- Agriculture, Livestock & Agricultural Services
- Construction, Building Materials & Metal Works
- Education & Office Services
- Energy & Water Services
- Food Services & Hospitality
- Health & Personal Services
- ICT, Electronics & Media Services
- Manufacturing & Processing
- Rental & Transport Services
- Repair, Maintenance & Technical Services
- Textiles, Clothing & Leather Services
- Trade & Retail Businesses



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Impact Highlights

- A total of 5,631 loans disbursed, totaling USD 8.3 million.
- 4,152 males (74%), 1,479 females (26%), 1,332 youth (24%).
- 88% repayment rate and 2,679 loans fully repaid (48%).
- 57% of borrowers reported increased business net income;
- 33% reported business expansion and job creation.
- 70% reported improved ability to meet basic household needs, with an average income increase of 53%.
- 75% reported enhanced self-confidence and agency.
- Training activities led to a 60% increase in borrowers' knowledge, strengthening entrepreneurial skills and decision-making capacity.



Questions & Answers