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UOSSM-Canada



# Emergency Appeal: Eastern Ghouta

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Earlier in the year, hundreds of civilians in Eastern Ghouta were killed by daily airstrikes, and the number of wounded in the region nearly doubled. These attacks disproportionately affected children, women and elderly individuals. Many of the medical facilities in Eastern Ghouta were shut down and those remaining were overloaded with the rapid influx of patients.

This event led to the highest number of injured patients within five years of besiegement in Eastern Ghouta. The medical staff were physically and emotionally at their limits but had no choice except to continue their work. With the aid supply cut off, even the most basic medicines and medical supplies were in shortage.

The evacuation of more than 80,000 individuals from eastern Ghouta to Idlib, many of them critically injured, resulted in an exponential increase in the number of people requiring medical relief in northern Syria. For this reason, UOSSM established four mobile clinics in the Aleppo and Idlib governorates.

UOSSM-Canada reached out to supporters like you, who generously donated to the emergency appeal. Since then, UOSSM was able to fund four mobile health clinics which served the medical needs of the victims. This report summarizes the data acquired from the mobile clinics for the month of June 2018.



# June 2018: Mobile Clinic in Northern Syria



UOSSM has erected four mobile clinics which serve citizens in Northern Syria. The budget for this project totaled \$99,993.00. The clinics offered many services such as **primary health care**, **support for patients of malnutrition**, **advocacy for community health** and **mental health support services**.

General status of the project:

- Accessed daily target areas, where the average number of beneficiaries per day was approximately 75 people.
- Provide beneficiaries with all necessary medical consultations in addition to the requisite medicines
- Transferred incurable cases to medical centres or hospitals

● Salaries ● Running Costs ● Awareness Tools ● Medical Supplies

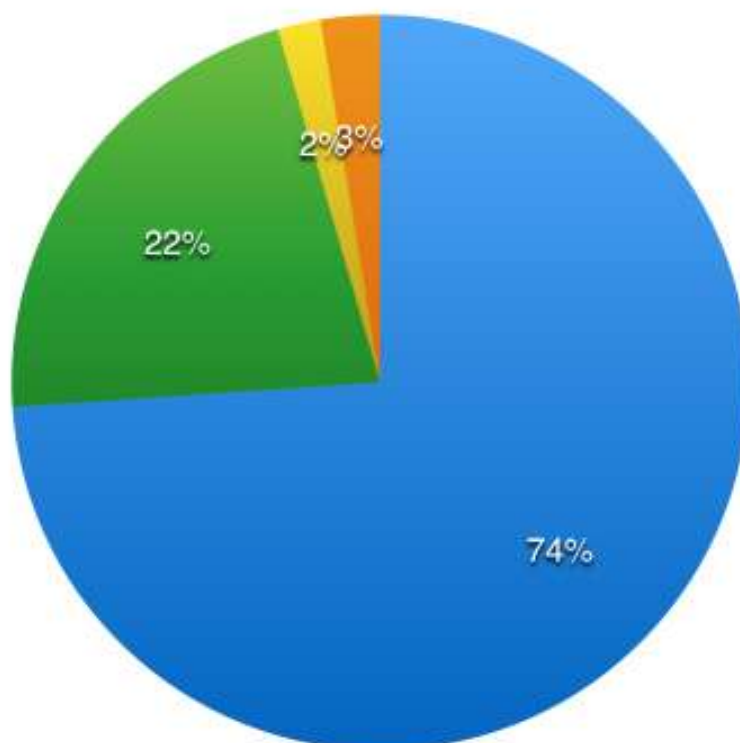


Figure 1: Monthly expenses per clinic

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## Human Resources: Integrated Clinic Staff

The details provided in the graph below showcase the number of staff employed in the clinics.

Each integrated clinic consists of the following staff members:

- General Practitioner
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Community Health Worker, Personal Support Worker and Nutrition Technician
- Additional Support Staff

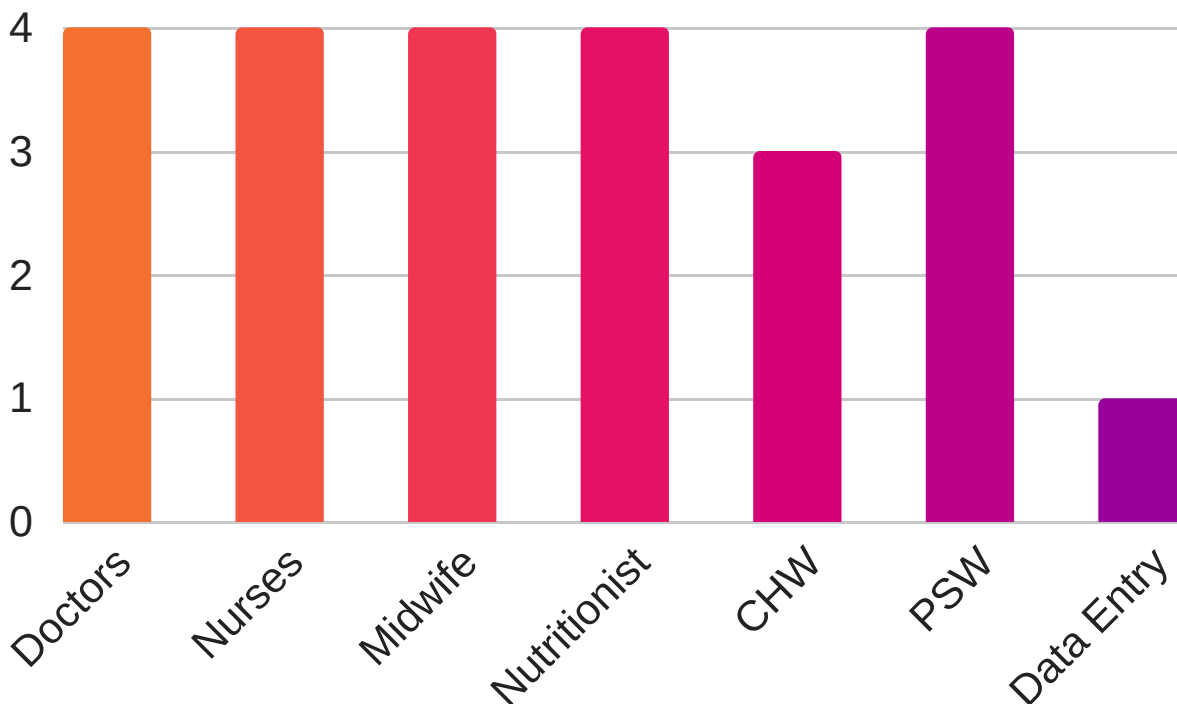


Figure 2: Staff Employed For the Month of June 2018



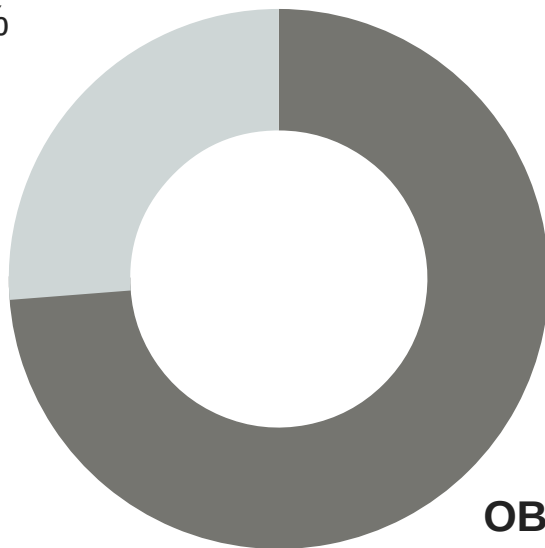
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## Consultation in Clinics

Almost three quarters of all medical consultations conducted by the mobile clinics were related to gynaecological (GYN) and obstetrics (OB) services. The data indicated that women in the region were the main beneficiaries of the services offered by UOSSM-run mobile clinics.

**General Medicine**

26%



**OB/GYN**

74%

*Figure 3: Proportion of consultations*



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# Consultation in Clinics: Mental Health

The mobile clinics that UOSSM operates deliver individual psychological counselling, psychosocial support, and special needs child services.

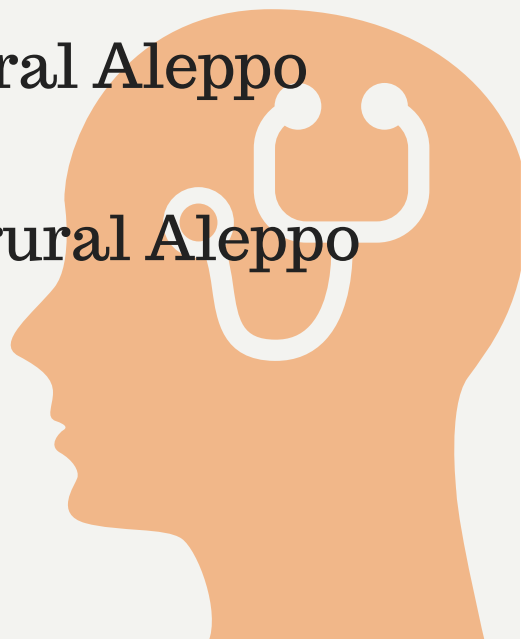
Mental Health Consultations in numbers :

**27** in Eastern rural Sarqeb

**55** in North Ariha

**58** in Southern rural Aleppo

**71** in South-west rural Aleppo



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## Nutrition Services

Malnutrition is an inevitable consequence of the war in Syria. Mobile community health teams, as well as nutrition technicians in primary health care centers and mobile clinics examined all children between the ages of 6-59 months, pregnant and nursing woman. Accordingly, the patients were provided with nutrition counseling and treatment.

Children and mother with moderate to severe acute malnutrition received Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food such as Plumpy'Nut. To prevent malnutrition, children between 6-59 months received supplements and micronutrients (Plumpy Dose, high energy biscuits and vitamins), while pregnant and nursing women received micronutrients such as folic acid and prenatal vitamins.

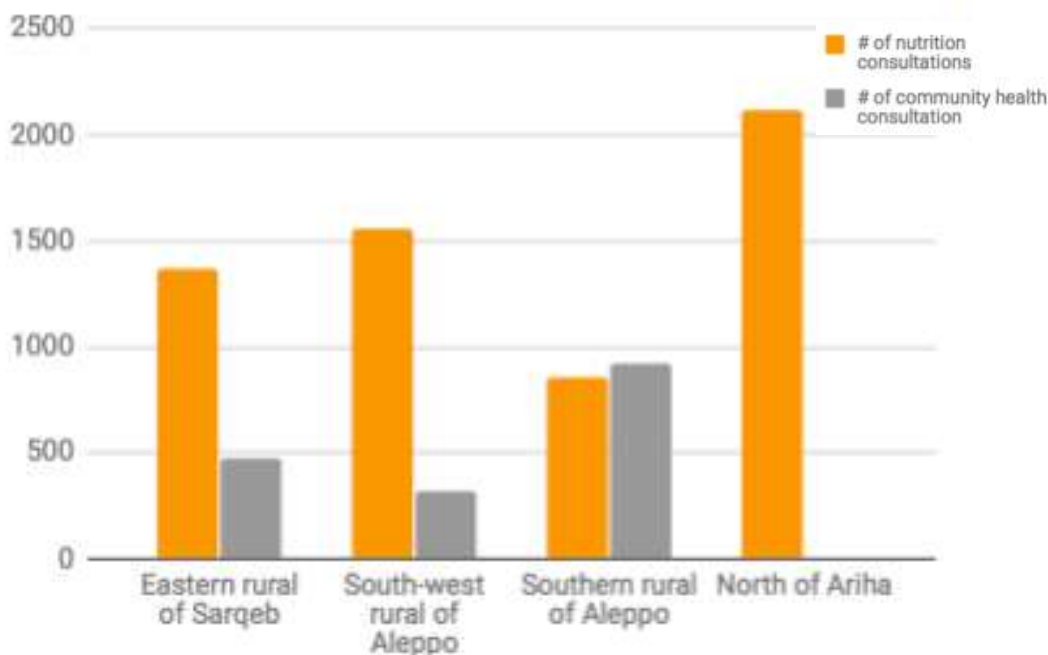


Figure 4: Nutrition and community health consultation services



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## Case Study: Aisha Obeid

### *Meet Aisha Obeid!*

Aisha is a 6-year-old girl who was displaced from the southern countryside of Aleppo, Tel Al-Ahmar. She now lives with her family in the Nahda Camp. She visited the local clinic complaining of a high temperature, runny nose, cough, and inflamed eyes.

A physical examination showed red spots (rashes) on her face and limbs and white spots inside the mouth. Many kids in her neighborhood had a similar complaint.

According to the clinical findings and blood tests, the diagnosis was measles. The doctor prescribed acetaminophen and Vitamin A. with the recommendation to keep Aisha away from siblings and family for a period of four days after the rash outbreak. The doctor also issued a call to the local health department to revaccinate the children in Aisha's neighborhood.

After 7 days Aisha visited the clinic for a follow-up appointment. The doctors were pleased with her speedy recovery.

