

SUCCESS STORY

Hteitet Elturkman – RURAL DAMASCUS

Ali – 10 years old





Ali is 10 years old and his family of 5 members lives in Hteitet Elturkman in a precarious economic situation.

He suffers from a partial eye disability and has difficulties in school due to hyperactivity and aggresivity.

Ali was identified as a child in need by the teachers with whom TGH works for its non-formal education activities.

TGH case worker visited the child at his home and agreed on an intervention plan with his parents. TGH offered several individual sessions for Ali in order to address his issues, with the participation of his brothers and sisters. TGH financed adapted glasses for him and his siblings and acted in support to his whole family. TGH referred his older brother, who was suffering from mental health issues, to a professional psychiatrist. Ali's mother was also in distress and TGH presented her with a set of mechanisms for coping with psychological pressure and techniques such as breath control and emotional venting.



Ali became calmer, committed to his mother's instructions and cooperated better with his brothers at home.

He was happy with TGH recreational activities in school and became more integrated with his classmates.

His parents stopped having to use a brutal approach with him and started using alternative parenting methods. They expressed gratitude to TGH for the provided services and for improving the psychological situation of their children.