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SYRIA

ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PROCESSES PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Electoral and Political Processes (EPP) program promotes stability within communities in non-regime held areas of northeast Syria by improving relationships between Syrians and local governance actors through robust advocacy and consensus-building activities. EPP's focus on inclusive participation ensures women, youth, and other marginalized groups play a key role in their communities.

PRIORITIES

1. **Advance the political process envisioned in UNSCR 2254**, including influencing the constitutional framework to establish pre-conditions for reliable electoral processes, and ensuring processes are inclusive of women, ethnic, religious, and other minority groups.
2. **Promote stability within communities recently liberated from ISIS** by improving inclusive citizen-state relationships at the local level and building capacity of local governments to meet the needs of their populations.

3. **Strengthen local grassroots organizations** to engage with local government and develop analysis and insight on election processes and service delivery.
4. **Strengthen women's participation** in local decision-making bodies.

KEY RESULTS

- The Syrian Negotiation Commission's Election Technical Committee (ETC) developed **12 proposals on constitutional electoral principles**.
- In coordination with **27** grassroots civil society organization partners, the project launched **11 locally-led advocacy campaigns** that address the most pressing issues affecting their communities, from dealing with dignified return, better living conditions, and more effective integration and inclusion
- The project supported **four Women Peace Circles** in hosting dialogues in Raqqa, Qamishli, Tabqa and Derik.
- Supporting the reintegration of **returnees** from the Al Hol refugee camp through the establishment of **legal clinics** in Raqqa, consultations with **women-headed households**, and obtaining official approval from local authorities in Deir Ezzor, Tabqa, and Manbij to replicate the **Legal Clinics**.