

## The Middle East Council of Churches supports cancer patients in Syria



MECC supported 135 cancer patients who are affected and displaced, from different Syrian governorates through providing needed cancer medications.

The beneficiaries' ages ranged from 3 to 90. The targeted patients suffer from intolerable financial burdens making them unable to afford the high expenses of long-term treatment.

One of the beneficiaries, who is 32 years old, said, "I lost my house and shop during war. I had to flee with my family to live in another city and had to pay for house rent. Two years ago, I was diagnosed with gastrointestinal cancer. I started chemotherapy, but I was not able to afford the expensive costs of treatment; especially that I had to borrow money to buy medications. I am thankful for your help. You have renewed my hope to recover".

One of the female beneficiaries said, "Since the kidnapping of my husband in 2012, I have been living with my four children in my parents' house. I haven't heard anything about my husband ever since the kidnapping. My monthly salary is very low; therefore, I stopped taking medication for months as it is very expensive.

Consequently, my health condition got worse. I would like to thank you for helping me to continue my treatment, which, hopefully, will be cured, because I am the only provider in my family”.

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