

QUARTERLY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
You've Cared for Refugees Like Shaza for 40 Years!
Summer 2019

27 YEARS APART, TWO REFUGEES FIND PURPOSE AND HOPE

Shaza | Lebanon, 2019



In Syria, Shaza had plans to go to university and dreamed of becoming a pharmacist. One day, everything changed. A bomb destroyed Shaza's school and all her academic records. Shaza's father, fearing for his family's lives, made the difficult decision to leave Syria. The family of five boarded a bus that would take them to Lebanon.

In Lebanon, the only work Shaza could do was collecting rocks in a field. For three long years, she collected rocks, growing more hopeless as the days passed.

One day, she saw the Medical Teams outreach in her camp. She wanted to learn more. "I loved the idea that I would learn about blood pressure and monitoring blood sugar." Shaza eventually trained to be a Refugee Outreach Volunteer. She began to teach others in her community about how to stay healthy.

Shaza is well-loved in the community. Her bright and loving demeanor puts her neighbors at ease. Most importantly, Shaza has a purpose. "Volunteering helped heal my heart. I can feel others' pain, even though I have my own pain. But sometimes it makes me forget about my own pain. I'm not losing hope. My work is important, and it shows others that they are important."

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The informal settlement has become a new home for Shaza and Medical Teams her second family. Your gifts save lives and empower refugees like Shaza, shining a light in dark places.



Sahal | Kenya, 1992

Seeing the need around his home in Somalia, Sahal felt called to become a doctor or nurse. He was going to school, working to achieve his dream, when a battle broke out near his home in Mogadishu. He hid under dead bodies as bullets flew around him. He said it was the grace of God that allowed him to live when so many others died. After a treacherous journey, he eventually escaped to a refugee camp in Kenya.

Within days of his arrival, Sahal was hired by Medical Teams. After so much loss and tragedy, he began to see a small spark of hope. Because of Medical Teams, he was able to continue his work in the medical field. He was able to help his fellow refugees. Sahal had a purpose again.

40 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

With your help, Medical Teams International has been delivering life-saving medical care to people in crisis for the past 40 years. You have eased the suffering of refugees and survivors of natural disasters, left communities healthier, and restored hope for millions of people. These are just a few of the major world crises you've helped respond to:

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| 1979 Northwest Medical Teams founded | 2005 Hurricane Katrina |
| 1985 Famine in Ethiopia | 2010 Haiti earthquake |
| 1989 Mobile Dental Program established | 2013 Syrian refugee crisis |
| 1994 Rwandan Genocide | 2014 Ebola outbreak in Liberia |
| 2004 South Asia tsunami | 2017 Rohingya response in Bangladesh |

Thank you for putting your love into action and healing people in crisis!