

Sanctions and Syria



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Personal Statement

- ❖ Data presented within this presentation have been collated through personal research from different open access sources (internet and NGOs). I hope this will help guide the discussion today and shed some light on the current situation inside Syria.
- ❖ With Covid-19 now spreading around the world, the medical sector and doctors in Syria and around the world are in dire need for essential supplies! These are people who are risking their lives to ensure the safety of others, we surely have a moral responsibility to extend our help to them.

SYRIA Pre- 2011

FIRST MEDICAL GRADUATES FROM DAMASCUS (MD)-1913

MEDICAL SERVICES

- ❖ Mostly free of charge or if charges apply very low
- ❖ Total number of hospitals 500
 - 131 State run Hospitals
 - 369 Private
 - Over 56, 000 doctors were operating in Syria
 - Number of Health Centres 1750



Pre-2011 plans for the future

- ❖ Building up to 24 new hospitals

Consequences of the War

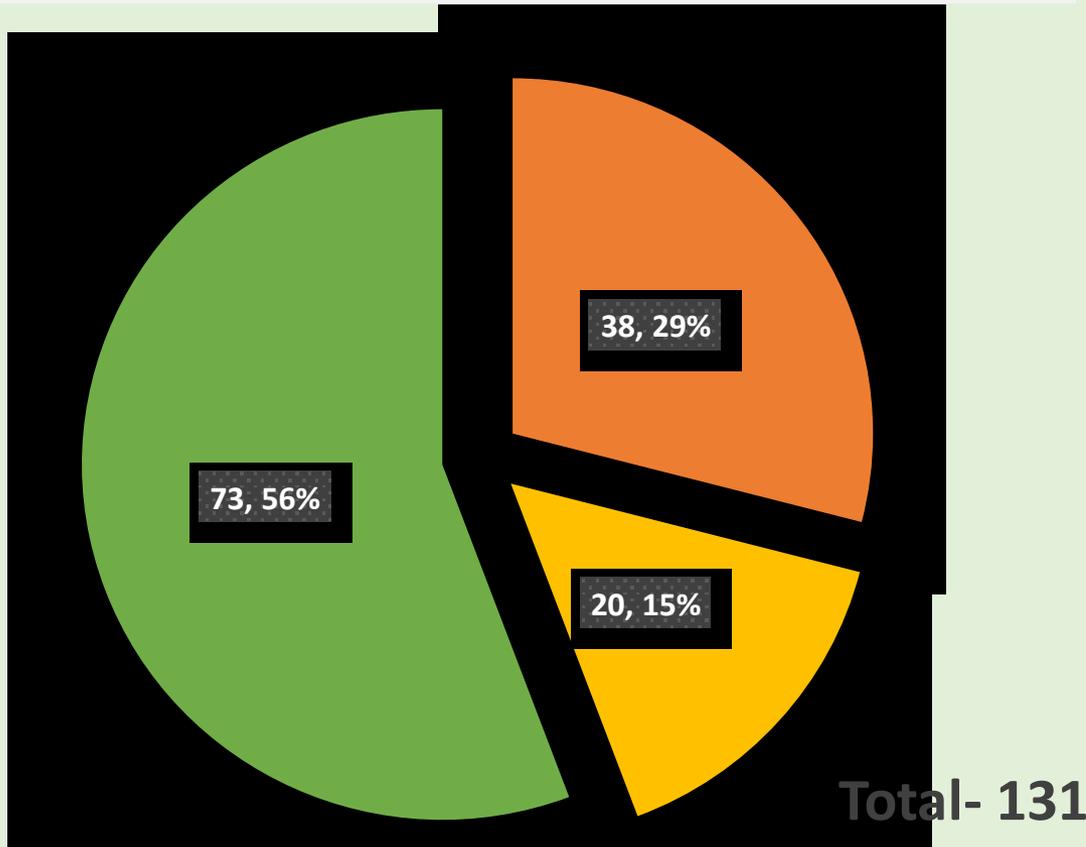
- ❖ Human Loss has been in the 100s of thousands.
- ❖ 5.6 million Syrians became refugees,
- ❖ Another 6.2 million Syrians displaced within Syria.
- ❖ 12 - 13.5 million people in Syria need humanitarian assistance. Nearly half of them are children. Ref. Jessica Cope/Medair, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
- ❖ Over 6 Million inside Syria still require treatment and support from the traumas of the nine year War.
- ❖ Millions living outside Syria are looking for the humane bridge which could take them back to their homes and loved ones



Medical Infrastructure

State Hospitals

■ Fully Damaged ■ Partially Damaged ■ Not Damaged



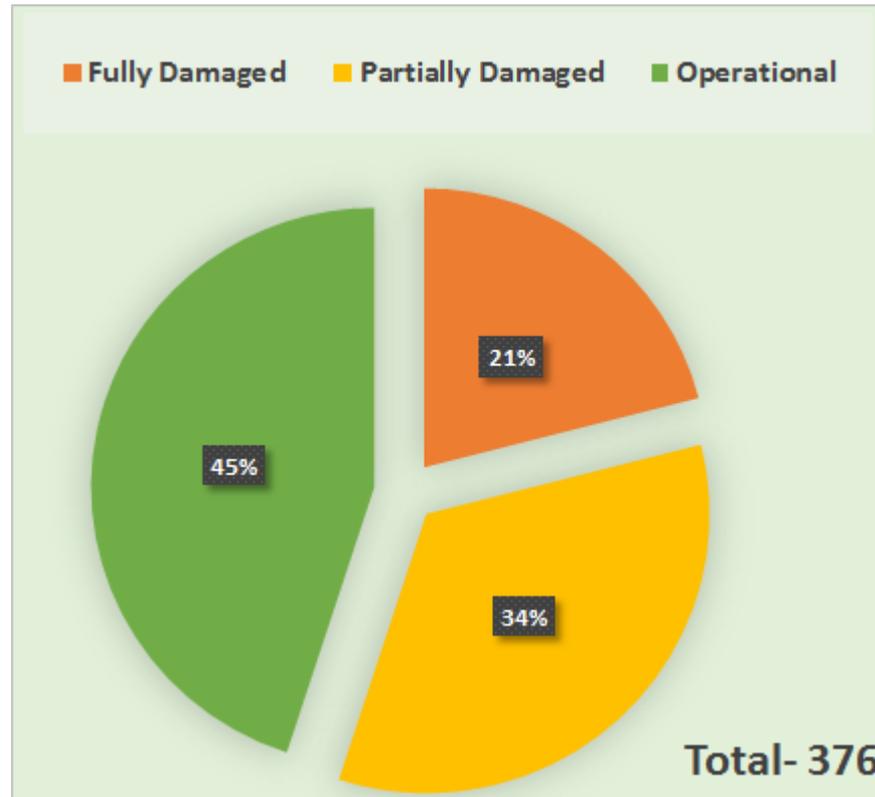
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Al Kiindi Hospital

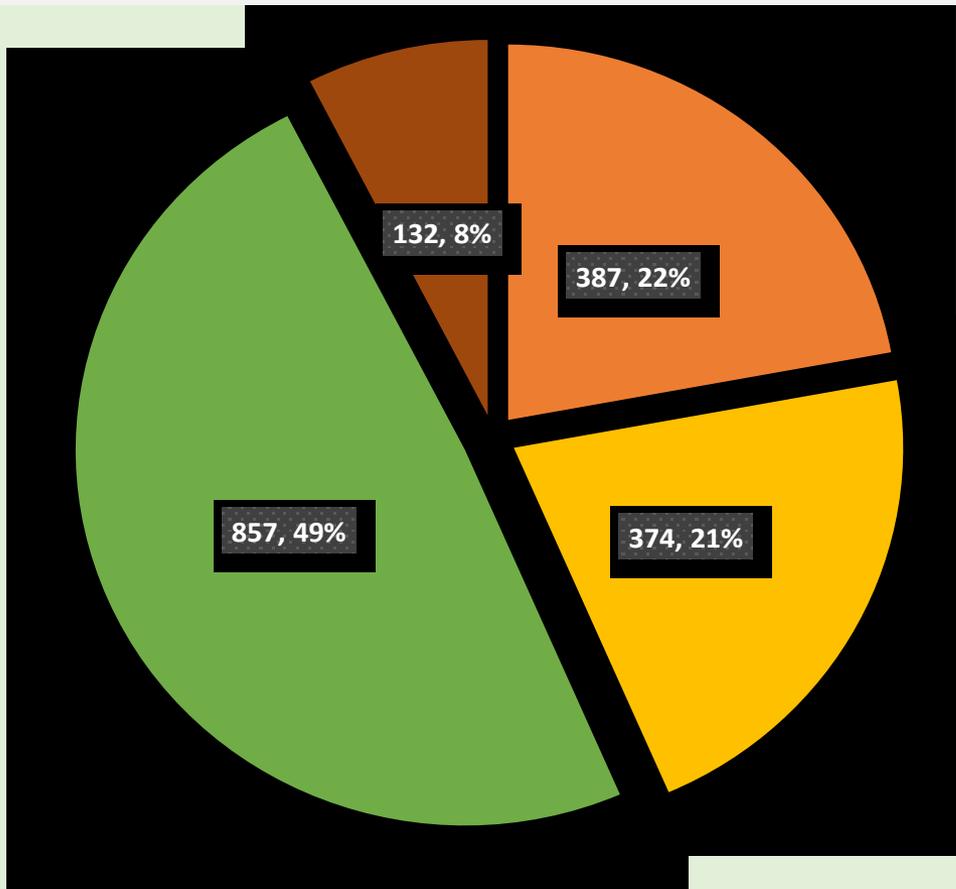
Private Hospitals- Operation



Medical Centres

Original No. : 1750

Not working Partially Damaged
Fully Functional Unknown condition



- ❖ 450 - Looted
- ❖ Over 1000 doctors were assassinated
- ❖ 70 % of the medics had to flee their home internally
- ❖ Over 450 Ambulances were destroyed

*For Further information
See, DR Nabil Antaki online
interview and WHO*

Pharmaceutical Industry

Before the Conflict

- ❖ 70 factories in 2010 with annual growth rate of 6.5%
 - 2 governmental – Tamiko and Al-Dimas
 - 68 Private

- ❖ 30,000 workers employed

- ❖ Secured 80-95% of the local market's needs

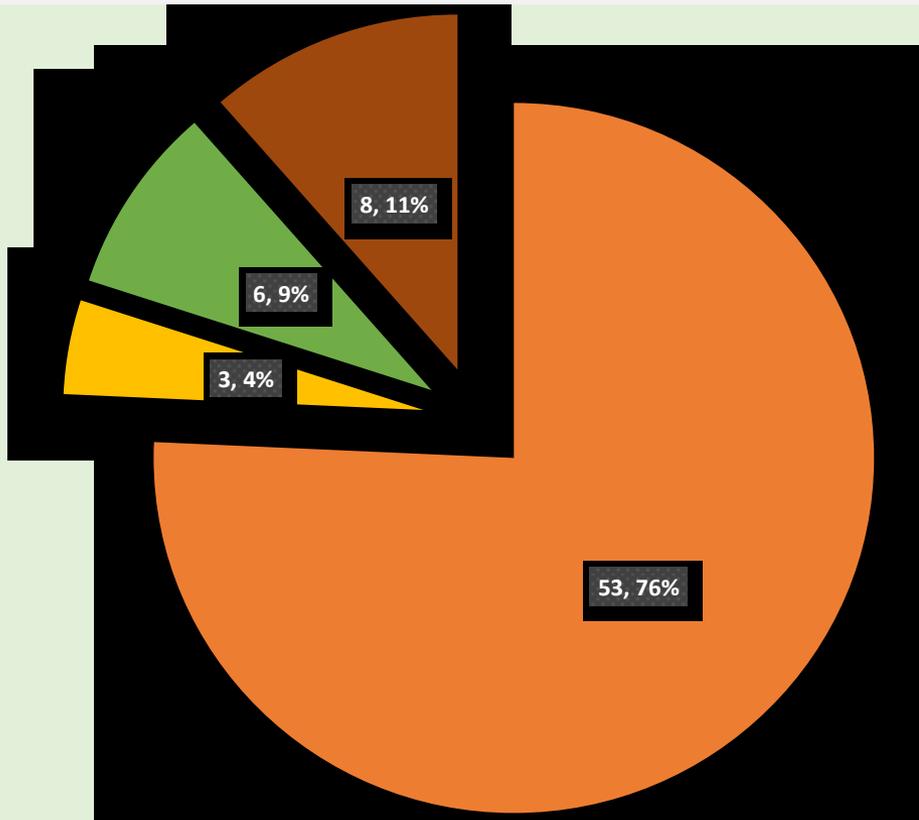
- ❖ Exported to 54 countries worldwide and achieved good revenue

Pharmaceutical Industry

After the Conflict

Original No. 70

- Fully Damaged
- Operate @ 1/4 Capacity
- Operate @ Full Capacity
- Operate @ 1/2 Capacity



Unattainable medication

- ❖ **Lack of Vaccinations** – resulted in the emergence and spread of diseases such as Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Measles, Polio, TB.
- ❖ **Difficulty in treating injuries and burns** due to lack of provisions
- ❖ **Increased need for artificial limbs**
- ❖ **Medication for Cancer, TB etc..**
- ❖ **11 New Factories were allowed in 2017. But only 4 reached production stage- 2019**

Homes & Social Inst.

- ❖ In 2017 -Over 0.6 million internally displaced returned safely to their homes ¹
- ❖ In 2018 returning number increased to over 1 million ²
- ❖ However, 2.5 million homes still require repair
- ❖ Over 100 Social institute (orphanages) are still damaged
- ❖ Lack of filtration and engineering parts is affecting the supply of drinking water

(1) <https://www.iom.int/news/over-600000-displaced-syrians-returned-home-first-7-months-2017>

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/around-a-million-syrian-refugees-return-home/>



Electrics

- ❖ 34 of the 54 Power Station are still out action
- ❖ Electricity comes for few hours a day – this affects Health, Education etc..
- ❖ (Article 12 of the EU Restrictive Measures in Syria- prohibits the sale , supply, transfer or export equipment or technology as listed in Annex VII to be used in the construction or installation in Syria of power plants for electricity production



Summary

- ❖ The suffering of the Syrian people has gone beyond all bounds and it is time humanitarian wisdom overcome political hostilities and wars.
- ❖ Sanctions are affecting the ordinary people
- ❖ Sanctions are creating social injustice- Mass poverty vs rich few & war lords- no working class
- ❖ With Covid-19, Medics in Syria are dire need of essential supplies! we hope there is a moral responsibility to extend help to those doctors in Syria.