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EMPOWERING GLOBAL CITIZENS



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NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Friends of Amal Alliance,

2019 was a year filled with unprecedented growth and expansion! With the invaluable support from each of you, we have furthered our mission to provide the fundamental right to learn, laugh, dream, and experience the joy of playing as a child to over 1,100 children worldwide.

Amal's Rainbow of Education is rooted in the spirit of collaboration. It represents the powerful force that drives us when we work together towards the greater good. As we conclude our second year as an organization, let us reflect on the tremendous work we have accomplished.

This year, our Rainbow reached 3 countries. We scaled our efforts in Northern Greece, training 7 local organizations that are facilitating our programming in their child friendly safe spaces in Thessaloniki, Lagadikia, and Nea Kavala. We launched our first program in Turkey, reaching children in the Istanbul province area. Our programming in the Beqaa Valley of Lebanon with LOST was merged with UNICEF's Basic Literacy and Numeracy classes, sedimenting a pathway to formal education. But most noteworthy, our Rainbow of Education was featured as the "Most Promising Holistic Practices" at the inaugural UNHCR Global Refugee Forum held Dec 16-18 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Our holistic approach embodies all aspects of childhood development, including the social emotional, cognitive, academic, and physical. Through social emotional learning and trauma-informed structured play for ages 1-12, we counter the effects of chronic stress to ensure children acquire the social emotional competencies needed to reach their full potential.

As crisis and displacement grow at unprecedented rates around the world, our work has become ever more critical. We stand committed to working together to ensure no child is left behind. Let's work towards building inclusive societies that bridge peace and tolerance, and compassionate communities that nurture a sense of inner peace, self-worth, and confidence in our children.

Thank you for helping us plant seeds of hope, promise, and opportunity in the lives of the most vulnerable. May these seeds give abundant fruit to our next generation!

With Gratitude,

Danielle De La Fuente



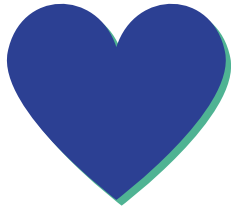


WHAT WE DO

Amal Alliance seeks to engage both the micro and macro structures that affect displaced children, offering a holistic intervention for this extremely vulnerable population. Our trauma-informed programs on an individual level seek to empower displaced and disenfranchised youth, providing a safe space in which children can simply be children. We incorporate mindfulness practices and play as an informal means to address trauma and foster a sense of inner peace. In addition, we focus on social emotional learning programming to better emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills necessary to build a more cohesive, peaceful community.

Realizing that issues do not occur in a vacuum, we also engage the macro structures to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of our micro interventions. We advocate for psychosocial support, early childhood development, social emotional learning, and increased access to education in emergencies and protracted crises. We work with the United Nations, national governments, and other NGOs to create synergy between the systems to provide the support that displaced children so desperately need to grow. Engaging different system levels increases the effectiveness and ensures the sustainability of our work. A complex issue requires an equally complex response.

PILLARS OF SUPPORT



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

To increase the ability to properly identify and process emotions thus decreasing behavioral problems and emotional distress



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

To support healthy cognitive, emotional, and physical growth during the most formative developmental years



PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

To improve overall well-being by holistically engaging the mind, body, and spirit



PEACEBUILDING

To create cohesive, more peaceful communities by recognizing the importance of human relationships

GLOBAL GOALS

In addition to supporting the needs of children, this work supports achievement of the following SDGs:



OUR CURRICULUM

RAINBOW OF EDUCATION

Amal Alliance's innovative curriculum and integration program for displaced and disenfranchised children ages 1-12 seeks to build more peaceful communities.

Through social emotional learning and trauma-informed structured play and recreation, our program is designed to holistically support all aspects of childhood development, including the social-emotional, cognitive, academic and physical.







THEMES

-  Emotions
-  Gratitude
-  Compassion
-  Connection
-  Resiliency
-  Expression
-  Inclusion
-  Empathy
-  Joy
-  Hope



METHODS

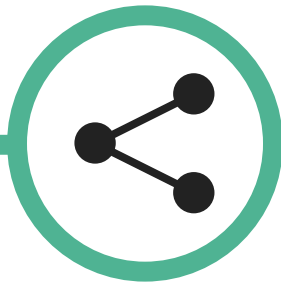
-  Learning through Play & Games
-  Kids Yoga
-  Mindfulness
-  Social Emotional Learning
-  Music and Dance
-  Art Therapy
-  Reading and Creative Writing

OUR MODEL



TRAIN

We train the trainers to impart our curriculum.



TEACH

Our trainees teach children social-emotional fundamentals.



TRANSFORM

Together, we transform lives.



Our innovative model builds on existing community strengths and contributes to professional development by training teachers from both the host and refugee communities.

Teachers can integrate local culture and values, ensuring that our programs remain culturally relevant. We additionally train on the ground coordinators from local organizations, ensuring program sustainability.

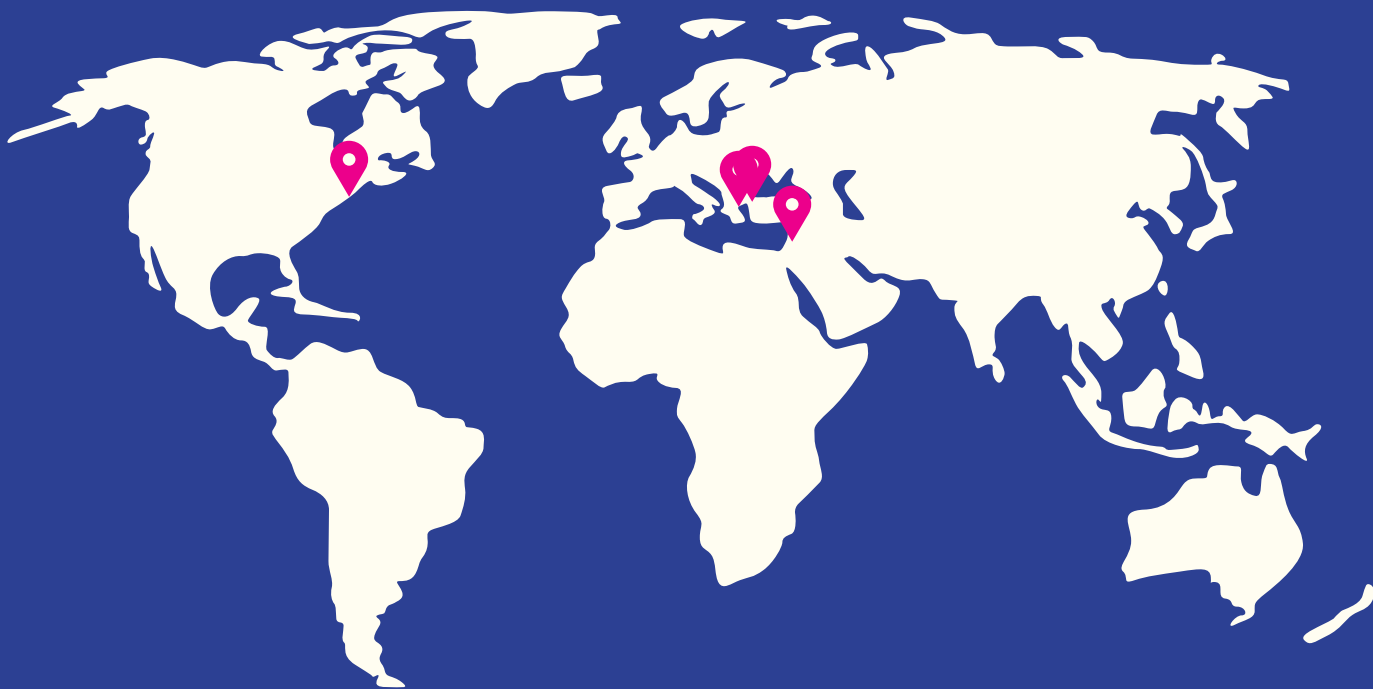
TEACHER TESTIMONIALS/FEEDBACK

"We are really appreciative, because for the first time, we have been given training at this level and caliber to be specialists in the field." - Teacher in Boudai, Lebanon

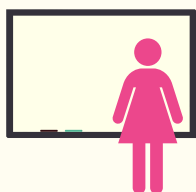
"We have been seeing a big impact in children especially those between 9 and 14 and their responses have been fantastic!" - Teacher in Bedyanel, Lebanon

"Seeing the children this calm, focused, and quiet is almost unbelievable!" - Program Coordinator from Give a Hand, Turkey

OUR IMPACT



GREECE • TURKEY • LEBANON • USA



We have trained **74** teachers & coordinators from **9** local NGOs.



Our programs have served **1,100** host community and refugee children.



7 child-friendly safe spaces host our programs in collaboration with our local partners.



Amal Alliance was a proud co-sponsor of education at the inaugural Global Refugee Forum held 16-18 December 2019 in Geneva. The forum sought to deliver concrete pledges and contributions that will advance the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees and achieve tangible benefits for refugees and host communities.



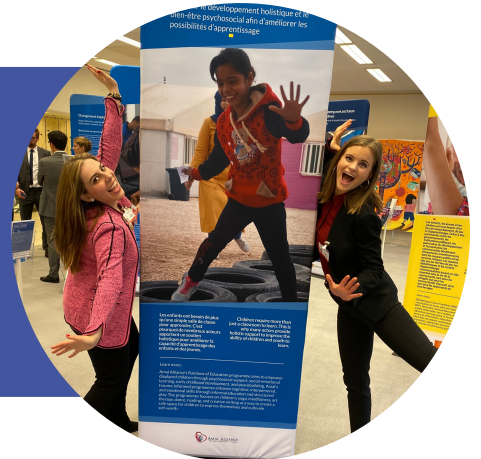
As a proud co-sponsor of education at the forum, we advocated for the inclusion of early childhood development and psychosocial support.

We co-hosted a spotlight session, "Brighter Futures: The Promise of Early Childhood Development in Crisis Setting," together with Sesame Workshop, UNICEF, the LEGO Foundation, Moving Minds Alliance, International Rescue Committee, and Save the Children.



We contributed as members of the Early Childhood Development, Primary Education, and Education in Emergencies Task Teams to the UNHCR Global Framework for Education.

Our Rainbow of Education was featured as a 'Most Promising Holistic Practice' alongside Caritas's Essence of Learning.



Highlights of 2019

Launched first program in Turkey



Scaled in Greece by training 7 orgs



Participated at the annual UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva 3-5 July



Boston University's Pardee School of Global Studies launched Capstone Course resulting in Amal's first white paper



Attending 28+ events & meetings, we made waves at the UN General Assembly



Our work was featured at Rotary Day at the UN



Presented on the Power of Play at the Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria



Endorsed a letter petitioning to advance the Global Child Thrive Act of 2019 along with 49 orgs



ON THE HORIZON

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Engaging stakeholders across multiple sectors, we pledge to provide psychosocial support and social emotional learning to 50,000 children – 25,000 in early childhood development and 25,000 in primary education – as well as train 3,000 teachers by 2023.



ADVOCACY

Recognizing the complexity of the issues facing displaced children, we signed Education Above All's pledge to raise awareness on these critical issues.

OPEN RESOURCES

Seeing our shared goal of a better tomorrow, we pledged with Bibliothèques Sans Frontières, Centreity, and the Salzburg Global Seminar to produce content and tools under open access licensing.



COMMITMENT TO CAREGIVERS

Acknowledging the important role they play in children's lives, we pledge to further prioritize and support the wellbeing of caregivers and teachers.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS



The Amal Alliance firmly believes that working together allows us to create a more meaningful and lasting impact in a world so torn by conflict. As our name states, we are an alliance of passionate individuals and organizations who want to empower displaced children and transform the systems in which they live. Their individual work resonates tremendously with all the lives they have touched, and now, it will resonate with many more as we bring our partners' voices together as one to serve the most vulnerable children—through a harmonious symphony that is our Rainbow of Education!

With deepest gratitude, we thank all our partners for contributing towards this collaborative humanitarian effort!



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



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FINANCIALS

Amal Alliance is currently a 100% voluntary led organization, which means that 100% of all donations received in 2019 went directly to the programs serving the children!



Cost per program varies by location, but details are available upon request.



MEET THE TEAM

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... who plant seeds of compassion around the globe, and inspire us to do more!



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