

SUCCESS STORY

Meidaa – RURAL DAMASCUS

Karim – 8 years old

For confidentiality reasons, the name has been changed



Karim is 8 years old and his family of 7 members lives in Meidaa, in extreme poverty.

He suffers from an excessive attachment to the mother, social shyness, volatile mood, introversion and excessive nervousness.

TGH case worker provided psychological advice and developed an intervention plan for Karim in cooperation with his mother, working on his behavioral problems.

The child was integrated into TGH educational programme and psychological support activities. His case worker worked with him to overcome his social shyness, by gradually asking questions, learning about eye contact and encouraging Karim to show interest in others and make friends. The case worker also referred him to medical service as the child suffers from thalassemia (inherited blood disorder), and the cost of tests was covered by TGH, as well as medicines and a visit to the doctor.

“I see my son is happier and this reflected on the general atmosphere at home and on his relationship with his brothers and friends in school.”

Karim was able to get rid of his excessive attachment problem and to improve in terms of shyness and behavioral problems, such as stubbornness and jealousy. All of this was reflected in the child's development in school, the improvement of his relationships and of his academic performances, as he obtained the high score of 85% in the post-test of TGH non formal education.

His father thanked TGH for providing the psychological counseling service and expressed his happiness for his child's improvement in terms of psychological well-being and academic success.