



April 3, 2018

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GOAL
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Dear Ms. Kirk,

On behalf of the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Food for Peace, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to you and your colleagues for the death of Bashar Jaafar. As an Education Supervisor, Mr. Jaafar provided critical support to Syrians and the humanitarian assistance community. We honor his memory and are saddened by his loss.

We also recognize that the GOAL community has withstood a significant number of losses in recent weeks. Food for Peace is extremely concerned with the increasingly dangerous and challenging conditions that your teams face every day. We appreciate the way GOAL and your partners—Violet, Ihsan, and Big Heart—continue to serve the most vulnerable Syrians, despite great loss. We remain deeply committed to the people of Syria.

Our thoughts are with Mr. Jaafar's family and the entire GOAL community in the midst of this great tragedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Matthew Nims', is positioned above the printed name.

Matthew Nims

Director, Office of Food for Peace
U.S. Agency for International Development