



# The Economic Map of New Syria

## Housing & Reconstruction

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## Abstract

*This is just a summary of the complete study. It covers an overview of the housing and reconstruction Sector in Syria and the recommendation for three-phase planes, immediate, medium and long terms.*

The process of devising a vision for reconstructing the real estate and housing sector while providing the means and possibilities to achieve the objectives with the least possible economic, social, and environmental impact should be our first priority during this critical time Syria is going through.

Re-building Syria must exceed the recovery from the systematic destruction it has endured over the past two years. It must aim at restoring the bright face of Syria and assuming its historic status after half of a century of hibernation and negative contribution to the world.

However, we realize that there is a difference between the concepts of (reconstruction, construction, and development). Syrians are looking to return to their abandoned homes and villages with the minimum humanly accepted living standards; but they know that this is just during the reconstruction phase, which is the very first step that will be followed by a comprehensive development of Syria, which they aspire to.

The study consists of the following chapters:

### **Chapter I: Tasks required from the government on the first day:**

The government agenda in its first meeting will be a milestone in shaping the new Syria. The requirements and responsibilities of this phase will dictate that the performance of this government should be exceptional by all standards. This chapter highlights the priorities of this phase.

## **Chapter II: The proposed Work Plan for the short-term Phase (6 months):**

It aims to overcome the main obstacles that beset the lives of the Syrians and to alleviate suffering they have endured, especially issues related to security, food, housing, and work. This phase will not deal with the fundamental problems in Syria but rather will provide temporary solutions to bypass the disastrous impact caused by the crisis. It will also pave the way for the process of construction and real reconstruction later on.

## **Chapter III: Action Plan proposed for the Med-Term Phase (two years):**

By the start of the phase, Syria would have healed its wounds; or at least is on the track to achieve that. With more scientific planning taking place in this phase, we will have moved from the ambulatory work to the phase of systematic and institutional work in Syria.

## **Chapter IV: Action Plan Proposed for the Long Term Phase (five years):**

This phase is an extension of the work that has been done in the previous phases and is highly dependent on the clarity of objectives, strategies and appropriate policies for a successful implementation.

The work-plan for this phase is built on the assumption that by this time, all the impacts of the crisis that had severely affected the lives of people as well as the economy in Syria have subsided. Which in turn will enable and empower the democratic government to deliver its promises of prosperity. In addition, this chapter details the projected cost of reconstruction.

## **Chapter V: Requirements and Obligations Required for Reconstruction:**

This chapter covers the following areas:

- The importance of attracting Arab and foreign investments to this sector
- The requirements from the international community and donor countries to enable the Syrian state.
- The requirements from the business community, investors, and

companies, which will ensure their profitability while keeping the cost on the Syrian state minimal.

- The requirements from the Syrian business community.
- The requirements from the International business community.
- The requirements from the Group of the Friends of the Syrian People.