

# Water for Resilience and Recovery in Syria



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In 2012, one year after the conflict in Syria began, the Graduate Institute launched a research program on water management in the Orontes River Basin. The research was initially designed from a post-conflict perspective to identify and assess options for concerted water management

Access to water for domestic and agricultural purposes has become an increasingly critical issue over seven years of conflict. In-conflict and recovery challenges became a major concern of the research team. The Orontes Program collects data on water resources, infrastructure, utilization and management, and can be used to support Syrian civil organizations and the Syrian population to design and implement effective rehabilitation projects in their efforts to take charge of the situation.

In 2015 Geo Expertise launched a program designed to address this problem. In collaboration with a network of Syrian engineers and technicians, and with the support of the Graduate Institute, the program aims to strengthen the capacities of Syrian organizations to design and manage water projects and provides expertise and mediation in the rehabilitation and management of water supply infrastructure. The program has yielded tangible results such as the rehabilitation of 700 hectares of irrigated land in northwestern Syria.

NB: A panel debate “*Civil Society: Hope in the Syrian Disaster?*” will take place on June 19, from 12:00 to 14:00, Auditorium A2, Maison de la Paix.