



Hamad receives a gift package from WHO on World Cancer Day. Hamad has to come to the hospital for 5 days every 3 months to be treated for leukemia. WHO/Syria 5 February 2018 – Thirteen-year old Hamad from rural Hama, Syrian Arab Republic, is being treated for leukaemia at the Children’s Hospital in Damascus. On Sunday 4 February, he met Elizabeth Hoff, the WHO Representative in Syria, when she visited the hospital on the occasion of World Cancer Day. He and the other children in the ward received a gift package that included a school bag, colouring book and other items. “Thank you for the bag, I will use it when I go back to school”, said Hamad. “I want to study hard and become a neurosurgeon when I grow up.”

“Thanks to a generous new donation from Kuwait, WHO will be able to cover the cost of treating children like Hamad who suffer from cancer. This US\$1 million grant will be enough to provide over 7 months’ treatment for the approximately 1500 cancer patients admitted each year to the Children’s Hospital,” said Ms Hoff.



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