Victims of War in Relief International’s Education Program inside Za’atari Camp

“These kids are victims of war, and we as Relief International (RI) team believe that they have the same rights as any other students to be educated, continue schooling and pursue their dreams to have a better future” Sukainah and Hamzeh from RI said. 3 children with disabilities were referred by “Doctors Without Borders” to join the remedial education program as from August 24th, which RI is offering in partnership with UNICEF to Syrian refugee students between ages 6 and 18, since March 2013.

Stemming of RI’s belief in serving the needs of the most vulnerable, our Remedial Education Program helps students with learning difficulties to excel in Jordanian curriculum and enhance their learning abilities by enabling them to catch up with their peers.

RI team members, Sukaina Shdefat and Hamzeh Irshedat in school 2 have directly coordinated with “Doctors Without Borders” to facilitate the enrolment of the 3 students; Ahmad, Muneer and Mo’tatham, who suffer from physical injuries due to bombings in Syria. These injuries vary from paralysis in the lower limbs to shell fragment in different places in the body, which forced them to use the wheelchairs.

RI team has distributed stationary to these students, ensured that they are attending remedial classes and involved them in different recreational activities which are suitable to their physical and psychological conditions. RI volunteers to regularly assist these students to move in wheelchairs from the formal schools to the RI remedial education center.
Ahmad, grade 5, has felt the difference in his life in the camp and his academic improvement, and he said: “I did not expect I will go back to school again after what happened to me … Relief International helped me to read and write easily.”

Muneer, who is in grade 1, said: “I don’t want to feel the sympathies of anyone, I want people to help me the same way Relief International did. RI enabled me to play, laugh and have fun again.”