

Name : Cumana Habra

Current Leadership Positions

- **Chairwoman of the Board**, *Aswaa Association*
- **Chairwoman of the Board**, *Women Support Foundation*
- **Governance, Partnerships, and Resource Development Consultant** – *Binaa Sustainable Development Association*

Date of Birth: 01-04-1972

Nationality: Syrian -Turkish

Email: Chairman@wsa.ngo – **Mobile:** 00905317604559

Address: Turkiye – Istanbul / Syria - Damascus

Linkedin: [Profile Link](#)

Summary of Experience

A humanitarian and development leader with over **20 years of experience** in **establishing, managing, and governing humanitarian organizations, associations, and networks** across the Arab region. Demonstrated expertise in **institutional development, governance frameworks, internal systems design, and organizational sustainability**.

Founded and led the **Women Support Association** in Turkey for **14 years**, contributing to the establishment of a sustainable institutional model for women's empowerment. In early **2025**, she founded **Aswaa Association** in Damascus and successfully obtained official registration during a highly sensitive post-liberation period in **December 2024**, overcoming significant operational and regulatory challenges.

She co-founded the **Orphans Care Union** in **2015** and served as **Chair of the Board for four years**, leading a comprehensive restructuring and governance reform process. Under her leadership, membership expanded from **8 to 30 organizations**, and she established the **Research and Studies Department**, which launched the **first quality standards system for orphan care** and the **first professional diploma for orphan-care practitioners**.

She possesses advanced expertise in **strategic partnerships, Islamic and international fundraising, team leadership, negotiation, conference and event organization, community marketing, and advocacy** for the rights of **women, children, and orphans**.

She is also an active **speaker and panelist** at numerous regional and international forums and has appeared on **multiple Arab and regional television channels**.

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Sharia

Specialization: *Contemporary Islamic Thought*

Al-Quds College

Amman – Jordan

Previous Leadership Positions

- **Chairwoman of the Board, Orphan Care Union**
Istanbul – Türkiye
 - Led the union for 4 years
 - Expanded membership from **8 to 30 organizations**
 - Established governance framework and internal regulations
 - Founded the **Research & Studies Department**, which achieved:
 - Development of the **first Quality Management System for Orphan Care**
 - Launch of the **first professional Diploma for Orphan Care Workers**
 - **Co-Founder, Civil Society Chambers**
Basel / Geneva – Switzerland
 - **Board Member, Syrian Relief Network**
Gaziantep – Türkiye
-

Current Memberships

- **Board Member, Binaa Foundation for Sustainable Development**
Istanbul – Türkiye
 - **Board Member, TAK Forum**
Istanbul – Türkiye
 - **Board Member, Civil Society Associations Platform**
Istanbul – Türkiye
-

Founding & Institutional Experience

- **Founder, Charitable Sector – Women Support Organization**
Amman – Jordan | 2006–2013

- **Founder**, *International Organization for Women Support*
Antakya – Türkiye | 2013
 - **Co-Founder**, *Syrian Relief Network*
Türkiye | 2013
 - **Co-Founder**, *Civil Society Chambers*
Geneva / Basel – Switzerland | 2015
 - **Co-Founder**, *Platform of Civil Society Organizations*
Istanbul – Türkiye | 2018
 - **Co-Founder**, *Women-Led Institutions Forum*
Gaziantep – Türkiye | 2020
 - **Founding Contributor**, *Aswaa Association* – Damascus, Syria
 - Among the **first organizations to obtain legal licensing**
 - Secured **7 strategic partnerships within 8 months** of establishment
 - Successfully navigated complex post-liberation legal and operational challenges (December 2025)
-

Professional Experience

Over **20 years of humanitarian and development experience**, with a focus on:

- Institutional governance and compliance
- Orphan care systems and child protection
- Women’s empowerment and youth leadership
- Strategic partnerships and alliance building
- Islamic and international fundraising
- Legal procedures for NGOs in **Turkey and Syria**
- Advocacy and mobilization for **orphans, women, and children’s right**

Training & Certifications

- **International Arbitration Diploma** – Human Restart
 - **Arbitration Consultant & Dispute Resolution Diploma** – Human Restart
 - **Sustainable Development Strategies** – HAD
 - **Partnership Capacity Building** – USAID
 - **Public Relations & Strategic Communication** – ACAM
 - **Disaster Management & Humanitarian Response** – Qatar Charity
 - **International Humanitarian Law** – Syrian Program for Legal Development
-

Lecturing & Public Speaking

- Lecturer on **Community Development for Orphan Incubators**
- Lecturer on **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

- Lecturer on **Women's Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship**
- Lecturer on **Governance of Humanitarian Organizations**
- Speaker at **10+ regional and international conferences**
- Media guest on **10+ television channels**

Key Competencies

- Non-Profit Governance & Institutional Development
 - Strategic Partnerships & Donor Relations
 - Fundraising (Islamic & International)
 - Leadership & Team Management
 - Negotiation, Advocacy & Mediation
 - Facilitation of Workshops & Conferences
 - Public Speaking & Media Engagement
 - Women, Youth & Community Empowerment
-