



## Majid's story

Majid is 15 years old. Majid was in the fourth grade when ISIS came and was very good at school. Once ISIS came, life became very difficult.



**Majid says:** “My elder brother always encouraged us to study hard so we could get a proper job when we grow up, **but since ISIS came the school was closed.**

Everything became very difficult, we didn't have any money or even food, especially in the last period when the military operations started.

Many families went really hungry, everyone was very poor, and day by day the situation got even worse.

In the last few months many families left, and we also wanted to leave but it was very difficult to do so because ISIS would target anyone who was trying to escape. **Also**

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**because my father and my brother couldn't walk, so we didn't leave**, but about two months ago the village became almost empty. Only old people and some farmers stayed, so my father asked us to leave.

With the sunset we started walking, it was very dark and cold, we walked with another family but we got lost between the hills. We got really exhausted and we were afraid to get caught by ISIS, so we waited until sunrise and then continued walking.

It took us until the afternoon to find the military area, and from there we were sent here to this camp, and once we arrived my mom registered me and my brother in school."

***Majid has started attending support classes at the child friendly space in the refugee camp.***

***Majid says: "We started going to school since the first day we arrived***, but because we were out of school for almost two years, we had to attend some support classes to able to catch up.

There will be an exam in the coming few days so I am studying really hard to be able to go to the fifth grade, otherwise I will have to go back to the fourth grade.

**I love Arabic literature and I would like to be an Arabic teacher.** I want to have a good job and help my family, we already lost everything we had and I must stand with them."

**Majid's story was shared with Save the Children.**

