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During 2012

the local communities started to self-organize and formed local councils to fill the gap left by the regime's withdrawal of public institutions and services.



2012-2017

Up to 26 local councils were operational providing public services and local administration (e.g. civil and property registries) to the local communities.

The local councils are elected in each town/city from General Assemblies representing the communities



Beginning of 2016

The Provincial Council of the Free Rural Damascus Governorate moved to Eastern Ghouta.



July-August 2017

Three local councils changed their election process moving towards public elections. Free local elections were thus organized in three towns/cities.

Local Civil Society



During 2013

Local initiatives from the civil society in the different communities started to appear to support the local communities.



2012-2017

Up to 70 local civil society organizations are operating in Eastern Ghouta, active in women empowerment, child care and protection, relief, skills training, advocacy, associative action, etc.