

WHOLE OF SYRIA

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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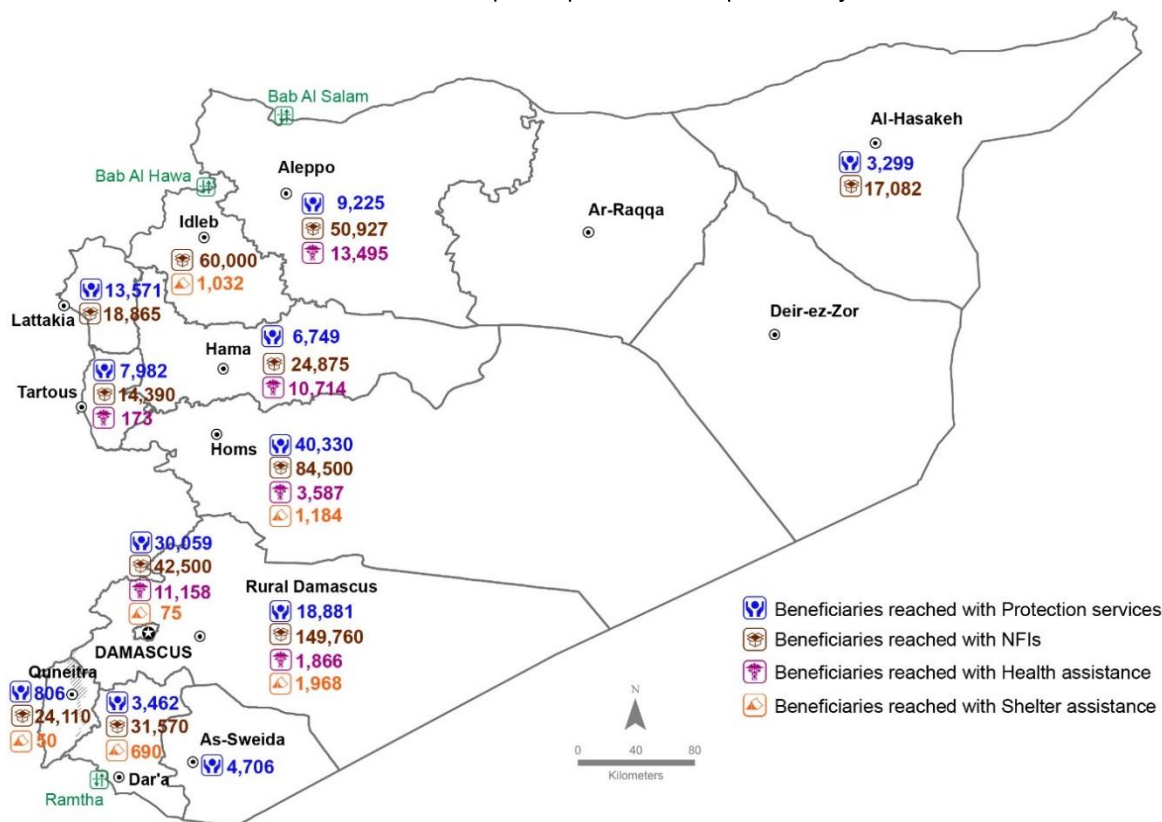


UNHCR's operations in Syria deliver vital protection assistance and interventions to improve shelter conditions and help provide for families' basic household needs. A total of 13.5 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria. As safe and unimpeded humanitarian access remains a significant challenge inside the country, UNHCR continues to use all possible means to reach people in need, including working across conflict lines and borders as authorized under United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

UNHCR, through the Whole of Syria response, has three main operational centres, in Damascus for regular programming, in Amman for cross-border to southern Syria, and in Gaziantep for cross-border to northern Syria.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER

- In September, UNHCR reached 518,579 people in Syria with non-food items (NFIs); 81 per cent of these were reached from inside Syria, while 19 per cent were reached through cross-border operations.
- UNHCR's winterization programme began across Syria. The plan is to cover 1,000,000 individuals with winter-specific non-food items (NFIs) that include plastic sheeting, high-thermal blankets and winter clothes.
- UNHCR stepped up capacity to monitor and report on Protection needs inside Syria.
- UNHCR compiled and analysed assessment data for the [Protection Needs Overview \(PNO\)](#), including from 866 Focus Group Discussions and Structured Community Discussions (of which 581 were UNHCR-led discussions), in which 8,300 beneficiaries participated from April to July 2016.



September Key Figures

139,070 individuals reached with Protection services

518,579 individuals reached with NFIs

4,999 individuals reached with Shelter assistance

40,993 individuals reached with Health assistance

146,582 individuals reached with assistance in hard-to-reach and besieged areas

2016 KEY CUMULATIVE FIGURES (January-September)

1.18 M
Beneficiaries reached with UNHCR Protection services

2.66 M
Beneficiaries assisted with UNHCR NFIs

520,700
Beneficiaries assisted through UNHCR health assistance

\$329 M
Requested by UNHCR, out of which \$128M (39%) was received

UNHCR ACTIVITIES IN CO-LED SECTORS/CLUSTERS



PROTECTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Protection Sector, led by UNHCR and co-led by the Norwegian Refugee Council, brings together 95 partners. The sector includes three “Areas of Responsibility”: Child Protection, Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Mine Action. The Sector’s strategic objectives include scaling up service provision, conducting Protection monitoring, guidance and mainstreaming, and providing training and tools to support emergency preparedness and response capacities. In 2016, the Protection Sector aims to provide 10.9 million protection interventions to people all across Syria affected

- In Rural Damascus, nearly 500 people, originally residents of Darayya who had moved to Moadamiya during the conflict, were evacuated to Herjalleh on 2 and 8 September. A total of six inter-agency missions to Herjalleh took place between 27 August and 10 September. In addition to obtaining accurate first-hand information on the situation, UNHCR and its partners have been providing protection services and assistance.
- UNHCR continues to expand its protection monitoring activities in northern and southern Syria. UNHCR has been mentoring its SNFI partner to undertake protection monitoring inside eastern Aleppo city. A UNHCR-funded protection monitoring team has also started to work in Ar-Raqqa Governorate. Protection monitoring teams in Idlib Governorate conducted 47 household assessments with the total of 359 individuals in September.
- In September, UNHCR provided legal assistance to 13,794 IDPs through its partners. This included legal counselling to 5,443 IDPs and 257 awareness sessions attended by 5,376 IDPs on various legal issues.



SHELTER AND NFIs HIGHLIGHTS

The Shelter and NFIs Sector is led by UNHCR and co-led by the Danish Refugee Council, and coordinates the efforts of 70 partners. Strategic objectives include strengthening emergency preparedness and response, ensuring a tailored, appropriate, and flexible response (modalities and items), and improving operational planning between hubs. As Cluster lead agency, UNHCR funds and oversees sectoral assessments, in addition to its regular programming.

- UNHCR participated in seven inter-agency convoys between 19 and 25 September in six besieged locations and one hard-to-reach area, reaching a total of 119,500 people with NFIs through inter-agency cross-line deliveries. In addition, nearly 300,000 individuals were reached with NFIs through regular programming from Syria-based operations.
- UNHCR reached 100,000 people with NFIs through cross-border operations from Jordan and Turkey in September. As of 30 September, a total of 691,000 IDPs in Syria have been assisted with NFIs by UNHCR Turkey’s cross-border operations (since July 2014), while 314,710 IDPs have been reached by the cross-border operation from Jordan (since August 2014).
- On 8 September, as part of the emergency response to the displacement in Hama Governorate, UNHCR provided humanitarian aid for 1,125 individuals in Muhardeh/Helfaya. In addition, from 10 to 18 September, UNHCR delivered 96,600 NFIs to Hama city.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Led by UNHCR and co-led by ACTED, the Cluster coordinates the efforts of 69 partner organizations and is activated in northern Syria. As Cluster lead agency, UNHCR’s strategic objectives include sustained and enhanced operational coordination of the response inside camps and other IDP settlements/sites in northern Syria, and maintaining an IDP tracking system to ensure consistent data on displacement serving all the humanitarian community, contributing to

- As of 27 September, 1,011,168 displacements have been tracked by the IDP tracking system since April 2015 in the seven governorates of northern Syria.
- The UNHCR-led CCCM Cluster monitored the locations and services provided to the IDPs transferred from Darayya (Rural Damascus) to northern Syria. Some of the IDPs that went to Idlib Governorate reached the Atmeh IDP settlement (situated near Turkish border) and some families moved to Jarjanaz town, south of Idlib city.

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