



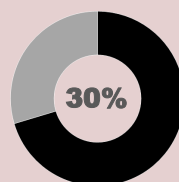
AR-RAQQA: In Ain Issa camp, which is home to about 7,300 people, humanitarian workers work around the clock in extremely difficult conditions to overcome obstacles and provide life-saving assistance to those in need. A Syrian displaced family sitting on a plastic sheet in their tent in Ain Issa camp amid the sweltering heat after they fled the besieged city of Raqqa.

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MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

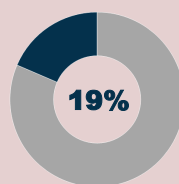
- A Technical Working Group (TWG) that is intended for revising the Shelter Sector Strategy along with the guidelines as needed has been formed. There are 12 members in TWG. The TWG has been tasked to review the current strategy of the sector and to review the guidelines given the changing context in Syria. Sector partners proposed to develop a two-year strategy plan covering 2018 – 2019.
- On 25th – 26th of July, a total of 23 participants from 14 organizations participated in the two-day Humanitarian Information Management Training. Sector partners were oriented on the overall framework and definition of humanitarian information management as well as on technical guidelines in conducting needs assessment, collecting and processing data, and visualizing and disseminating information.
- UNHCR conducted a series of rapid shelter assessment in Tartous particularly at the Al Karnak, DOS and national stadium collective shelters. The assessment reveals that the sanitation and hygiene conditions at the national stadium collective shelter remain poor. Repairing of sewer lines for leakage as well as hygiene promotion and regular waste collection are urgently needed.
- The shelter sub-national working group members in Aleppo met in July to discuss some pressing shelter-related issues. During the meeting, the governorate mentioned that they now had the authority to grant rapid assessment approvals to NGOs who were working in Aleppo. Moreover, it was shared that the distribution of shelter kits could be conducted without the governorate's approval but not the installation of shelter kits.

KEY DIGITS



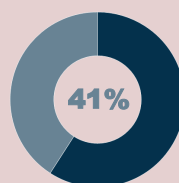
4.3 million
people in need (PiN) of shelter

Estimate number of people in need of shelter within Syria hub's AoR (30% of the estimated 13.5 million total people in need of humanitarian support in 2017)



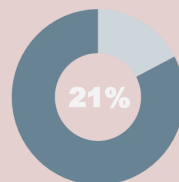
742,000
PiN targeted entire Syria in 2017

Estimate number of targeted people in need of shelter in Syria (19% of the estimated 4.0 million people in need of shelter in 2017)



303,385
PiN targeted by Syria Hub in 2017

Estimated number of targeted people in need of shelter by Syria Hub (41% of the estimated 742K targeted people in need in Syria in 2017)



63,845
people assisted

Total beneficiaries assisted by shelter projects since January 2017 (21% of 303,385 targeted people in need by Syria Hub)



175
shelter projects planned/
implemented

Total number of shelter projects planned/implemented since January 2017



23
shelter sector partners

Number of active shelter sector partners with operational presence



Highlights *cont...*

- Shelter sector coordination meeting took place on 25th July in Damascus. The meeting was co-chaired by MoLAE and UNHCR. During the meeting MoLAE presented a flowchart that outlined the standard project submission and approval process that must be followed by all partners.
- Sector coordination team completed HRP mid-year review. Only one new project from RESCATE was added. The shelter sector is planning to organize a strategy revision workshop on 25th September 2017 in coordination with MoLAE.

GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Lack of financial resources to rehabilitate damaged houses in places of origin such as Aleppo continue to discourage the return of IDPs;
- Limited access to hard-to-reach areas and lack of long-term presence impede the provision of proper shelter support;
- In most cases, available shelters are not enough to accommodate newly displaced persons;
- The operational capacity of the sector is insufficient to meet the needs.
- Delays in obtaining approvals result in is delayed implementation of shelter activities.

CRISIS BACKGROUND: *The crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that has displaced around 6.3 million people and forced around 4.8 million people out of the country to seek asylum. As per the 2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview, around 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 4.3 million people are desperate to receive adequate shelter support and other multi-sectorial assistance as they continue to struggle in an unsafe and uncertain environment. Due to the protracted nature of the hostilities, many of both displaced and host communities become more vulnerable and their ability to cope and find safe and durable shelter solutions have been greatly affected. The humanitarian community has been challenged to both provide emergency and life-saving shelter solutions while building back community cohesion and resilience through provision of sustainable shelter assistance.*

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MEDAIR was registered in Syria in early 2015 and opened an office in Abo Roumanneh, Damascus shortly after. And they have current activities in Rural Damascus, Homs and Aleppo with 21 International and National staffs.

MEDAIR is involved in household adaptation for people with disabilities, distribution of shelter and winterization kits, and is planning to commence shelter rehabilitation in 2017. Shelter rehabilitation activities are aimed to commence just after Eid Al-Adha. They implements projects direct, in cooperation with SARC and MoLAE, and other sectors as MOWR and MOH.

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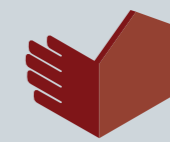
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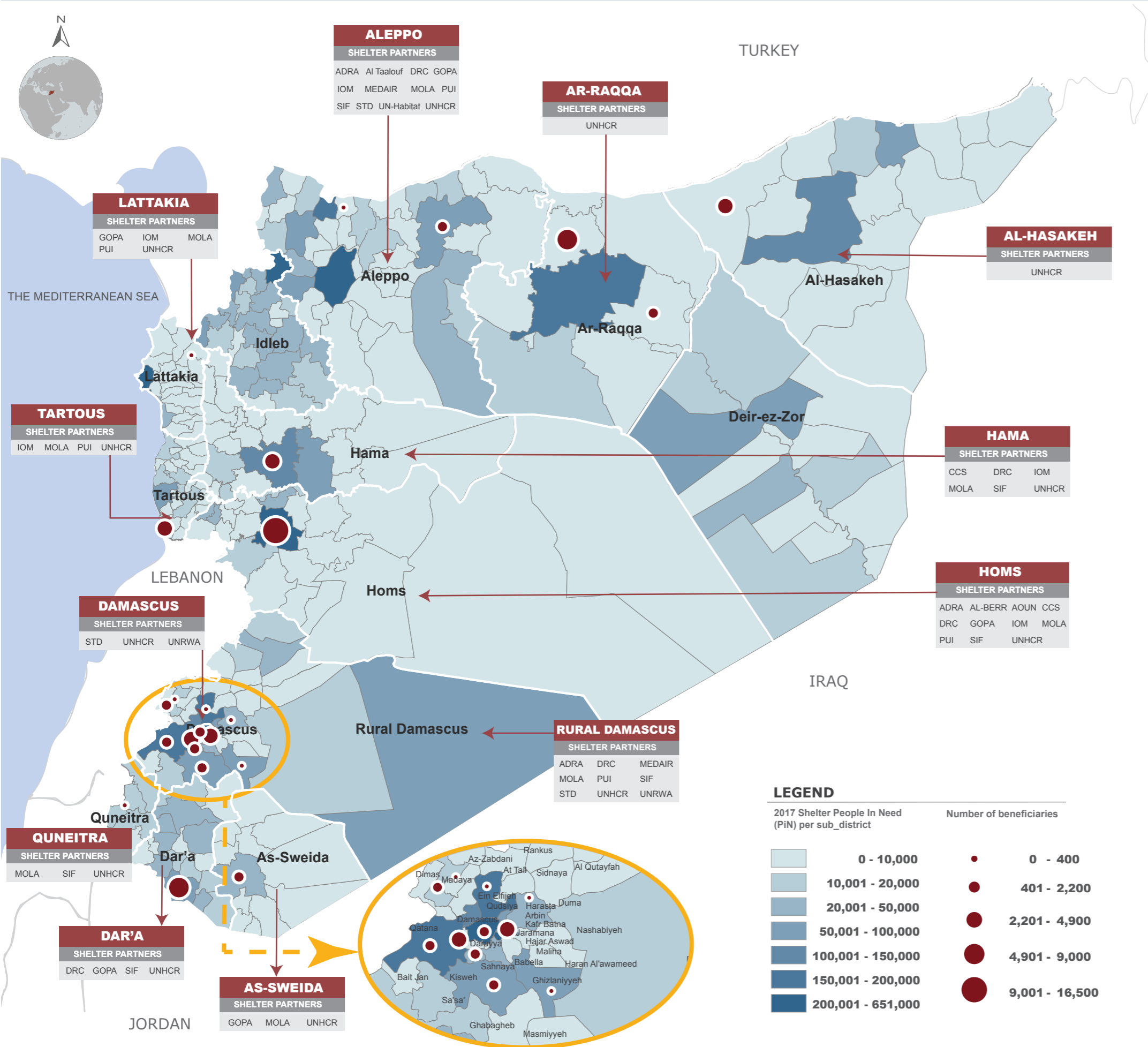


SYRIA: SHELTER SECTOR RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

Reporting Period: January - July 2017



Shelter Sector
Syria Hub
Sheltercluster.org
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

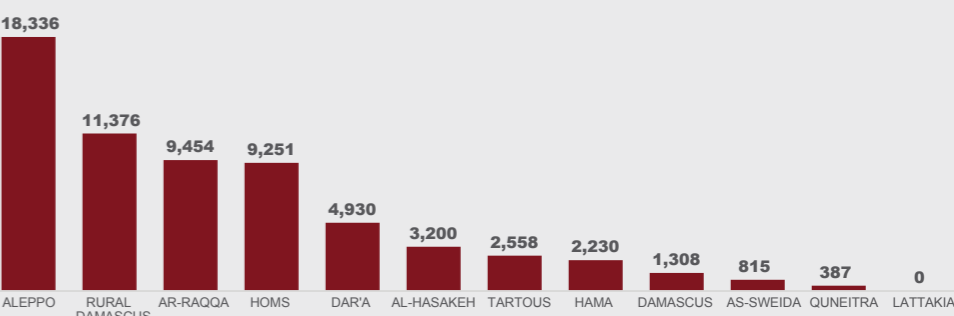


TOTAL BENEFICIARIES COVERED

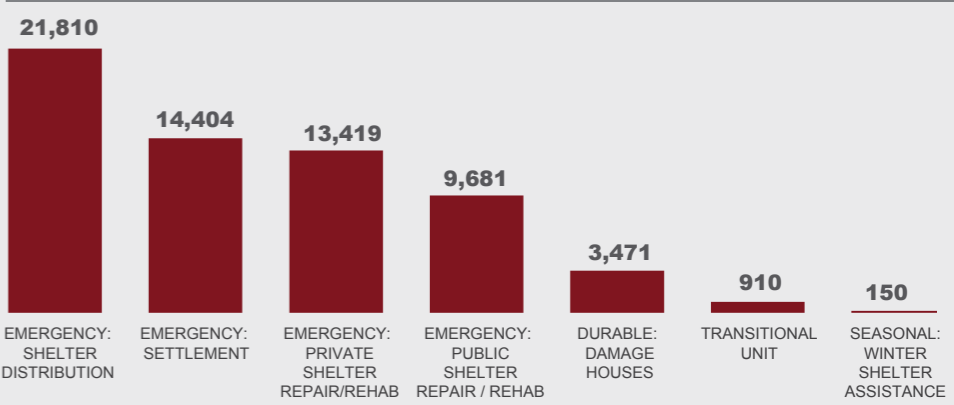
63,845 4.3 M OVERALL PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN)
742 K TARGETED PIN / HRP 2017

21% OF 303,385 TARGETED PIN (IN SHELTER) BY SYRIA HUB

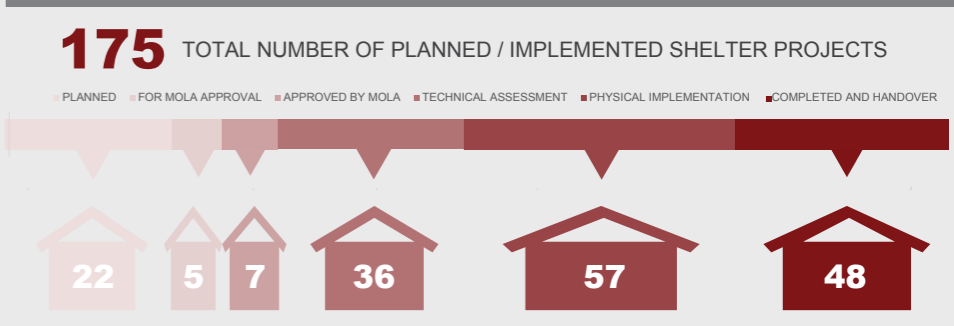
BENEFICIARIES COVERED PER GOVERNORATE



BENEFICIARIES COVERED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



NO. OF SHELTER PROJECTS PER STAGE



SHELTER SECTOR PARTNERS AS APRIL 2017

CO-LEAD AGENCIES	ACF	ADRA	AL BIRR	AL INSHAAT
	AOUN	CHILD CARE SOCIETY	DRC	GOPA
	IOM	MEDAIR	NRC	OXFAM
	PUI	Rebuild Syria	RESCATE	SARC
	SIF	SSSD	STD	UN-Habitat
	UNHCR			UNRWA