

KEY POINTS

- Based on various needs assessments inside Syria, the estimated people in need of essential non-food items (NFI) in Syria is around 4.7 million of which 3.3 million are with acute needs. This will serve as the planning figure for 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan.
- Movement of returnees is still ongoing. In September, some sector partners such as Al Ihsan, SARC, and UNHCR provided NFI assistance to around 63,000 returnees in Aleppo and Homs governorate. A total of 101,000 core and supplementary NFIs were distributed. Meanwhile, the provision of emergency NFI support especially to newly-displaced population remains in place. In Al Hassakeh, around 25,000 displaced persons in Al Hole, Areesheh, and Mabrouka camps received core NFIs from Al Birr, IRD, and UNHCR. Another 1,000 displaced persons in Ein Issa of Ar Raqqa governorate also benefitted from basic NFIs. ICMC and TDH, on the other hand, have reached around 3,400 displaced persons in Damascus and Rural Damascus governorates with its voucher programme.
- The government has approved the use of land route to Qamishly. This development has improved the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable population in northeastern part of Syria. The Logistics Sector continues to provide free transportation to small local non-government organizations who would want to provide support to Qamishly area.
- Some sector partners participated in the Whole of Syria Coordination Meeting in Beirut, Lebanon on the 19th of September. They were given the chance to share their feedback on the HNO key findings as well as ideas and inputs for the development of the 2018 sector strategy.

NUMBERS IN BRIEF



BENEFICIARIES ADEQUATELY SERVED



730,807 ACCOUNTS FOR BENEFICIARIES WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI (14% OF THE TOTAL TARGET OF 4.9 MILLION PEOPLE IN NEED OF NFI INSIDE SYRIA).

COVERED TOTAL SUB-DISTRICTS



ESTIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED MORE THAN 1 SEASONAL OR SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN SEPTEMBER 2017 (169% OF THE TOTAL TARGET OF 825,000 PEOPLE IN 2017).

OVERALL REACHED BENEFICIARIES



1.1. NO. OF PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS IN

CORE AND ESSEN-TIAL NFIS ARE MET

HRP INDICATOR

1.2. NO. OF PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS

SEASONAL ASSIS-

RELATION TO

5,745,488

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES AS OF SEPTEMBER 2017 WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE / PART OF NFI

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GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Widespread insecurity, challenging physical access and rigorous bureaucratic procedures and approval limit provision of adequate and regular humanitarian assistance especially to those who live in besieged and hard-to-reach areas;
- Absence of age and gender disaggregated information of population in need unable the sector to accommodate and target specific needs;
- Logistical constraints especially during inter-agency convoy such as road blockage, presence of checkpoints, presence of threats, and proximity to active front lines (i.e. Ar Raqqa) continue to hamper rapid distribution,;
- Lack of actual data on distribution recipients prevent the sector to better measure the actual reached and served beneficiaries;
- Limited and irregular monitoring of distribution due to insecurity and sensitivities compromise the ability of the sector to assess the impact of its assistance and better inform future planning;
- Absence of clear and effective feedback mechanism from population in need due to information gathering sensitivities unable the sector to better determine the efficacy of its effort;
- Lack of income-generating activities to provide the necessary financial means continues to hamper access to basic household items among the most vulnerable population in need:
- Diminishing active participation among sector members affects coordination and the overall sectorial reach;
- Inexact coordination structure impacts the level of efficiency in coordinating sectorial response for interagency convoys.
- Lack of reliable consolidated information for interagency convoy reach affects the sector's ability to determine the extent and impact of its convoy contribution;
- Insufficient number of detailed and comprehensive assessment makes it difficult for the sector to shift its response priorities from distribution of basic essential NFI items to provision of supplementary items.
- Decreasing number of local NGOs authorized to partner with UN agencies particularly in severely affected areas limit the extent of humanitarian response (i.e. Ar Raqqa).
- Lack of adherence to agreed distribution standards (i.e. UNHCR solar lamps) affects the quality of NFI response (i.e. Lattakia and Mashta'a Al-Helou).

CRISIS BACKGROUND: The crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that led to 6.3 million IDPs and 4.8 million Syrian refugees. The 2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview reported that around 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 5.8 million people need to receive essential household items and other multi-sectorial assistance as they continue to live in an unsafe and uncertain environment. The degree of resilience and positive coping mechanism of the affected population have gradually reduced due to the protracted nature of the hostilities. Purchasing power and the ability to provide for their basic household needs have decreased due to economic recession that left many people unemployed and the prospect of accessing essential household items has also declined due to closure of essential service providers.



PARTNER IN FOCUS



Ahl Al-Khair Association

Ahl Al-Khair Association is a local non-government organization

established in 2006 in Aleppo governorate. The Association ensures that vulnerable population including orphans are provided with quality humanitarian assistance.

Since the outset of the Syrian crisis in 2011, the Association has been actively responding to the affected population. At first, they had focused on providing emergency relief support but eventually expanded to development assistance. Together with SARC and various UN partners, the Association implements humanitarian interventions such as education-related assistance, engineering and shelter projects, livelihood, medical and psychosocial support, protection, and water and sanitation services.

The Association is one of the active partners in the sector. In partnership with IOM and UNHCR, they have assisted around 62,000 displaced population in Aleppo with basic and supplementary NFIs as of September 2017.

Currently, the Association has 478 staff composed of both regular employees and volunteers. They are working within the city proper as well as in rural areas of Aleppo.

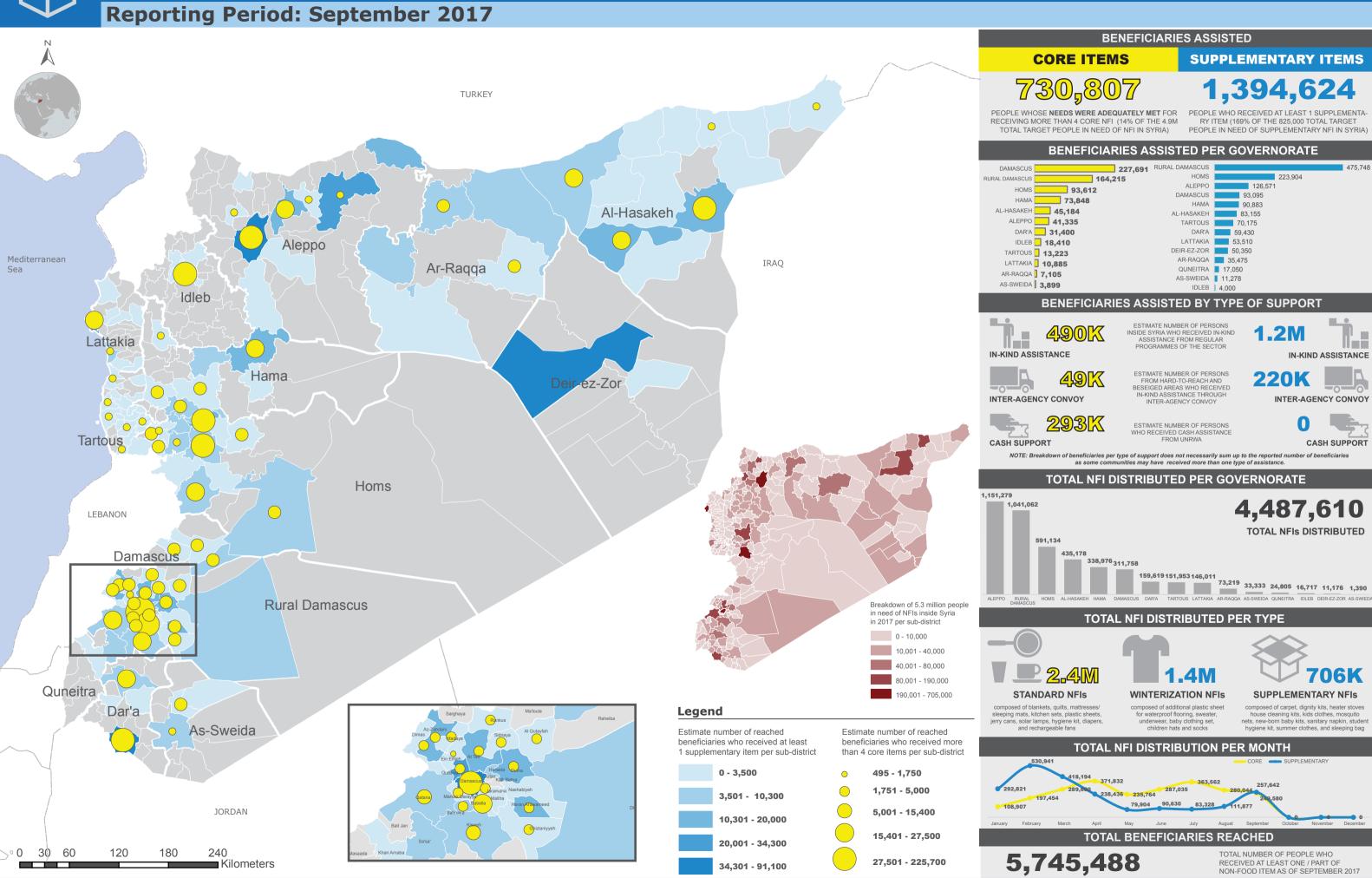
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SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE



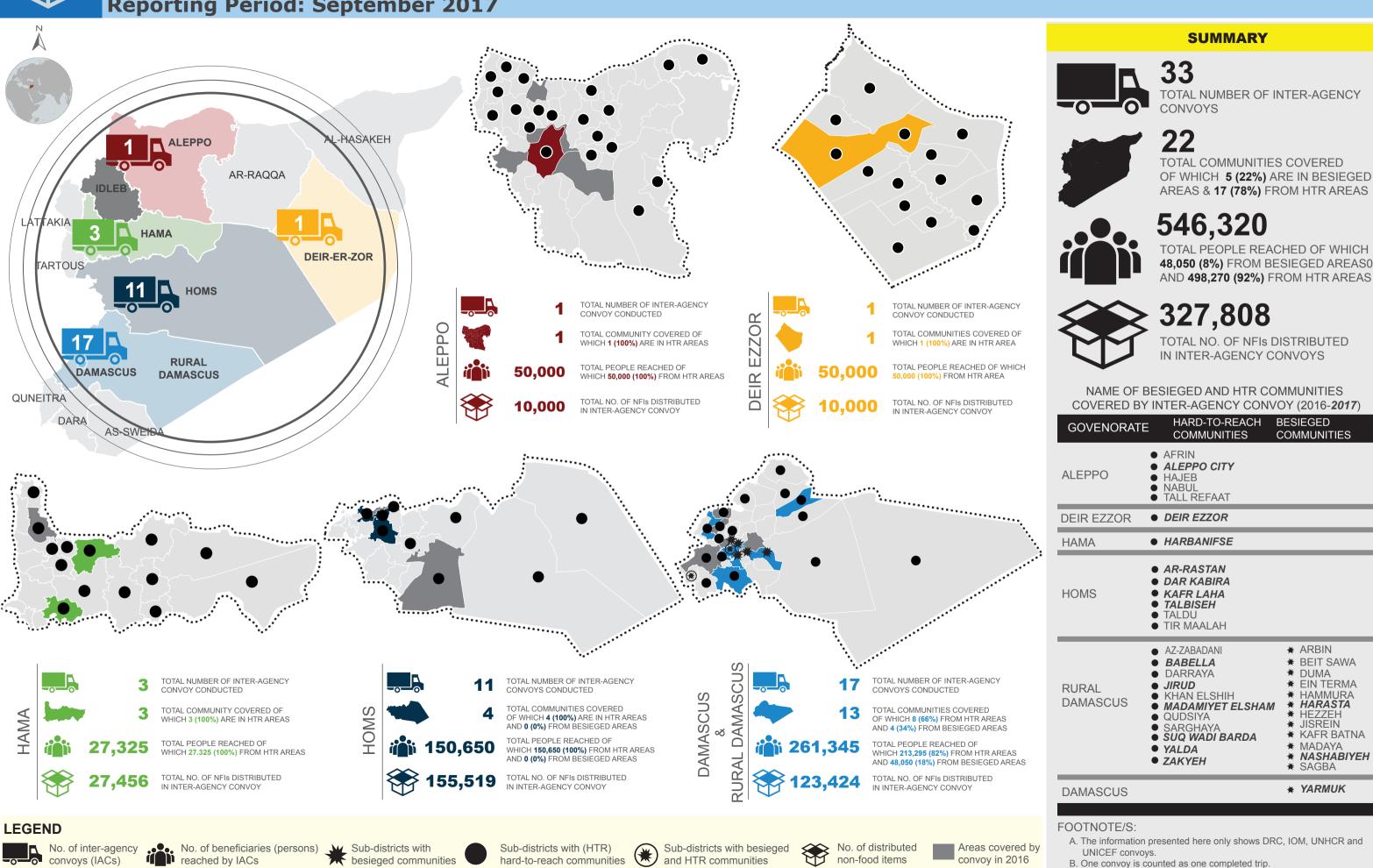




SYRIA: INTER-AGENCY CONVOY



Reporting Period: September 2017



and HTR communities

List of Hard-to-Reach and Besieged Areas (OCHA, September 2017)

besieged communities

hard-to-reach communities

non-food items

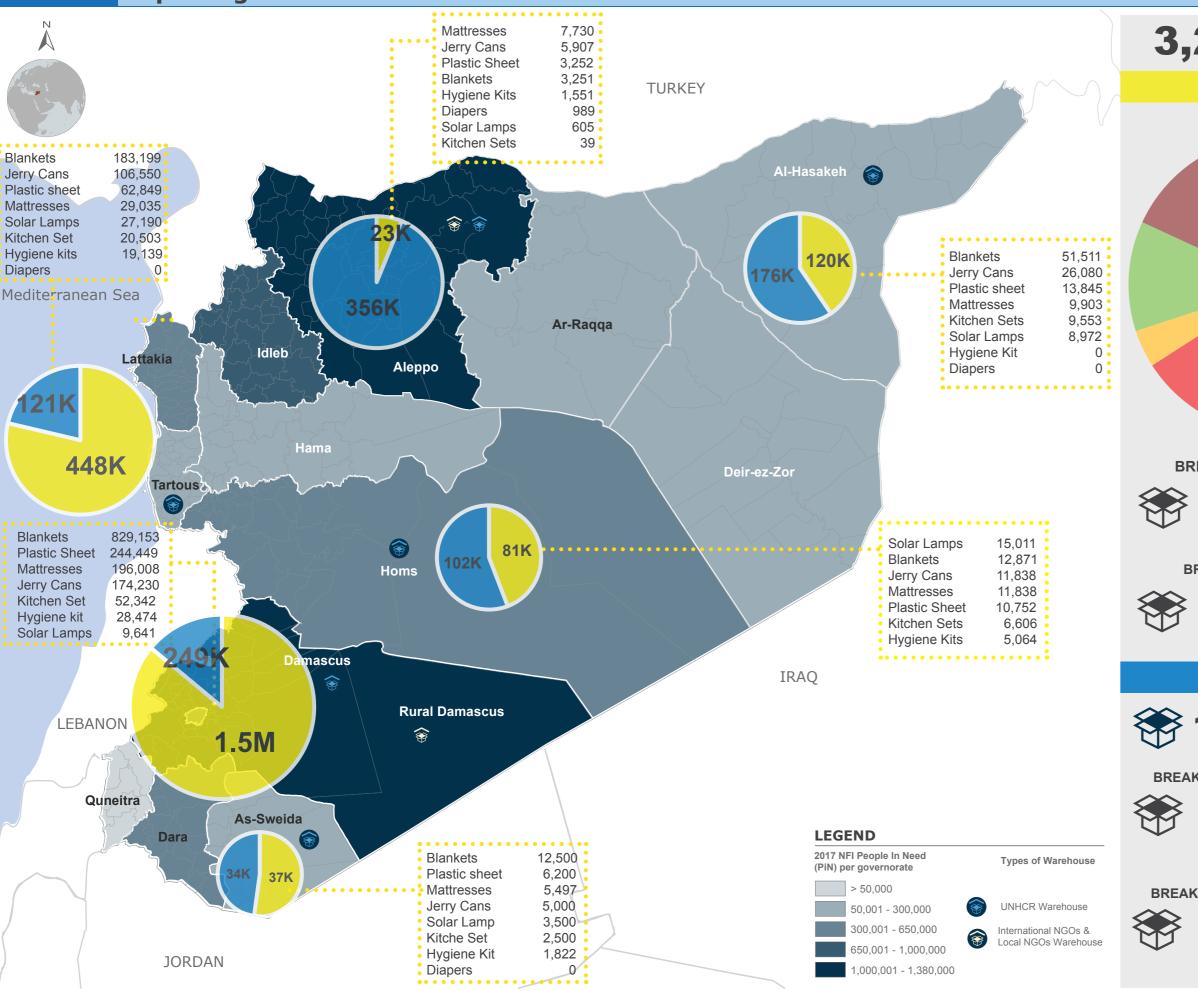
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SYRIA: NFI STOCKPILE



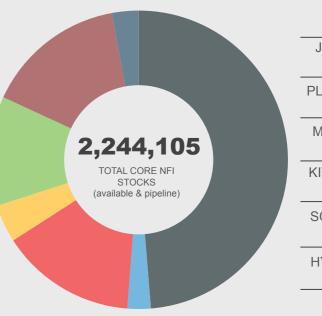
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3,283,593 TOTAL CORE AND SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS AS OF OCTOBER 2017

CORE NON-FOOD ITEMS

BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER TYPE



BLANKETS 1,092,485

JERRY CANS 329,605

PLASTIC SHEET 341,347

MATTRESSES 267,119

KITCHEN SETS

SOLAR LAMPS 64,964

HYGIENE KITS 56,050

> **DIAPERS** 989

BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER STATUS

1,470,190

773,912

AVAILABLE

PIPELINE

BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER AGENCY

5,70 2,230,404

7,998 DRC

GOPA UNHCR

SUPPLEMENTARY NON-FOOD ITEMS

1,039,491

TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY NF (available and pipeline)

BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER STATUS

999,491

40,000

AVAILABLE

PIPELINE

BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER AGENCY



1,031,991

7,500

UNHCR

GOPA