

SHELTER MONTHLY

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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

Massive shelter needs in Aleppo: The scale of destruction of shelter and infrastructure in Aleppo is massive. Buildings that once housed apartments and businesses have been reduced to rubbles. Some families have settled with friends and relatives. However, many thousands are sheltering in damaged buildings or informal settlements. Shelter sector partners have been implementing shelter works in different parts of Aleppo governorate and are planning to scale up the shelter response.

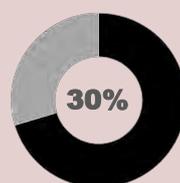


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MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

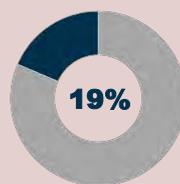
- On 26th April, the meeting with officials from Homs Governorate resulted in agreement to set up a “Joint Committee” with members from the sector, governorate and SARC / ICRC. This committee will be the reference and coordination body for the “Rehabilitation of Damaged Houses” project. It will collect all necessary data and will map needs and achievements which will help avoid overlapping and increase the coverage.
- Returnee movement is still ongoing in newly-accessible areas in Aleppo City. The need for shelter support remains huge as returnees struggle to find suitable shelter. Collective shelter in Jibreen continues to host IDPs. In April, sector partners continue to provide shelter support to the most vulnerable population. IOM distributed shelter kits while other shelter sector partners continue to install additional shelter kits to address the influx of additional returnees in the future. As part of its durable shelter interventions, DRC rehabilitated 176 rooms in Al Shekh Taha benefitting 880 displaced persons. SIF and UNHCR on the other hand have agreed with local authorities to rehabilitate 100 apartments in three prioritized neighborhoods of the sector. The rapid structural assessment in prioritized neighborhoods is planned in near future.
- On 11th & 12th April, a total of 18 shelter personnel from different organizations working in different governorates attended a two-day Shelter Coordination Training in Damascus City that was organized by the Shelter Sector. The purpose of the training was to enhance the capacity of shelter personnel including shelter sector focal points in terms of shelter sector coordination. The attendees were briefed on sector coordination and responsibilities of shelter sector focal point.
- The IM team of the sector developed an Interactive Dashboard that will provide partners with detailed view of their respective shelter responses at the community level.

KEY DIGITS



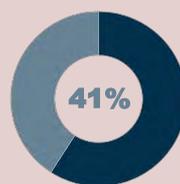
4.0 million
people in need (PiN) of shelter

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)



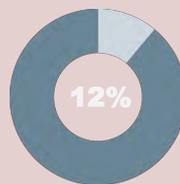
742,000
PiN targeted entire Syria in 2017

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)



37,796
people assisted

Total beneficiaries assisted by shelter projects since January 2017 (12% of 303,385 targeted people in need by Syria Hub)



142
shelter projects implemented

Total number of shelter projects implemented since January 2017



23
shelter sector partners

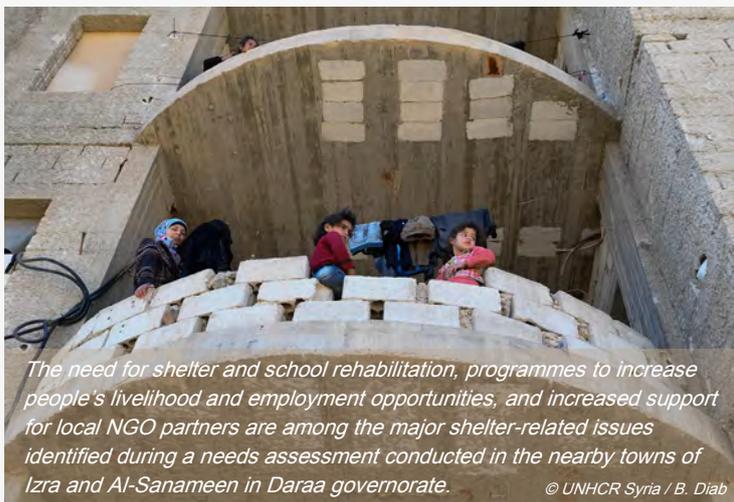
Number of active shelter sector partners with operational presence



GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Lack of basic services for returnees in newly-accessible areas in Aleppo City;
- Continued influx of displaced population has increased the number of IDPs seeking shelters, overwhelming the capacity of authorities and host communities to provide adequate shelter solutions;
- Limited or no access to population in need in hard-to-reach areas and lack of long-term access impede the provision of proper shelter support;
- Delays in getting approval from owners of private properties for rehabilitation/repairing of houses to accommodate IDPs;
- In most cases, available shelters are not enough to accommodate newly displaced persons;
- Insufficient income/unemployment lead to poor living conditions;
- The operational capacity of the sector is insufficient to meet the needs. The operational capacity of the sector is insufficient to meet the needs.

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 conflict, 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.*



The need for shelter and school rehabilitation, programmes to increase people's livelihood and employment opportunities, and increased support for local NGO partners are among the major shelter-related issues identified during a needs assessment conducted in the nearby towns of Izra and Al-Sanameen in Daraa governorate.

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The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is a humanitarian, non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in 1956 that works in more than 30 countries throughout the world.

DRC fulfils its mandate by providing direct assistance to conflict-affected populations including refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities in the conflict areas of the world; and by advocating on behalf of conflict-affected populations internationally, and in Denmark, on the basis of humanitarian principles and the Human Rights Declaration.

Within the Syrian Arab Republic, DRC has responded to the Iraqi refugee crisis since 2008. In 2012, DRC expanded its mandate to assist Syrian IDPs in its main areas of operation located in Aleppo, Dara'a, Damascus, Hama, Homs, and Rural Damascus governorates. Aside from these areas, DRC addresses emergency needs, as they arise, in other areas throughout Syria. DRC's emergency response focuses on provision of NFIs and communal shelter rehabilitation with a strong WASH component.

In 2016, DRC was able to serve at least 8,535 people of which 3,750 people have benefitted from collective shelter upgrade in Aleppo, Dara'a and Homs governorate and 4,785 people in Dar'a and Rural Damascus governorates were recipient of private shelter upgrade.

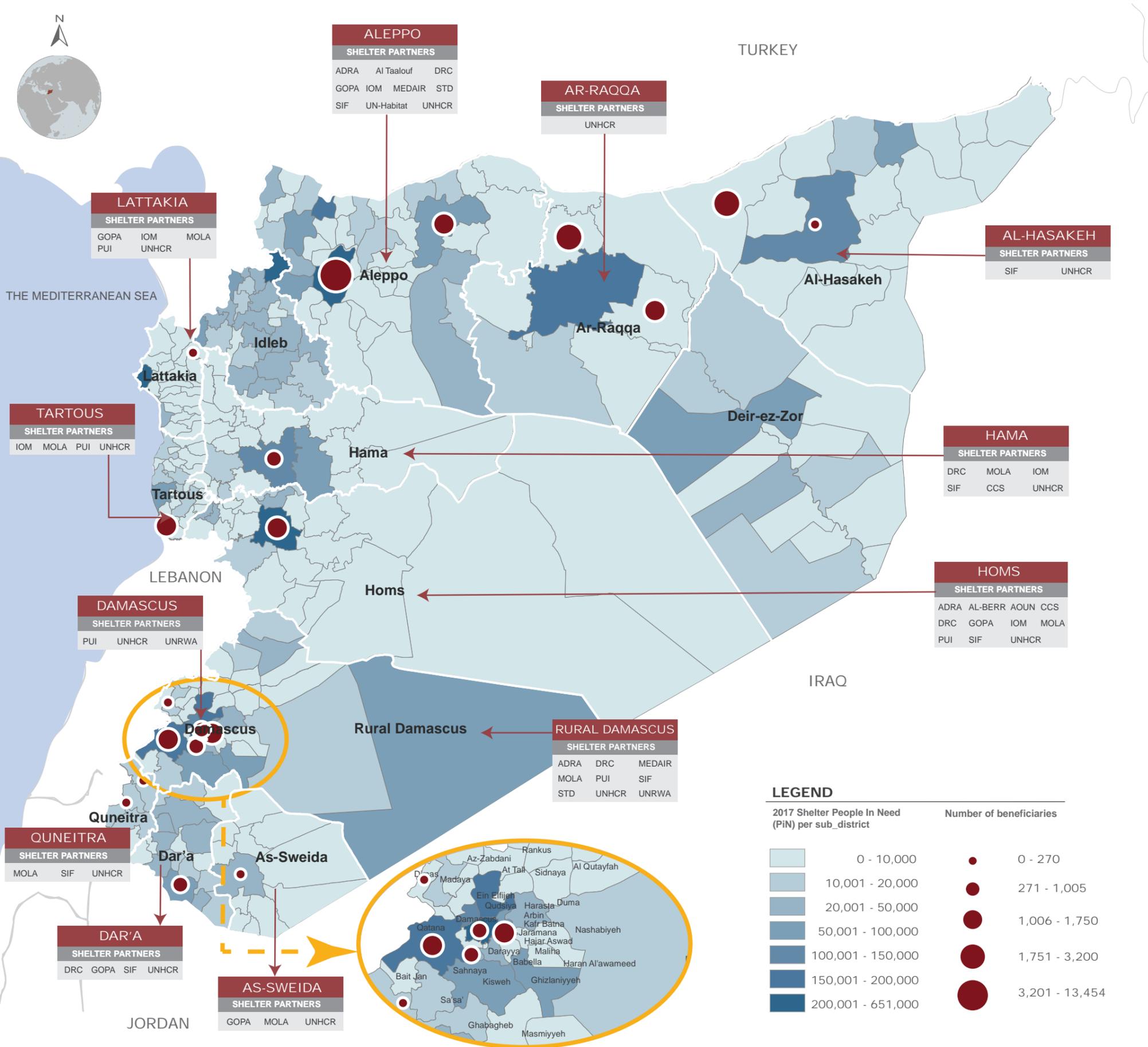
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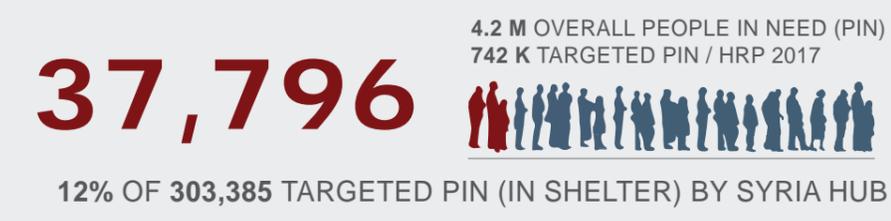


SYRIA: SHELTER SECTOR RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

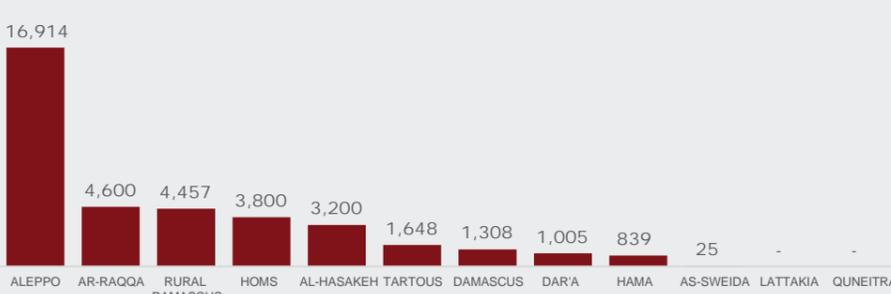
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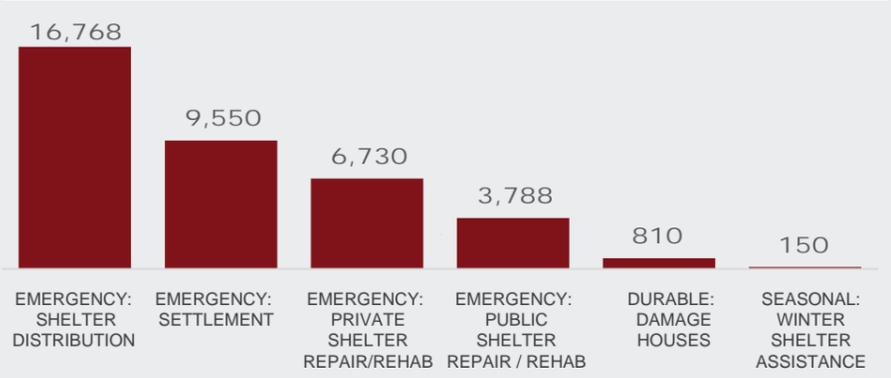
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED / ASSISTED



BENEFICIARIES REACHED PER GOVERNORATE



BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



NO. OF SHELTER PROJECTS PER STAGE



SHELTER SECTOR PARTNERS AS APRIL 2017

CO-LEAD AGENCIES

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