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Aleppo, Syria: Sector partners provide shelter assistance to IDPs from Afrin in Nubul.

In response to the emergency situation, shelter sector partners are scaling up the humanitarian response in providing basic shelter assistance to thousands of displaced people from Afrin.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Most of the IDP sites that host IDPs from Eastern Ghouta remain overcrowded, however with the departure of IDPs (over 14,000 by the end of May), the average occupancy rate is reduced to 157%.
- The Shelter Sector partners continue to respond to Eastern Ghouta and Afrin emergencies. So far over 42,000 people have been assisted in eight different sites hosting IDPs from Eastern Ghouta and over 3,000 people have been assisted in Nubul, Zahara and Tall Refat with different shelter interventions.
- About 10,000 individuals are expected to arrive at Al-Hol camp from Hajin and Dashisha villages. UNHCR has prepositioned 200 family tents at Al-Hol camp and additional tents can be made available depending on the need. Furthermore, 2 big size tents have been released for Malha (one for men and another one for women).
- The shelter sector in cooperation with the protection sector and the GBV sub-sector conducted an orientation session on “Mainstreaming protection in shelter responses in emergencies”. The session which was held on the 9th of May was very interactive and the partners collectively developed a checklist that will help partners to ensure protection mainstreaming in shelter responses.
- In the pilot phase, Shelter sector IM team rolled out Activity Info to replace the Excel-based 4W. In this regard, three sector partners volunteered for the pilot phase. An orientation and training session was conducted by the sector IM team to orient the sector partners who volunteered to pilot Activity info and how to report shelter activities on Activity Info platform.

OVERALL FIGURES



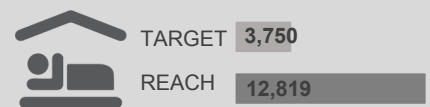
Total no. of people covered with emergency and durable shelter support in Syria as of May 2018

TARGET **864,296**

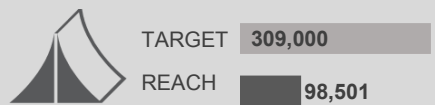
REACH **145,173**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE COVERED WITH VARIOUS SHELTER SUPPORTS

SEASONAL SHELTER PROVISION



EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVISION



EMERGENCY SHELTER REHABILITATION



DURABLE SHELTER SUPPORT





GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Lack of shelter materials and manpower as well strict security protocols have posed major challenges to the speedy shelter rehabilitation in locations that are severely devastated (i.e. Deir ez-Zor);
- Access and safety are the key challenges in some parts of the country as well as partner capacity and heavy processes along with funding constraints;
- Increasing needs, diminishing coping capacities of both the IDPs and host communities, and limited financial resources of the government to provide shelter compensation require sector partners to scale up operational presence;
- Shelter and infrastructure needs are huge and the Shelter Sector partners collectively do not have capacity to meet all the needs;
- Issues related to the loss of occupancy documents deprived some population from accessing shelter supports;
- Opportunities for systematic field-based data collection remain very limited due to access or authorization restrictions, resulting in incomplete needs analysis in some areas.

CRISIS BACKGROUND: The crisis in Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that has displaced around 6.1 million people in various parts of the country. As per the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview, around 13.1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 4.2 million people are in need of 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 adequate shelter assistance.

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UN-Habitat is an active partner of the Shelter Sector, through an area-based and multi-sector approach, UN-Habitat supports Syrian municipalities to develop area-based plans, urban information analysis, field damage assessments and restoration of cadastral services functionality. UN-Habitat has also been working closely with the Syndicate of Syrian Engineers to pilot a joint approach to restore unsafe damaged homes. In addition, UN-Habitat, as a member of the Shelter Sector in Syria, is working to support IDPs and returnees in emergency shelter responses.

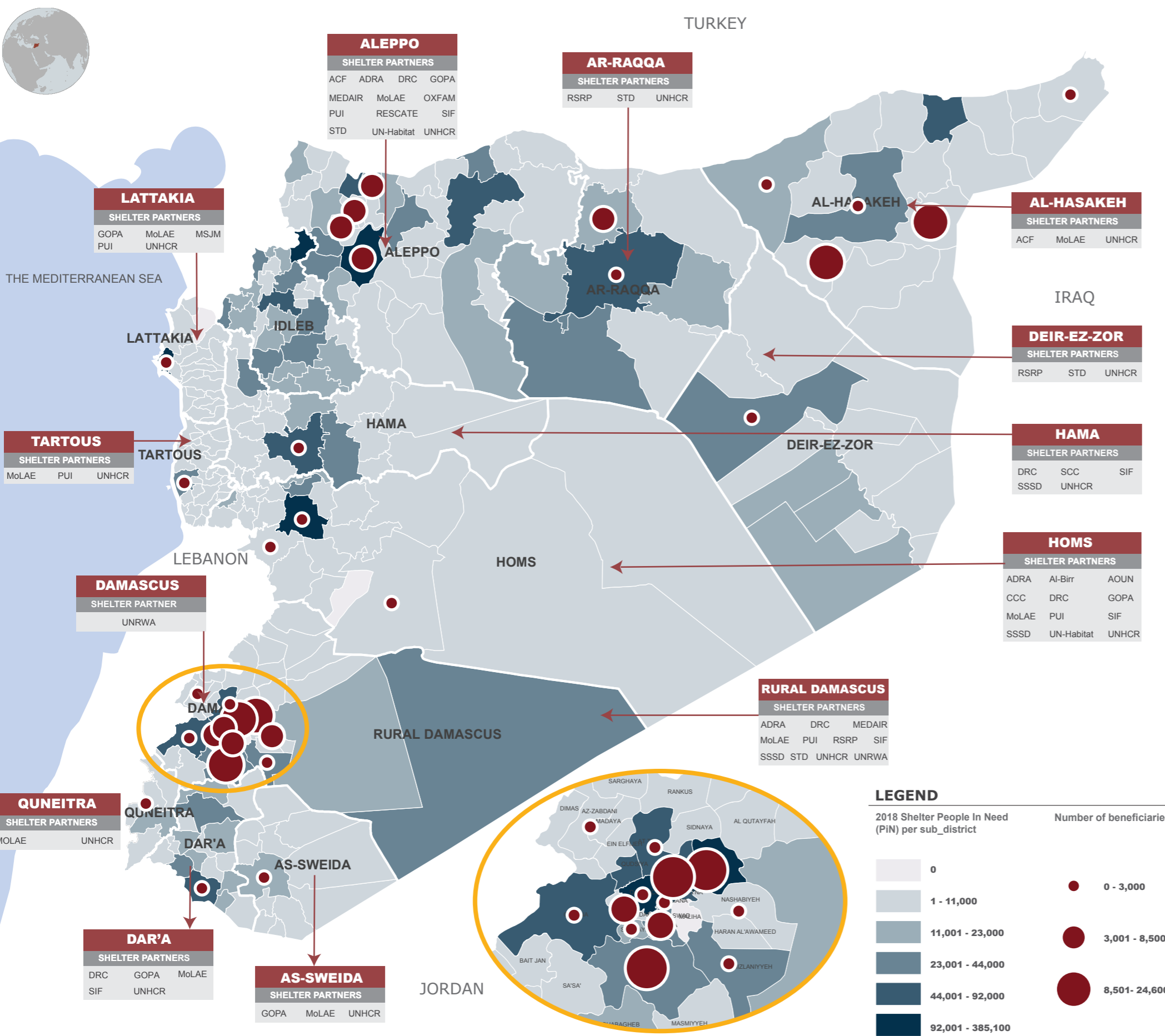
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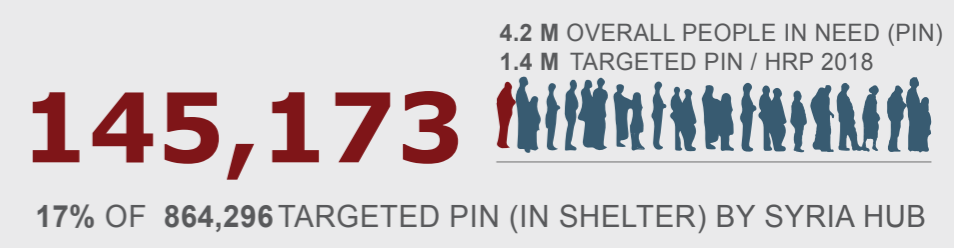


SYRIA: SHELTER SECTOR RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

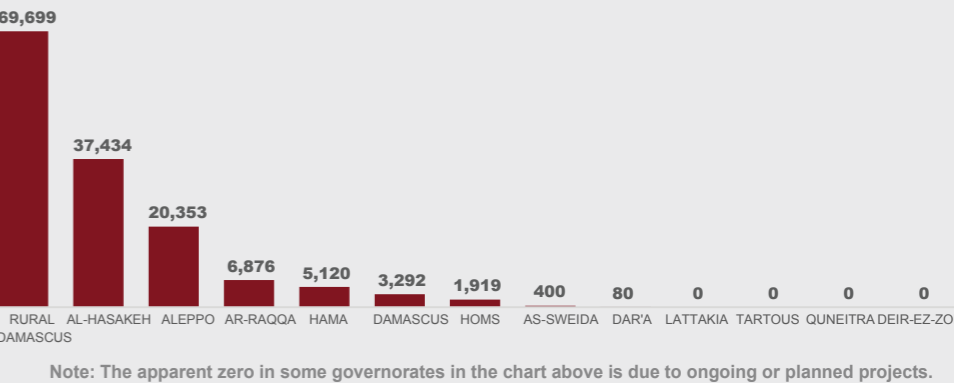
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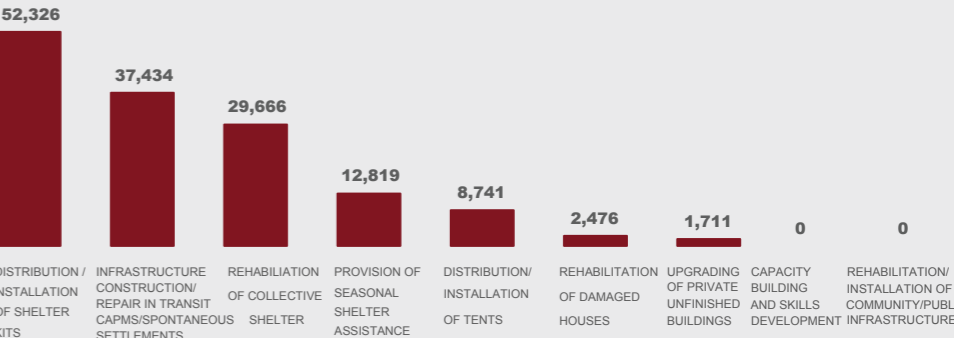
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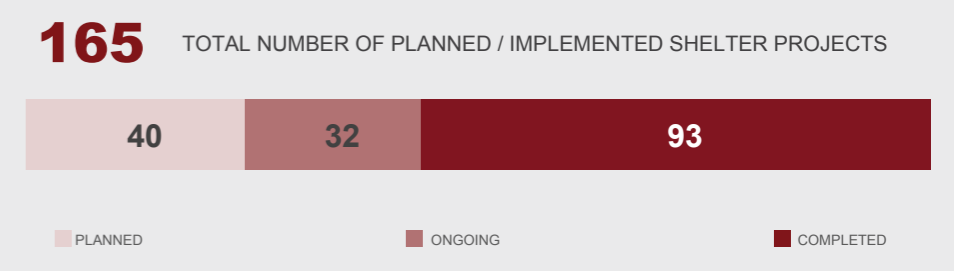
BENEFICIARIES COVERED PER GOVERNORATE



BENEFICIARIES COVERED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



NO. OF SHELTER PROJECTS PER STAGE



SHELTER SECTOR PARTNERS

CO-LEAD AGENCIES			
ACF	ADRA	Al-Birr	AL Ihsan
AI Taalouf	AOUN	CCC	DRC
GOPA	IOM	MEDAIR	MSJM
NRC	OXFAM	PUI	RESCATE
RSRP	SARC	SCC	SIF
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