

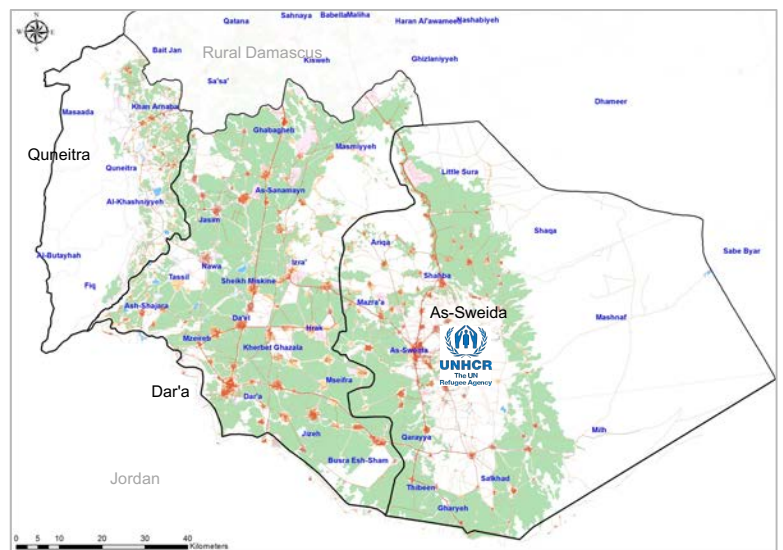
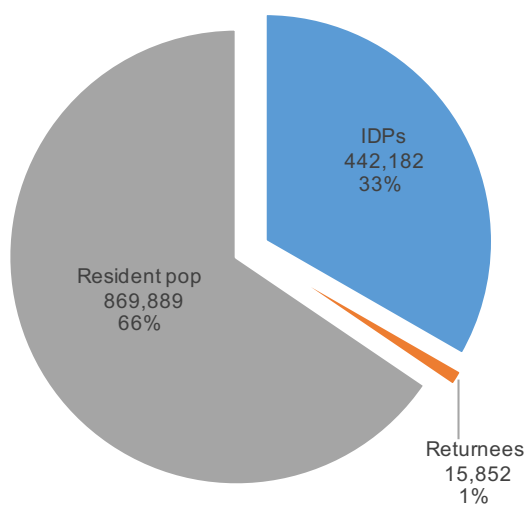
UNHCR Syria / As-Sweida FO

End of year 2017 / Factsheet

January – December 2017

Highlights

| Governments | Number of Sub-Districts | IDPs | Returnees | Resident pop | Total Pop |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| As-Sweida | 12 | 63,344 | 410 | 264,698 | 328,452 |
| Dar'a | 17 | 330,118 | 14,368 | 554,424 | 898,910 |
| Quneitra | 6 | 48,720 | 1,074 | 50,767 | 100,561 |
| Total | 35 | 442,182 | 15,852 | 869,889 | 1,327,923 |



Presence in Sweida

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| UNHCR National Staff | 17 |
| UNHCR International Staff | 1 |
| UNHCR Partners | 9 |
| UN Team in Sweida | 5 |

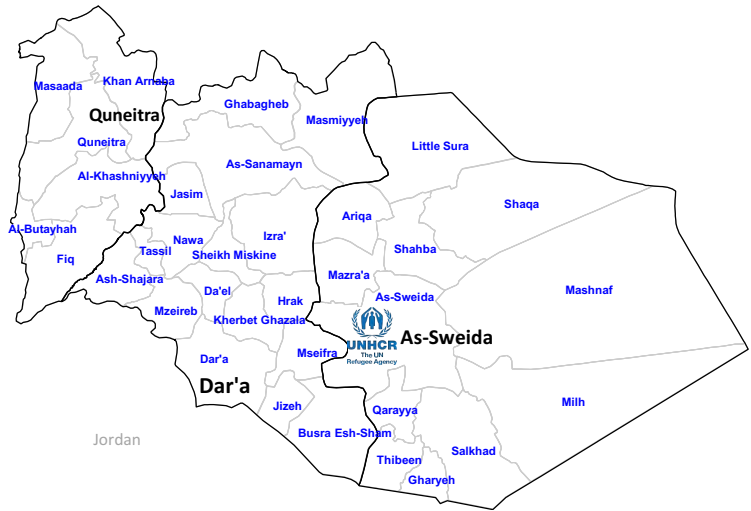


OVERVIEW

UNHCR is the only UN agency having presence in As-Sweida. Established in July 2014, As-Sweida FO is covering Syria's three southern governorates namely: Dar'a, As-Sweida and Quneitra.

ACCESSIBILITY

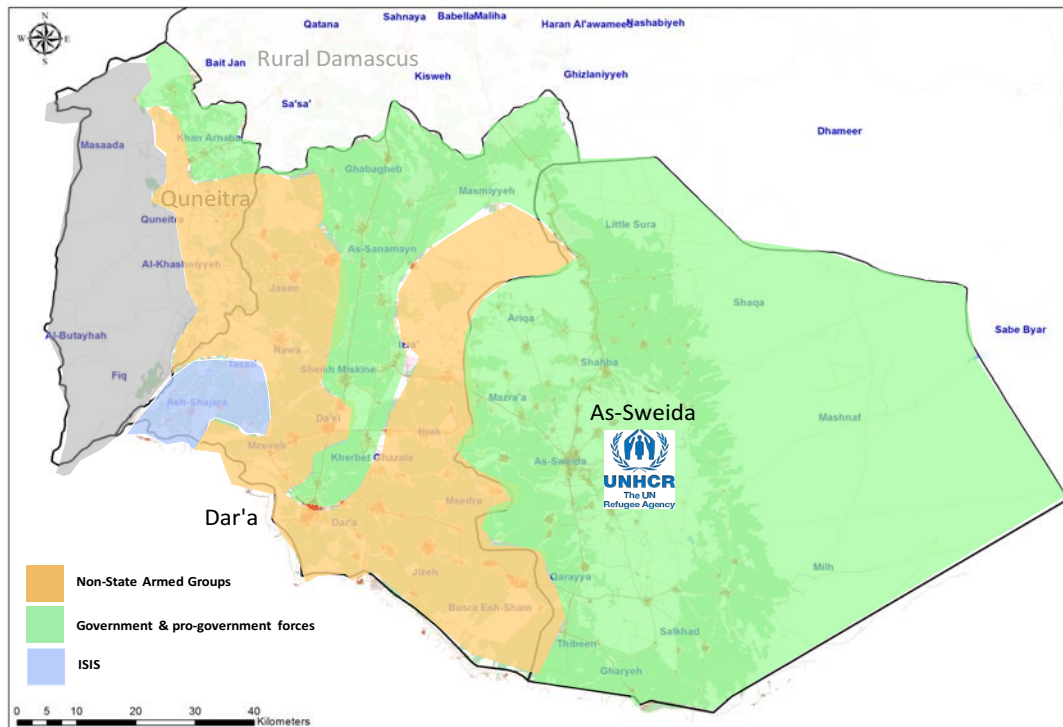
Over the past three years, owing to the fragile security and continuous armed hostilities, UNHCR had access only to government-controlled areas. In 2017, major developments took place on both military and political fronts that allowed greater humanitarian access to earlier off-limits locations. As-Sweida governorate remained accessible. The office encountered challenges in gaining access to all sub-districts of Dar'a, however, the main three cities remained relatively accessible, while in Quneitra, only Khan Arnaba sub-district remained accessible.



| District | Who Has the Greatest Control Over the District? | Accessibility Status | Newly Accessible Areas in 2017 |
|-------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Shahba | Government of Syria (GoS) | Full access | |
| As-Sweida | GoS | Full access | |
| Salkhad | GoS | Full access | |
| Quneitra | GoS and Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs) | Only Khan Arnaba sub-district is accessible to partners | |
| Fiq | NSAGs | No access | |
| Al Sanamayn | GoS and NSAGs | Access is limited to locations under GoS' effective control | As-Sanamayn city |
| Izraa | GoS and NSAGs | Access is limited to locations under GoS' effective control | |
| Dar'a | GoS and NSAGs | Access is limited to locations under GoS' effective control | |

SECURITY

- The general security situation improved in connection with the establishment of de-escalation zones on 09 July 2017. However, sporadic mortars continued in Yarmouk Basin and in Dar'a city, Dar'a governorate and Al-Baath and Khan Arnaba cities in Quneitra governorate.
- In As-Sweida governorate, SAA regained control over the border posts between Jordan and Syria.



MAIN ACTIVITIES



Protection:

- Through its partners, UNHCR provided a package of protection services in seven Community Centers, two mobile units and 118 Outreach Volunteers that respond to emergencies and out-reach to underserved areas.
- UNHCR legal programme is conducted through SARC, Syria Trust and DRC, with 17 lawyers providing legal counselling, interventions and awareness raising.
- 24 Community-Based Initiatives (CBIs) were implemented benefitting 10,162 individuals.
- UNHCR rehabilitated nine schools and installed prefabricated classrooms benefitting approximately 4,417 children.
- UNHCR's Home-based Rehabilitation Programme (HBR) benefitted 51 children with mental developmental delay and autism, and included support to three schools with six HBR kits, benefitting children with special needs.
- UNHCR reached 69,745 beneficiaries by protection interventions in 2017.



NFI:

- In 2017, 115,000 IDPs in Dar'a, As-Sweida and Quneitra were reached with CRIs.
- The winterization programme targeted 50,000 individuals/10,000 families, with priority given to those living in harsh winter conditions.



Livelihood:

The 2017 livelihood strategy in As-Sweida focused on:

- **Vocational training:** 1,036 individuals benefited from vocational training conducted in community centres in As-Sweida
- **Start-up small business grants:** 16 business grants were approved.
- **Dignity Toolkits:** 745 toolkits of diverse types were distributed, such as: electrician, plumbing, carpentry, sewing and painting in different areas of As-Sweida.



Shelter:

- As an emergency response, shelter kits were installed in three collective shelters/240 rooms, benefiting over 1,200 individuals, were rehabilitated in cooperation with UNHCR partners DRC, MoLA, SIF and GoPA.
- More than 2,010 individuals in Dar'a benefited from private shelter upgrade in different areas, including Al Kashef, Sahari, Izra'a, Sabeel and Qussor.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with its partners, rehabilitated nine schools and provided 18 prefabricated classrooms in seven schools. The classrooms will benefit 810 additional students.



Health:

- In 2017, 1,400 individuals benefited from primary health care services in As-Sweida governorate.

Refugees & Asylum Seekers By the Country of Origin

| Country | Refugee Families | Refugee Individuals |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Iraq | 42 | 117 |
| Others | 3 | 9 |
| Total | 45 | 126 |

UNHCR Partners in As-Sweida

Syrian Society of Social Development (SSSD) | Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) | Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East (GOPA) | Secours Islamique France (SIF) | Syria Trust (ST) | Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) | Danish Refugee Council (DRC) | Bara'em Association for childhood Care (BACC) | Ministry of Local Affairs (MoLA)

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