

# Syria

November 2019

As of end of October 2019, UNHCR Syria provided community-based protection to **1,382,627** displaced persons, returnees and host community members, including **256,236** individuals provided with legal assistance, **217,103** children with social and recreational activities in community centres, child-friendly spaces, schools and other outreach activities, **60,071** students with remedial and catch-up classes, and **186,869** individuals taking part in SGBV awareness sessions.

Meanwhile, **1,407,246** individuals received at least one core-relief item, **254,276** displaced persons, returnees and host community members benefited from UNHCR's shelter activities, while **358,693** individuals were supported through UNHCR's community-based health interventions, as well as **2,590** individuals benefited from the UNHCR's livelihood programme.

UNHCR recorded **82,554** Syrian refugees having spontaneously returned between January and October 2019. An increase in self-organized returns of refugees in 2019 is expected. UNHCR will continue to respond to the needs of the displaced and refugee returnees with the same implemented community-based protection approach assisting internally displaced Syrians.

## HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT

**11.1 million**

people in need of humanitarian assistance

**13.2 million**

people in need of protection interventions

**11.3 million**

people in need of health assistance

**4.7 million**

people in need of shelter

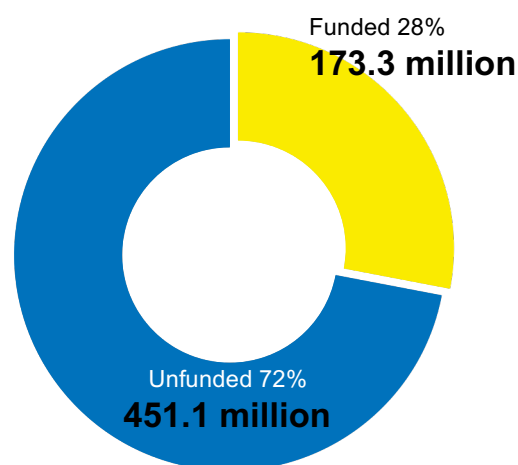
**4.4 million**

people in need of core relief items

## FUNDING (AS OF 06 NOVEMBER 2019)

**USD 624.4 million**

requested for the Syria Operation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Internally Displaced Persons

Internally displaced persons **6.1 million**

### Returnees

Spontaneous IDP return movements **412,662\***

Syrian refugee returnees **82,554\*\***

### Refugees and Asylum seekers

Current population **28,667\*\*\***

Total urban refugees **16,109**

Total asylum seekers **12,558**

Camp population **31,240\*\*\*\***

\*OCHA, 31 October 2019

\*\* UNHCR, 30 October 2019

\*\*\*This figure excludes the camp population

\*\*\*\*Only 6,800 individuals that arrived to Al-Hol before the recent influx are persons of concern of UNHCR.



"I can't believe it's that simple, I will give this one to my dad as a gift" said Taim while he was dazzled with the process of making plaster. It is Taim's first visit to the community centre run by UNHCR's partner GOPA in Sheikh Khuder in Aleppo. "I will never miss an activity in this centre" added Taim.

# Update on Achievements

## Operational Context

In the ninth year of the crisis, the humanitarian needs in Syria remained staggering in terms of scale, severity and complexity, with protection risks persisting in a number of areas. According to the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) 2019, a total of 11.1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, including 6.1 million people that are internally displaced. Some 5 million people are in acute need due to a convergence of vulnerabilities resulting from displacement, exposure to hostilities and limited access to basic goods and services. There are also 1.1 million people in need in hard-to-reach locations.

With the consolidation of government control and changing territorial landscape, there has been an increasing level and pace of return of IDPs and refugees. In 2018, 1.4 million IDPs found their way back home, while 56,000 refugees were verified as having returned. In 2019, a total of 82,554 refugees have returned, although these refugee return figures are likely to be higher. Moving UNHCR's operational focus from emergency response to durable solutions continues to be a key priority for the operation throughout the year. People are returning despite challenging circumstances, and the operation aims to provide initial support to returnees and vulnerable population through an area-based approach. It includes immediate shelter repair, legal aid/documentation, community-based protection, primary health, livelihoods and education. Increasing needs for support for returnees also require wider and more predictable humanitarian space for all actors.

## Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to serve as the lead agency for the Protection, Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs) sectors for the response within Syria and coordinating the Whole of Syria response for protection. UNHCR led sectors include 74 Protection partners, 27 NFI partners and 26 Shelter partners. Due to the size of humanitarian operations in Syria, as well as the area-specific issues in different regions, various partners and different levels of access, for NFI and Shelter and Protection there are six sub-national coordination mechanisms: Aleppo, Damascus, Dar'a/As-Sweida, Homs, Qamishli and Tartous

As of end of October, UNHCR has partnership agreements with 25 partners including six international NGOs, 17 national NGOs and two government entities (Ministry of Local Administration and Environment and Ministry of Higher Education). Out of 11 national partners that have submitted the Partnership Project with UNHCR for the clearance of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, 10 partners have received the approval so far, while the partnership agreement with one of the local partners in Homs was cancelled. Furthermore, a new procedure of the government requested faith-based NGOs to apply for a clearance for project partnership agreements.

## Emergency Response<sup>1</sup>

### North East Syria

As of 11 December, 73,859 people remain in displacement from Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Aleppo with 14,115 displaced persons staying in collective shelters since the start of military operations in North East Syria on 09 October.

Moreover, 125,772 people returned to their areas of origin in Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Aleppo.

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<sup>1</sup> The emergency response section reflects the latest data as of 11 December 2019

UNHCR is responding to the needs of the affected population through the provision of emergency assistance like shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs) as well as community-based protection in camps, collective shelters and host communities. These activities are implemented in close coordination with UNHCR's local partners.



*Distribution of core relief & seasonal items through UNHCR's partner St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC) to the displaced populations in Al-Hasakeh city.*

UNHCR and its partners responded to the immediate shelter, and basic items needs of the displaced families. UNHCR has reached so far 196,337 individuals with core and winter relief items. The winter distributions have already reached 87,438 people in Al-Hol, Areesha, Ain Issa before its closure, Roj and Mahmoudli camps. The distribution includes the new arrivals as well as the residents in Al-Hol camp Annexes, which was recently resumed. Moreover, UNHCR has completed basic shelter repairs in 24 shelters benefitting 1,160 families. Work is ongoing in additional seven shelters for 353 families and assessment is planned in additional five collective shelters with 222 families. Partners have also repaired 12 shelters and planned for additional 17 shelters.

The core relief items distributions are ongoing in urban areas and collective shelters for displaced persons and host communities.

To date, 109,199 individuals in 192 locations in Al-Hasakeh, Tal Tamr, Mabada, Qahtaniyyeh, Amuda, Hole, Derbasia and Qamishli have received assistance.

Furthermore, UNHCR and its partners identified immediate protection needs of these families and continued to provide various protection services in collective shelters and host communities such as recreational activities for children, legal awareness, GBV prevention sessions, PSEA session, PSS, case management and in-kind assistance for persons with special protection needs.



## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

In October 2019, UNHCR in collaboration with its partner the Syrian Society for Social Development (SSSD) opened a new satellite centre in Wdhi area in Aleppo Governorate. It started to provide a full package of protection services including community mobilization, livelihood, education, child protection, Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) prevention and response services as well as services for persons with specific needs.

By end of October, the number of operational UNHCR-funded community centres and satellite centres stands at 100 community centres, 34 satellite centres, supported with a network of 109 mobile units and 2,871 Syrian outreach volunteers who are associated with Syrian national partners.

UNHCR conducted a three-day training of trainers on participatory methods under community led Initiatives (CLI) programme. The training aimed at enhancing the capacity of UNHCR's focal persons working in the CLI programme across the country in order to improve the quality of structured discussions with communities, equip the participants with new participatory tools that can be used in the community to identify their actual needs in a more reliable and efficient manner, as well as improving the quality of CLIs' documentation and reporting.



*A community-led initiative implemented in coordination with UNHCR's partner Syria Trust in Fakhoura in Lattakia providing children with school uniforms tailored by participants of the sewing course under the vocational training programme.*

In October, UNHCR conducted a training of trainers for the key staff members of its partner Baraem on the project of enhancing data management activities applied in the community centres. The new data management system developed by Baraem will be officially launched at the centre run by them before the end of 2019.

Furthermore, during October, the applied data management system was launched in one satellite centre run by SSSD and supported by UNHCR in Dar'a governorate. As of end of October 2019, eight partners are running their new data management systems in 103 community and satellite centres in 12 governorates and 1,162 staff members attended 34 training sessions. Moreover, monthly statistical inputs were received from 95 community and satellite centres run by six partners.

In October, UNHCR provided non-formal education programmes through remedial classes and catch-up activities to 3,678 (59,941 January – October) displaced students at the primary and secondary levels in the community centres and other education facilities, out

of whom 128 (6,527 January – October) children were out-of-school. Furthermore, 2,940 (17,607 January – October) displaced students benefited from the homework café activity within the network of community centres in different governorates.

Furthermore, in October UNHCR through its partners Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Secours Islamique France (SIF) and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) completed the rehabilitation of eight schools in Damascus, Dar'a and Homs governorates. Since the beginning of the year, 10 schools were rehabilitated in Damascus, Dar'a, Homs and Aleppo governorates. This will support the returnees to access education in new accessible areas.

Moreover, 330 (2,314 January – October) teachers and social counsellors from the Ministry of Education received capacity building training facilitated through UNHCR partner PUI in seven governorates. Furthermore, 30 (352 January – October) returnee students benefited from the homework café activity through UNHCR partner Al Ihsan in Aleppo governorate.

In October 2019, UNHCR partners; the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) and the Syria Trust provided legal assistance to 36,111 displaced persons and returnees in 14 governorates. This includes 14,325 individuals who benefited from legal counselling, 13,147 individuals who benefited from 648 awareness sessions, and 8,639 individuals who benefited from lawyers' direct intervention before courts and administrative bodies. Moreover, the lawyers' legal interventions have successfully assisted 2,846 individuals to obtain national identity cards, 2,974 children to be registered and obtain birth certificates, 1,291 individuals to obtain family booklets, 1,186 individuals to document their marriage events.

As of end of October, 256,236 displaced persons, returnees and host community members benefited from UNHCR's legal aid program on issues related mainly to personal documentation, authentication of customary marriages, birth registrations, divorce authentication in the context of response to gender-based violence incidents, preserving rights of women and children, property documentation, lease contracts and inheritance. The legal services were provided to 109,966 individuals who benefited from legal counselling, 29,198 individuals who benefited from direct interventions before courts and administrative bodies and 117,072 individuals who benefited from 5,178 awareness raising sessions on various legal matters.

In October, UNHCR and its partners identified and supported 821 (6,704 January–October) survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). Furthermore, during October 1032 (8,715 January – October) awareness sessions were conducted for 21,251 (186,869 January – October) individuals. To enhance the role of women in the decision-making process and in designing activities to address their needs, a total of 119 women committees were newly established since the beginning of the year.

In October, 1,297 (8,996 January – October) awareness-raising sessions on child protection topics were organized at UNHCR's community centres, shelters, child-friendly spaces and schools addressing children, caregivers and community members. Through these interventions, UNHCR in collaboration with Syrian partners identified and assisted 1,705 (11,989 January – October) children at risk among the displaced persons and host communities. The main protection risks were lack of birth registration and civil documentation, risk of school dropout, child labour, child marriage, crisis-related trauma, family separation and disabilities. Moreover, in October, UNHCR along with its partners and in cooperation with the Ministry of Education established 14 (193 January – October) community-based child protection structures across the country namely children clubs and child welfare committees. Additionally, during October 28,236 (217,103 January – October) children benefited from social and recreational activities conducted in community centres, child friendly spaces, schools and other outreach activities. Moreover, UNHCR continued to build the capacity of 18 national and international NGOs to deliver protection services for children. In partnership with PUI, UNHCR organised four child protection trainings in October (11 January- October). The training courses addressed 120 child protection staff working with UNHCR partners along with staff from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

and the Directorates of Social Affairs and Labour in October (330 staff were targeted January-October).



*Jamila was dropped off by her son in Dar Al Safa elderly house in Aleppo as he could no longer provide for her. "Can you hold my hand? I know that the weather is sunny today, but I am cold because I feel lonely" Jamila said to a UNHCR staff member during a field mission to this elderly house supported by UNHCR.*

The specific needs of older persons were addressed through the home-based training programme and older persons clubs, through which 969 (3,490 January – September) older persons benefited from the programmes. UNHCR continued to support children with developmental difficulties through its partners by implementing a special home-based rehabilitation programme designed to meet their specific needs and where 122 children were assisted during October, bringing the total number of children who benefitted from this assistance since the beginning of the year to 1,414 children.

Due to the prevailing extensive stress factors linked to the crisis and its effects, the psychological needs of the people of concern continued to rise. In October, a total of 1,921 individuals received Psycho-Social Support (PSS) services through community centres and outreach volunteers, out of whom 235 were referred to specialized mental health services. As of end of October, 14,680 individuals received PSS services, out of whom 1,796 were referred to specialized services. Moreover, during October a total of 47,060 individuals participated in 2,346 social and recreational events including awareness raising sessions. As of end of October, 361,839 individuals participated in 18,490 social and recreational events. These activities aimed at assisting people in finding relief from their inner tension, increasing their ability to deal with different types of reactions especially hyper vigilance, isolation and aggression, in addition to increasing their awareness on personal identity issues and individual characteristics, and building positive self-esteem. Different types of general and medical in-kind assistance were provided to 9,233 (59,290 January – October) vulnerable individuals in order to help them meet their various basic needs.



#### **SHELTER AND NFIS**

##### **Achievements and Impact**

UNHCR provided 204,968 individuals with at least one core relief and supplementary items during October 2019, bringing the overall individuals who received assistance since the beginning of the year to 1,407,246 individuals.



UNHCR continues its 2019 winterization programme in Syria. As of end of October 2019, UNHCR Syria provided 718,267 winterized items to 221,524 individuals/ 50,293 households, including high thermal blankets, additional plastic sheeting, sleeping bags, winter jackets and winter clothes kits in Aleppo, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Hama, Homs, Tartous, Latakia, Dara'a, Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorates. UNHCR is planning this winter to reach 1,500,000 individuals/ 300,000 households throughout the country.

UNHCR continued to provide life-saving and life-sustaining impact solutions. In October, 45,260 individuals/9,052 families in different governorates benefited from shelter assistance such as the distribution and installation of 387 shelter kits in Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Homs, As-Sweida and Dar'a governorates as well as the distribution of 1,498 tents in the camps in North East Syria in order to provide 2,886 individuals with shelter support.

Moreover, UNHCR through its partners GOPA and PUI distributed 70 solid waste bins in Aleppo and Latakia governorates. Furthermore, UNHCR through its partner SIF conducted water systems maintenance of 700 units benefiting 13,150 individuals in Rural Damascus governorate. To provide safe access to shelter, a debris removal project was completed through UNHCR's partner Syria Trust in Rural Damascus governorate. Additionally, UNHCR in collaboration with its partner Syria Trust completed the removal of 36,100 cubic meters of debris in Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates. Furthermore, projects of repairing damaged houses are ongoing across Syria, with 466 damaged apartments rehabilitated in Rural Damascus, Homs, Aleppo and Latakia governorates during October. Furthermore, 220 units of solar street lights were constructed in Hama governorate through UNHCR's partner SIF. Furthermore, 347 emergency rooms inside collective shelters were rehabilitated in Al-Hasakeh and Latakia governorates supporting 3,567 individuals.

As of end of October, 254,276 individuals /50,855 families benefited from the shelter and infrastructure assistance through the distribution of 896 shelter kits in Rural Damascus, Dar'a, As-Sweida, Quneitra, Aleppo and Homs governorates through UNHCR partners Aoun, GOPA and SARC, in addition to the distribution of 15,217 tents in various camps in North East Syria, along with the provision of technical assistance, construction of communal kitchens, installation of solar streetlights, provision of solar lights, land preparation, installation of big-size tents, fence construction and establishment of new distribution centres and reception areas.



## HEALTH

### Achievements and Impact

In October, UNHCR assisted 26,554 (292,409 January – October) displaced persons with Primary Health Care (PHC) services through 13 PHC clinics. A total of 271 IDPs (3,417 January – October) displaced persons benefited from emergency and life-saving referrals in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Hama and Homs governorates.

Moreover, a total of 11,100 (62,867 January– October) individuals were reached by the community-based health activities through the health points in the community centres: 3,130 (22,828 January– October) individuals received basic medical consultation in the clinics of the health points and 7,970 (40,039 January– October) individuals participated in and benefited from the health promotion and disease prevention activities conducted by the community-health workers inside and outside the community centres.

Currently 20 health points are functional in Rural Damascus, Aleppo, rural Aleppo, rural Hama, rural Homs, Tartous, rural Tartous, Quneitra, rural Dar'a, Al-Hasakeh and rural Al-Hasakah.



## LIVELIHOODS AND SELF RELIANCE

### Achievements and Impact

During October 2019, UNHCR in collaboration with national partners distributed livelihoods toolkits to 59 persons of concern in Damascus, Rural Damascus, As-Sweida, Homs Quneitra and Al-Hasakeh governorates. UNHCR also supported 75 individuals with entrepreneurship/ business trainings carried out in four governorates, and 109 individuals received in kind support enabling them to establish or operate small business projects. Furthermore, 1,477 individuals have completed vocational training courses in eleven governorates. Additionally, UNHCR distributed agriculture toolkits to 28 families from several villages in northern Latakia.

As of end of October, a total of 2,590 persons of concern in 12 governorates received livelihood assistance. Moreover, UNHCR supported a total of 1,325 individuals with entrepreneurship/business trainings, out of whom 584 individuals were supported to open and run small start-up business projects. Since the beginning of the year, 4,537 individuals completed vocational training courses in 12 governorates, the majority of targeted groups were youth and women. The training courses were designed based on market demands covering a wide range of professions including Aluminum joinery, painting, carpentry, computer maintenance, programmable logic controller (PLC), solar/alternative energy, sewing, hairdressing, beekeeping, in addition to engines' maintenance and other courses.



## PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES

### Achievements and Impact

In 2019, UNHCR continued to provide multi-purpose cash grants (MPCG) to the most vulnerable refugee families, including cash for food (C4F) for asylum seekers. However, asylum seeker families were discontinued from UNHCR cash programme, effective in March 2019, following a two-month notice period.

During October, UNHCR assisted a total of 3,389 refugee households/10,416 individuals with MPCGs. The eligibility for the MPG is determined on a bi-monthly basis and entitlements are provided on a monthly basis to the most vulnerable refugee households in Syria in line with the MPG's standard operations procedures. As of end of October, UNHCR assisted a total of 4,167 refugee households/12,769 individuals with MPCGs, and 1,011 asylum-seeker households/5,331 individuals with C4F. UNHCR also provided cash-related counselling to 2,370 families, as well as hotline support to 2,549 families.

Furthermore, during October UNHCR provided a total of 4,613 refugee students/ 2,000 families with education grants in order to encourage and financially support refugee families to send and / or keep their children in school. The education grant programme targets refugee students between the ages of 5 to 18 years. Its value was determined following a market survey conducted in September.

As of end of October, the cases of 123 refugees have been submitted for resettlement considerations by Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom. While UNHCR aims at submitting the cases of 380 vulnerable refugees this year, no additional quota has been allocated to the operation. In 2019, 1,900 refugees are considered to be in need of resettlement in Syria, 6% of whom have found access to a durable solution through a resettlement submission so far this year. As a result of the insufficient resettlement slots, UNHCR continues to identify and prioritize its advocacy for highly vulnerable cases in need of resettlement as a protection tool. However, increasingly restrictive resettlement country requirements which are not always in line with the refugees' needs also significantly affect UNHCR's identification process. UNHCR Syria has also facilitated so far in 2019 the resettlement departure of 263 refugees to Australia, Sweden and to the United Kingdom. The operation is also supporting humanitarian and private sponsorship programmes through assistance in order to obtain the exit clearance of accepted cases. This support has so far allowed the departure of 73 persons to Canada and Australia for this purpose.



During the reporting period, the Resettlement Unit has been working on its first quota for 2020, constituted of 110 individuals for consideration by the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, 10 individuals/4 families (509 individuals/265 families January– October) underwent Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews by UNHCR at different stages, and decisions were submitted for 32 individuals/10 families (445 individuals/236 families January– October). Additionally, during October reviews were undertaken for 55 individuals/31 families (268 individuals/155 families January – October), of whom 24 individuals/8 families (90 individuals/34 families January– October) were recognized as refugees.

During October, UNHCR through the education dedicated hotline, provided information to 111 (555 January – October) refugees and asylum seekers about school registration procedures in public schools and placement tests, in addition to the provision of counseling for dropout of school cases and students interested in remedial classes and other education programmes provided by UNHCR partners.

Currently, two community centres are functional in Al-Hasakeh governorate providing wide range of protection services to refugees including child protection, SGBV prevention, services for persons with specific needs, community mobilization and livelihoods.



*On the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons, UNHCR in collaboration with its outreach volunteer team organized an event during which Somali refugee women gathered and produced bracelets and necklaces. Then, each woman gifted her beautiful handmade piece to a dear person.*

As of end of October, the number of refugee outreach volunteers increased to be 145 representing the refugee communities of Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan, Chad, Guinea and Eritrea who continued to support their communities in four governorates; Damascus, Rural Damascus, Aleppo and Al-Hasakeh. The increase was mainly in Tal Hamees area in Al-Hasakeh governorate. A team of 23 Iraqi volunteers was established along with the new community centre to be run by UNHCR's partner Al-Yamama.

In October, 12 (106 January – October) new SGBV survivors were identified and assisted with the needed services, such as PSS, health care, legal aid and material assistance. Some were provided with urgent financial grants due to their vulnerability and poor living conditions. In addition, during October 25 (140 January – October) SGBV awareness sessions were conducted in Damascus, Rural Damascus and Al-Hasakeh governorates. The sessions covered various topics such as dealing with adolescence, sexual violence, women empowerment, domestic violence, early marriage and sexual harassment for women reaching out to 513 (2,949 January – October) persons of concern.



*In Damascus, refugee children from Guinea, send a message on the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence: "Enough of violence".*

Furthermore, during October, a total of 3,079 (38,215 January – October) refugees and asylum seekers received free-of-charge comprehensive primary health care including mental health services through nine UNHCR-supported primary health care clinics run by two NGO partners in Al-Hasakeh, Damascus, Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates. Secondary and tertiary health care was provided to 214 (2611 January – October) refugees and asylum seekers through designated public, charitable and private contracted hospitals in Syria.



#### **SUPPORT TO SPONTANEOUS RETURNS**

Self-organized returns of refugees from neighboring countries continue to several areas where stability has been restored, hostilities declined or ceased, and which have become newly accessible. Noteworthy is that the Government of Syria has taken a number of measures that helps refugees make the decision to return home.

Regional UNHCR figures report 82,554 verified refugee returnees to Syria at the end of October, of whom 7,938 Syrian refugees were reported as having returned through the organized group returns facilitated by the General Security Office (GSO) of Lebanon and 2,180 spontaneous returns from Jordan. In October, 923 GSO facilitated returns took place from Lebanon and 289 self-organized returns took place from Jordan. It should be underlined that these are the numbers of refugees that are registered with UNHCR, although it is perceived that the number of returnees is higher than those reported by UNHCR. The movements of IDP returnees is estimated at 341,247. UNHCR field teams conducted over 87 missions to assess conditions and needs of returnees and IDPs. Through these missions as well as follow up over the phone with families who have recently returned to Syria from Jordan and Lebanon, the top three key concerns identified by returnees included destroyed homes, lack of livelihood opportunities and lack of civil status documentation.

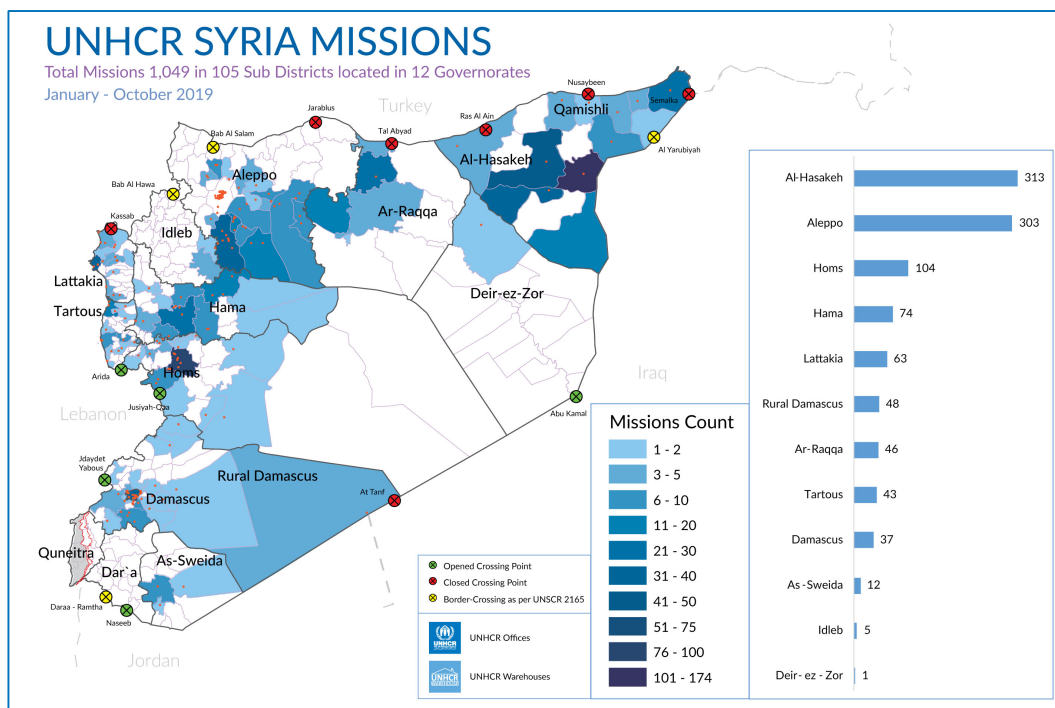
To date, UNHCR and its partners have gathered information at the community level to produce/ update 91 sub-district profiles in areas of returns. These profiles provide a snapshot of gaps in infrastructure and services and highlight the key needs of the population.

UNHCR created a document to inform different stakeholders on recent developments that may have an impact on return to Syria. It is a living document summarizing the various laws and regulations issued by the Syrian government (such as the decision of the Council of Ministers regarding the facilitation of return which includes the requirements of the reinstatement of resigning staff, the circular of the Minister of Interior related to the good reception of Syrian citizens who have left the country through informal crossings, decision of the Prime Ministry excluding Syrian refugees in Jordan from the requirement of the proof of residency and its termination to process the custom clearance for their furniture, etc.). Through its close work with the Regional Durable Solutions Working Group, UNHCR Syria continues to update the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) developed in coordination with its offices in the region to answer questions of Syrians residing abroad.

UNHCR supported 546,601 individuals (approx. 109,894 returnee families) with core relief items and seasonal items. A contingency stock of 5,000 family kits is maintained in logistic hubs to respond to the needs in the area of potential return i.e. Idleb, Deir-ez-Zor and Dar'a and/or any potential emergency in the north of Syria.

As part of a community-based approach, UNHCR supported returnee communities in Aleppo, Dar'a, Hama and Rural Damascus by removing 267,116 cubic meters of debris to provide safe and easy access to their own shelters. 220 solid waste bins have been provided in 10 returnee communities in Aleppo, Rural Damascus and Lattakia governorates, supporting 10,975 individual/2,195 families, in addition to the installation of 270 solar street lights in Hama governorate supporting 2500 individuals /500 families, as well as the rehabilitation of water systems in 4 returnee communities in Aleppo, Dar'a, Hama and Rural Damascus supporting 26,150 individual/5,230 families by water source.

### UNHCR MISSIONS IN THE FIELD



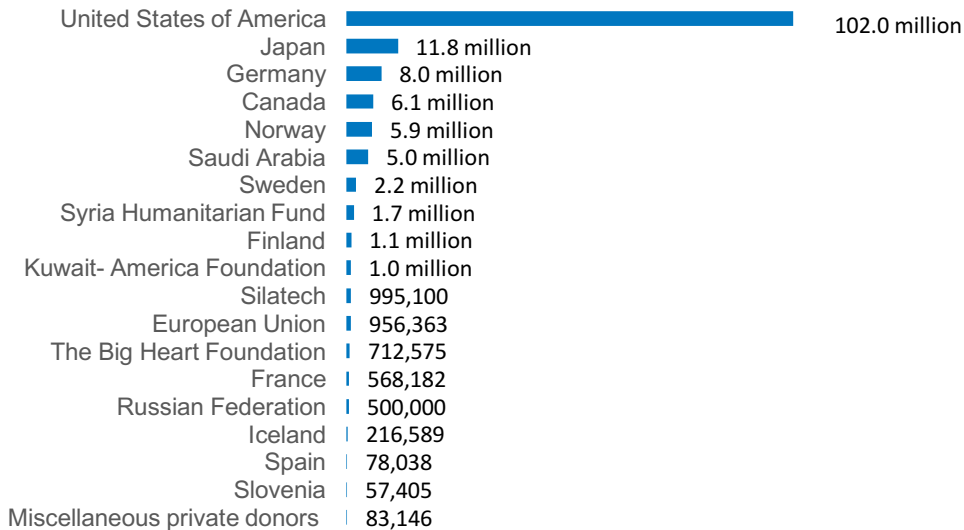
UNHCR conducts daily missions to the field in Aleppo, Idleb, Homs, Hama, Tartous, Lattakia, As-Sweida, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir-ez-Zor. The missions took place through multi-functional teams, including colleagues from Protection, Shelter, NFI, Health and Livelihood units. The purpose of the missions is to follow up on the work of the partners and the outreach volunteers on the ground, visit high returns areas to meet with returnees and produce sub-district profiles, monitor NFI distributions and assess the overall needs in the different sectors. By end of September, UNHCR conducted 1,049 missions to 105 sub-districts across Syria.

## Financial Information<sup>2</sup>

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors that have contributed to this operation as well as those that have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

### EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Earmarked contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 173,373,409**



### BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

United States of America 27.4 million | Private donors Australia 10.3 million | Private donors Germany 5.5 million | Kuwait 5 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 3.9 million | Denmark 3.7 million | Sweden 3.3 million

### UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Sweden 99.8 million | Private donors Spain 67.8 million | United Kingdom 44.6 million | Norway 44.5 million | Netherlands 37.5 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 31 million | Germany 26.7 million | Denmark 24.4 million | Private donors Japan 18.4 million | Switzerland 15.1 million | Private donors Italy 14.2 million | France 14 million | Private donors USA 11.7 million | Private donors Sweden 11.4 million | Ireland 10.2 million

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<sup>2</sup> As of 06 November 2019, please find attached more details in Annex 1.



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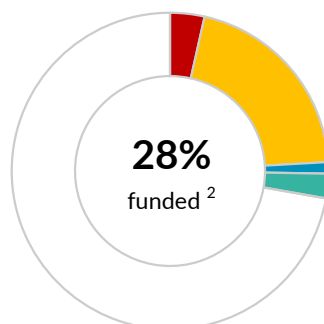
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Syrian Arab Republic Funding Update – as of 06 November 2019

**Annex 2**

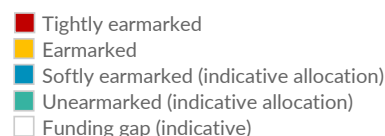
UNHCR main activities as of end of October 2019

# \$624.4 million

 UNHCR's financial requirements 2019 <sup>1</sup>


## SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

as of 6 November 2019



### CONTRIBUTIONS <sup>3</sup> | USD

	■ Unearmarked	■ Softly earmarked	■ Earmarked	■ Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	-	102,000,000	-	102,000,000
Japan	-	-	-	11,815,267	11,815,267
Germany	-	-	7,961,035	-	7,961,035
Canada	-	-	6,055,031	-	6,055,031
Norway	-	-	5,871,991	-	5,871,991
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
Sweden	-	-	2,199,978	-	2,199,978
Country-Based Pooled Funds	-	-	-	1,685,894	1,685,894
Finland	-	-	1,112,347	-	1,112,347
Kuwait-America Foundation	-	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Silatech	-	-	-	995,100	995,100
European Union	-	-	-	956,363	956,363
The Big Heart Foundation	-	-	-	712,575	712,575
France	-	-	568,182	-	568,182
Russian Federation	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
Iceland	-	-	216,589	-	216,589
Spain	-	-	-	78,038	78,038
Slovenia	-	-	57,405	-	57,405
Miscellaneous private donors	-	-	22	83,124	83,146
<b>Sub-total</b>	-	-	<b>127,542,580</b>	<b>21,326,361</b>	<b>148,868,941</b>
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	15,607,852	7,308,376	1,001,603	586,637	24,504,468
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,607,852</b>	<b>7,308,376</b>	<b>128,544,183</b>	<b>21,912,997</b>	<b>173,373,409</b>

Methodology: Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund prioritised activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds so as to accurately represent the resources available for the country. The contributions earmarked for Syrian Arab Republic shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments relate to programme support costs and carry-over.

### OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS <sup>4</sup> | USD

United States of America 27.4 million | Private donors Australia 10.3 million | Private donors Germany 5.5 million | Kuwait 5 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 3.9 million | Denmark 3.7 million | Sweden 3.3 million

Estonia | Finland | Liechtenstein | Luxembourg | Malta | Norway | Poland | Russian Federation | Private donors

### UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS <sup>5</sup> | USD

Sweden 99.8 million | Private donors Spain 67.8 million | United Kingdom 44.6 million | Norway 44.5 million | Netherlands 37.5 million |

Private donors Republic of Korea 31 million | Germany 26.7 million | Denmark 24.4 million | Private donors Japan 18.4 million |

Switzerland 15.1 million | Private donors Italy 14.2 million | France 14 million | Private donors USA 11.7 million | Private donors Sweden 11.4 million | Ireland 10.2 million

Algeria | Argentina | Australia | Austria | Azerbaijan | Belgium | Bulgaria | Canada | Costa Rica | Estonia | Finland | Iceland | Indonesia |

Islamic Republic of Pakistan | Kuwait | Liechtenstein | Luxembourg | Malta | Monaco | Montenegro | New Zealand | Peru | Philippines | Portugal | Qatar |

Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Slovakia | Sri Lanka | Thailand | Turkey | United Arab Emirates | Uruguay |

Private donors

#### Notes:

1. The financial requirements for Syrian Arab Republic include requirements for the Iraq Situation Response and the Syria Situation Response.

2. The percentage funded (28%) and total funding amount (\$173,373,409) are indicative based on the methodology described above. This leaves an indicative funding gap of \$451,009,284 representing 72% of the financial requirements.

3. Contributions to Syrian Arab Republic are shown by the earmarking modality as defined in the Grand Bargain.

4. Due to their earmarking at the region or sub-region, or to a related situation or theme, the other softly earmarked contributions listed are those which can potentially be used for Syrian Arab Republic. Where a donor has contributed \$2 million or more, the total amount of the contributions is shown.

5. Contributed without restrictions on its use, unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility in how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk. Where a donor has contribution \$10 million or more, the total amount of the contribution is shown.

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