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Rural Damascus: Shelter Sector partners continue to provide shelter support to the displaced.

Children still remain one of the most vulnerable members of the crisis-affected population in Syria. These two brothers fled their homes from Homs City four years ago and continue to live in Rural Damascus governorate. Support to rebuild their lives and achieve durable solutions remain a huge undertaking.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- The Rapid Technical Assessment in nine priority neighborhoods of Aleppo city was completed and a total of 6,624 buildings were assessed. Out of assessed buildings, 5,093 buildings were identified as “Green” buildings (no structural damage and minor damage to non-structural elements), 1,326 buildings were identified as “Yellow” buildings (considerable damage to non-structural elements and minor damage to structural elements) and 205 buildings were identified as “Red” buildings (considerable damage to structural elements). There are a total of 59,789 residential units (apartments) in the assessed buildings and currently 33,483 families are living in these apartments. This assessment will inform the selection of the buildings/residential units for the rehabilitation by the shelter sector partners as well as will help sector partners including the government to prioritize the areas for rehabilitation of public infrastructure.
- The comments from the sector partners were incorporated in the Draft Shelter Sector Strategy and it has been shared with MoLAE for review and comments. The Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to work on different guidelines. The Rehabilitation of Damaged Houses guideline has been drafted and will be shared with the sector partners for comments.
- Rebuild Syria Reconstruction Program (RSRP) conducted a needs assessment in six neighborhoods of Deir-ez-Zor city in January 2018. Al Jbeileh, Al Moddafin and Al Tahtouh neighborhoods have witnessed moderate damages whereas Sheikh Yassin, Ganamat and Ali Beik neighborhoods have witnessed severe damages. In Al Jbeileh and Al Moddafin neighborhoods, debris removal has been started by the city council. The common issues in all partially damaged apartments are missing doors, windows and electric and sanitary items. There were more than 600 families who returned to Al Jbeileh, Al Moddafin and Al Tahtouh neighborhoods. In addition RSRP also visited some collective shelters which are in need of rehabilitation.
- The sector organized a one-day Reporting Orientation / IM Strategy Review Workshop on the 30th of January 2018 in Damascus City. The sector organized this workshop to orient Shelter Sector partners on all reporting requirements in 2018. It also served as a venue to review and update the IM Strategy Plan for the hub. A total of 30 participants representing 13 partner organizations attended the workshop.



OVERALL FIGURES



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

TARGET **864,296**

REACH | **9,050** (1%)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE COVERED WITH VARIOUS SHELTER SUPPORTS

SEASONAL SHELTER PROVISION



TARGET **3,750**

REACH **8,000** (213%)

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVISION



TARGET **309,000**

REACH | **1,000** (0%)

EMERGENCY SHELTER REHABILITATION



TARGET **128,100**

REACH **0** (0%)

DURABLE SHELTER SUPPORT



TARGET **423,446**

REACH | **50** (0%)



Major Highlights cont...

At the end of the activity, they were familiarized with the new reporting indicators, which are based on the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan Results Framework. They also understood the interrelatedness of the reporting system to the overall sector strategic objectives. Above all, they learned the use of the new 4W (Who- does What - When-Where) new template, which is the main reference tool for partners to report their operational presence.

GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Access and safety are the key challenges in many 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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PARTNER IN FOCUS

AL BIRR ASSOCIATION



Al-Birr Association is a non-governmental organization based in Homs governorate. Established in 1956. It is one of the oldest humanitarian charity and social associations in Syria. It was established to extend support to the deprived population in the need of social and health care. To achieve its goals, Al-Birr Association consists of various committees namely educational, elderly, engineering, health, relief and shelter, social support, and voluntary work.

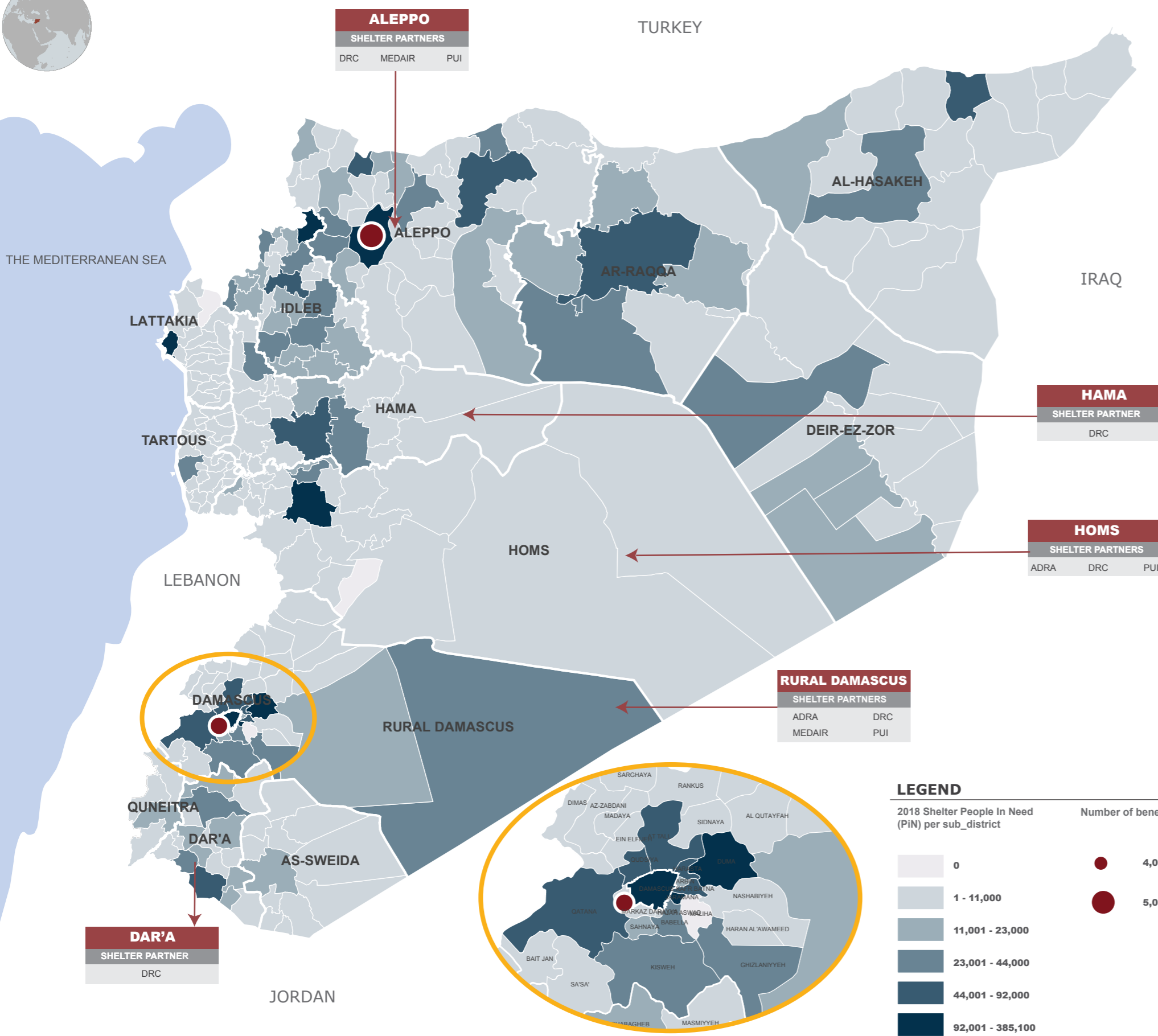
Working within Homs city and the countryside, Al-Birr Association is among the active partners of the Shelter Sector in Syria. In 2017, it was able to support around 2,300 persons in Homs city with its shelter assistance which includes damage houses rehabilitation and shelter kits distribution. To ensure complementarity of support, Al-Birr Association has been working closely with other humanitarian organizations including the UN agencies such as UNDP, UNICEF, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, OCHA, and WFP.

To date, there are around 800 employees in the association working on various projects.

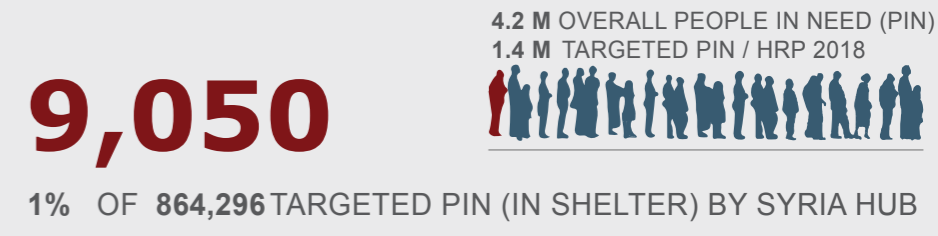


SYRIA: SHELTER SECTOR RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

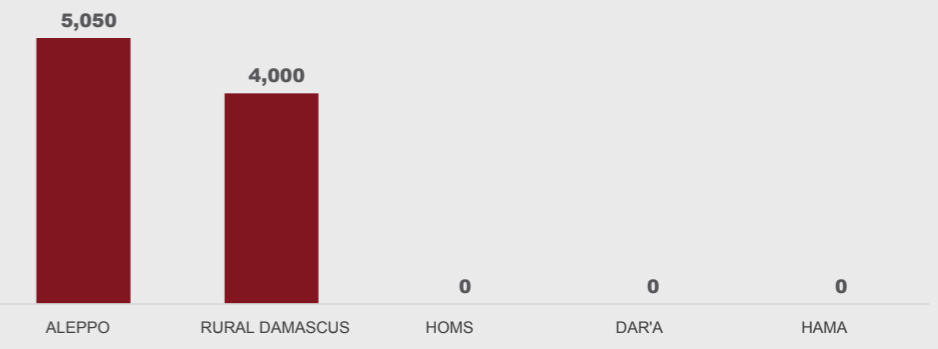
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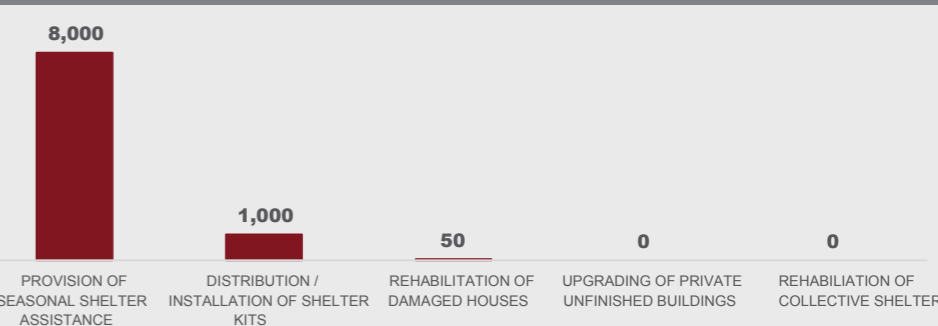
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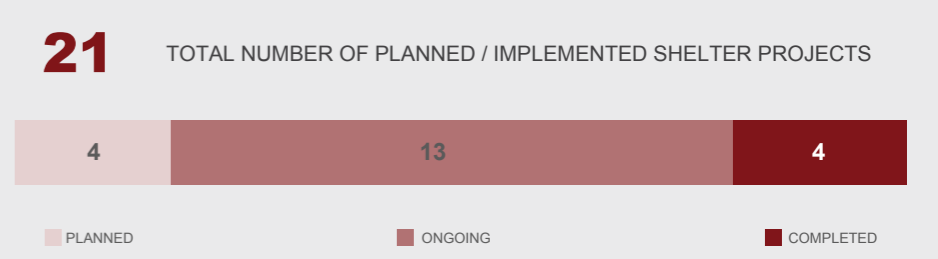
BENEFICIARIES COVERED PER GOVERNORATE



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	CCS	DRC
GOPA	IOM	MEDAIR	NRC
OXFAM	PUI	RESCATE	RSRP
SARC	SCS	SIF	SSSD
STD	UN-Habitat	UNRWA	