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UNHCR continues to distribute winter and core relief items to returning families in east Aleppo. In early-November 2017, kitchen sets, blankets, sleeping mattress, winter clothes, plastic sheets, jerry cans, hygiene kits and solar lights were given to families in Tal Sabein village, south of Khfseh in rural Aleppo. The village has witnessed slow returns due to a lack of basic services like clean water, electricity and medical points.

### **KEY POINTS**

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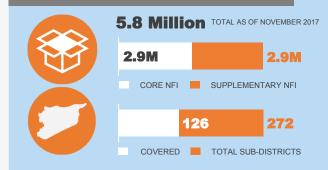
- While the anti-terrorist operation against ISIL in Deir-ez-zor continues, sector partners remain active in providing emergency relief assistance. In November, UNHCR with SARC collectively assisted around 52,000 people with core and supplementary non-food items. Among the locations served include Al Mayadin, Deir-ez-zor City, Enbeh, Lower Baqras, and Shmeitiyeh.
- For the first time in four years, humanitarian aid trucks were able to access both government and armed opposition group (AoG) held areas along Aleppo to Hama (M5) highway. It can be recalled that since 2013 this route was completely blocked restricting public transport and humanitarian aid delivery. With this new development, it is expected that humanitarian actors will utilized this highway to transport relief assistance particularly in the western countryside. As of this report, humanitarian aid trucks were reported to arrive in AoG-controlled areas in rural Aleppo and parts of Idleb as well as governmental areas in west Aleppo.
- The 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview was finalized and published in November. Around 4.7 million people are still in need of NFI assistance of which 3.3 million are in an acute situation. The need remains substantial especially for those newly-displaced population requiring core, supplementary, and seasonal assistance.

### **NUMBERS IN BRIEF**

Sector

#### TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED

NHC



#### BENEFICIARIES ADEQUATELY SERVED

CORE	850,098 SERVED HRF	4.9M		
HRP INDICATOR 1.1. NO. OF PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS IN RELATION TO CORE AND ESSEN- TIAL NFIS ARE MET	850,098 ACCOUNTS FOR BENEFICIARIES WHOSE <u>NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET</u> FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI ( <i>17% OF THE TOTAL TARGET OF 4.9 MILLION</i> PEOPLE IN NEED OF NFI INSIDE SYRIA).			
	1.5 Million	<mark>82</mark> 5,000		
SUPPLEMENTARY		<b>82</b> 5,000		

#### **OVERALL REACHED BENEFICIARIES**



6,913,552 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES AS OF NOVEMBER 2017 WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE / PART OF NFI

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### **GAPS AND CHALLENGES**

- The lengthy approval process is affecting the timely delivery of winterization items.
- High turnover in camps in north east Syria is posing a challenge to the ongoing winterization activities.
- Presence of unexploded ordnance in rural Aleppo limits access among sector partners;
- Based on NFI Post Distribution Monitoring, a limited number of NFIs, poor NFI quality including distribution of damaged items (i.e. broken solar lamps, or wet mattresses), and unorganized distribution are the top distribution issues that confronted beneficiaries. Other distribution challenges reported include unequal distribution, delayed distribution of seasonal items, far distribution point, and non-adherence to minimum standards of distribution point.
- Widespread insecurity, challenging physical access and rigorous bureaucratic procedures and approval limit provision of adequate and regular humanitarian assistance especially to those who live in besieged and hard-to-reach areas;
- Logistical constraints especially during inter-agency convoy such as road blockage, presence of checkpoints, presence of threats, and proximity to active front lines (i.e. Ar Raqqa) continue to hamper rapid distribution,;
- Lack of actual data on distribution recipients prevent the sector to better measure the actual reached and served beneficiaries;
- Lack of income-generating activities to provide the necessary financial means continues to hamper access to basic household items among the most vulnerable population in need;
- Diminishing active participation among sector members affects coordination and the overall sectorial reach;
- Inexact coordination structure impacts the level of efficiency in coordinating sectorial response for interagency convoys.
- Lack of reliable consolidated information for interagency convoy reach affects the sector's ability to determine the extent and impact of its convoy contribution;
- Insufficient number of detailed and comprehensive assessment makes it difficult for the sector to shift its response priorities from distribution of basic essential NFI items to provision of supplementary items.

**CRISIS BACKGROUND:** The crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that led to 6.3 million IDPs and 4.8 million Syrian refugees. The 2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview reported that around 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 5.8 million people need to receive essential household items and other multi-sectorial assistance as they continue to live in an unsafe and uncertain environment. The degree of resilience and positive coping mechanism of the affected population have gradually reduced due to the protracted nature of the hostilities. Purchasing power and the ability to provide for their basic household needs have decreased due to economic recession that left many people unemployed and the prospect of accessing essential household items has also declined due to closure of essential service providers.



### PARTNER IN FOCUS

Founded in 1957, the Child Care Society (CCS) is a charitable institution working in Homs and its countryside. The charity was established to improve the quality of life of the impoverished population in the society especially women and children. They provide vocational training and literacy courses to mothers and educational cultural support to handicapped children. Over time the charity has expanded its work covering others basic human welfare support such as housing assistance, emergency relief operations, healthcare, educational and livelihood projects.

CCS is one of the active partners of the NFI Sector. In 2017, 21,000 core and supplementary items were distributed benefitting around 10,700 persons in Homs governorate. Beneficiaries received blankets, hygiene kits, jerry can, kitchen set, mattress, plastic sheet, quilts, sleeping mat, sleeping bag, solar lamps, and winter clothing kit.

Currently, the charity has 400 staff members. It works closely with various UN agencies to effectively implement its cause.

#### NFI Sector Coordination Team

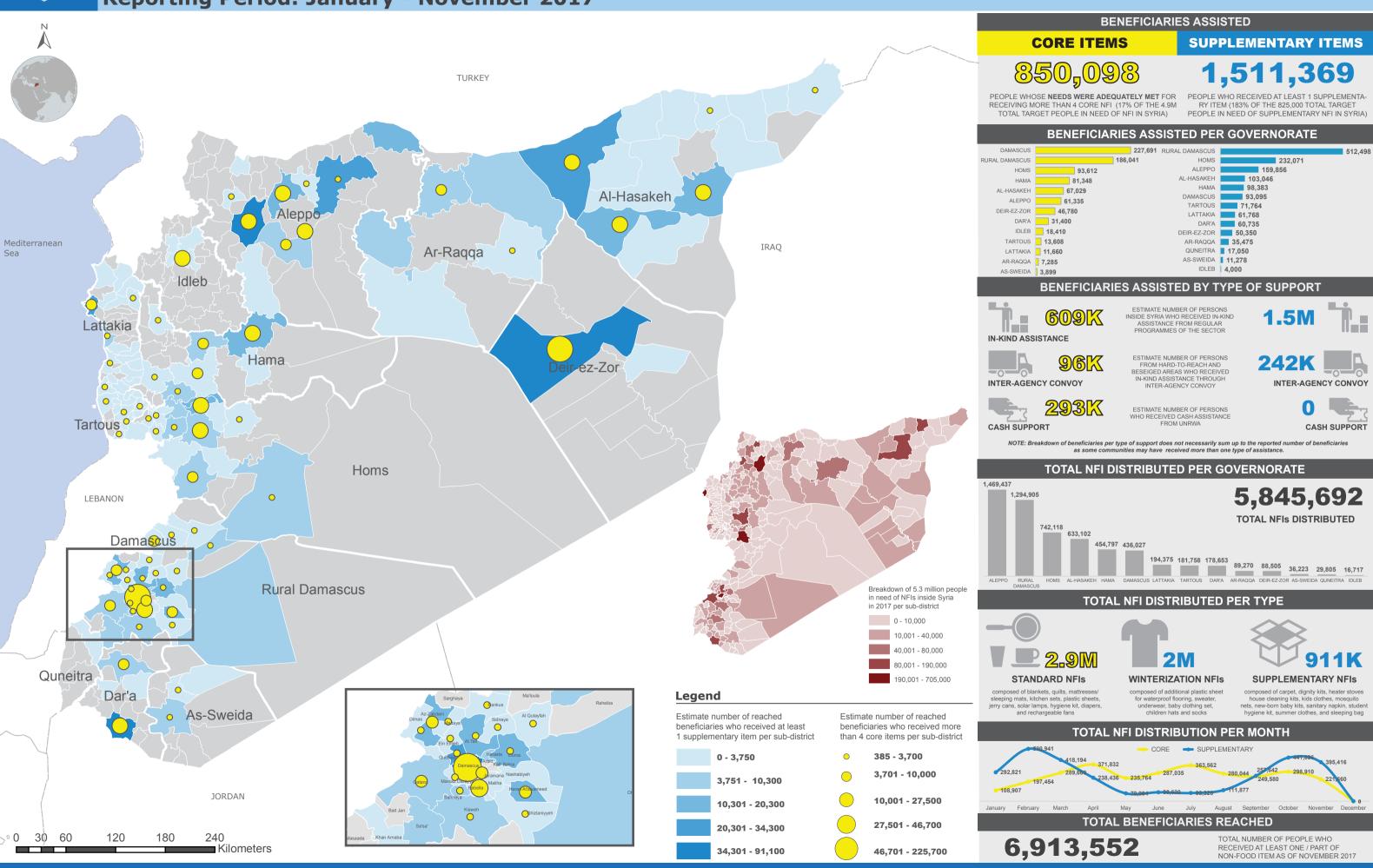
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# SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

**Reporting Period: January - November 2017** 



Data Source/s: Monthly NFI Sector 4W, November 2017 Datasets, NFI PiN (HNO 2017)

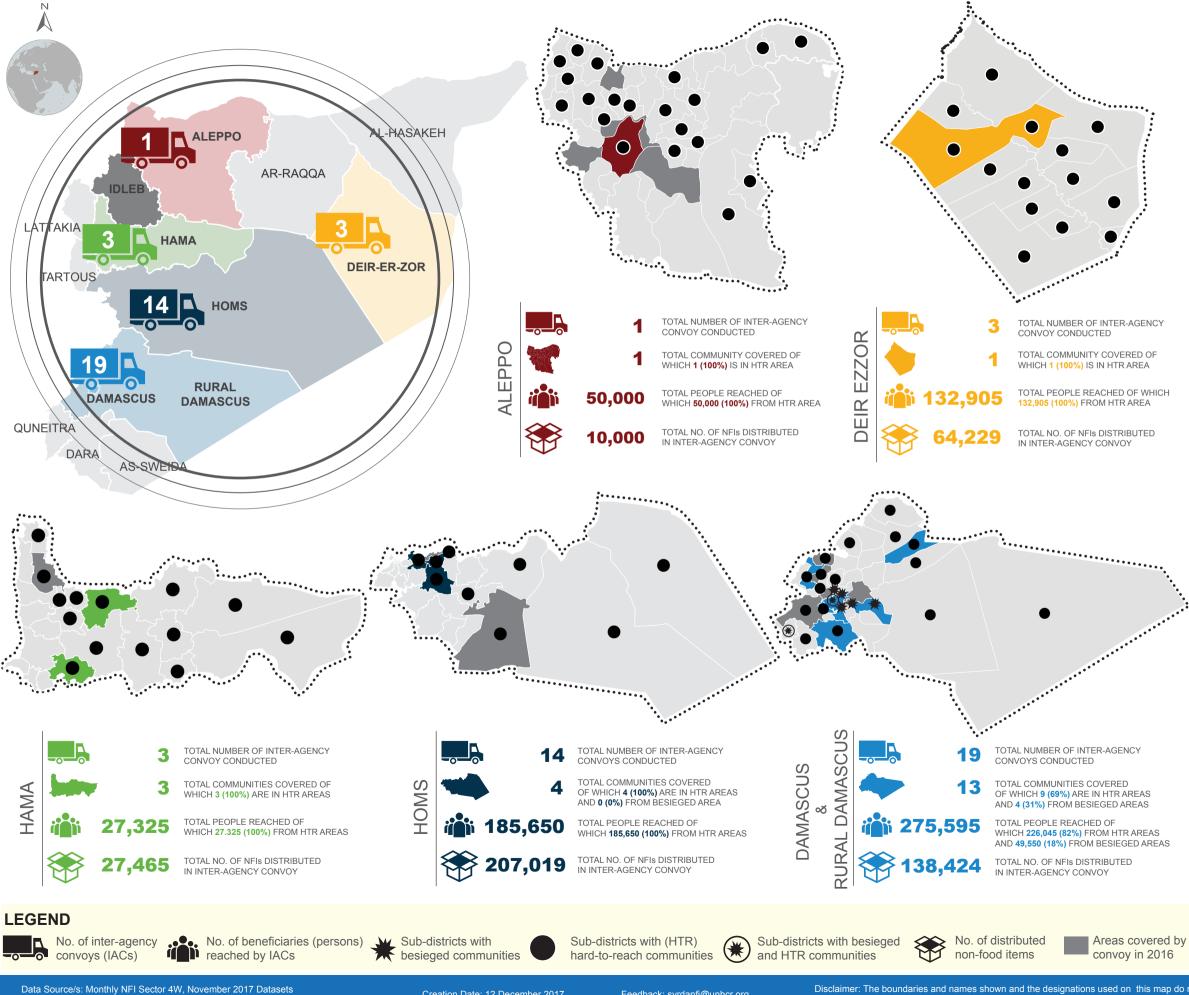
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**SYRIA: INTER-AGENCY CONVOY** 

**Reporting Period: January - November 2017** 



List of Hard-to-Reach and Besieged Areas (OCHA, September 2017)

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#### **SUMMARY**



### 40

TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS



### 22

TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH 5 (22%) ARE IN BESIEGED AREAS & 17 (78%) FROM HTR AREAS



# 671,475

TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH 49,550 (7%) FROM BESIEGED AREASO AND 621,925 (93%) FROM HTR AREAS



# 447,137

TOTAL NO. OF NFIS DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

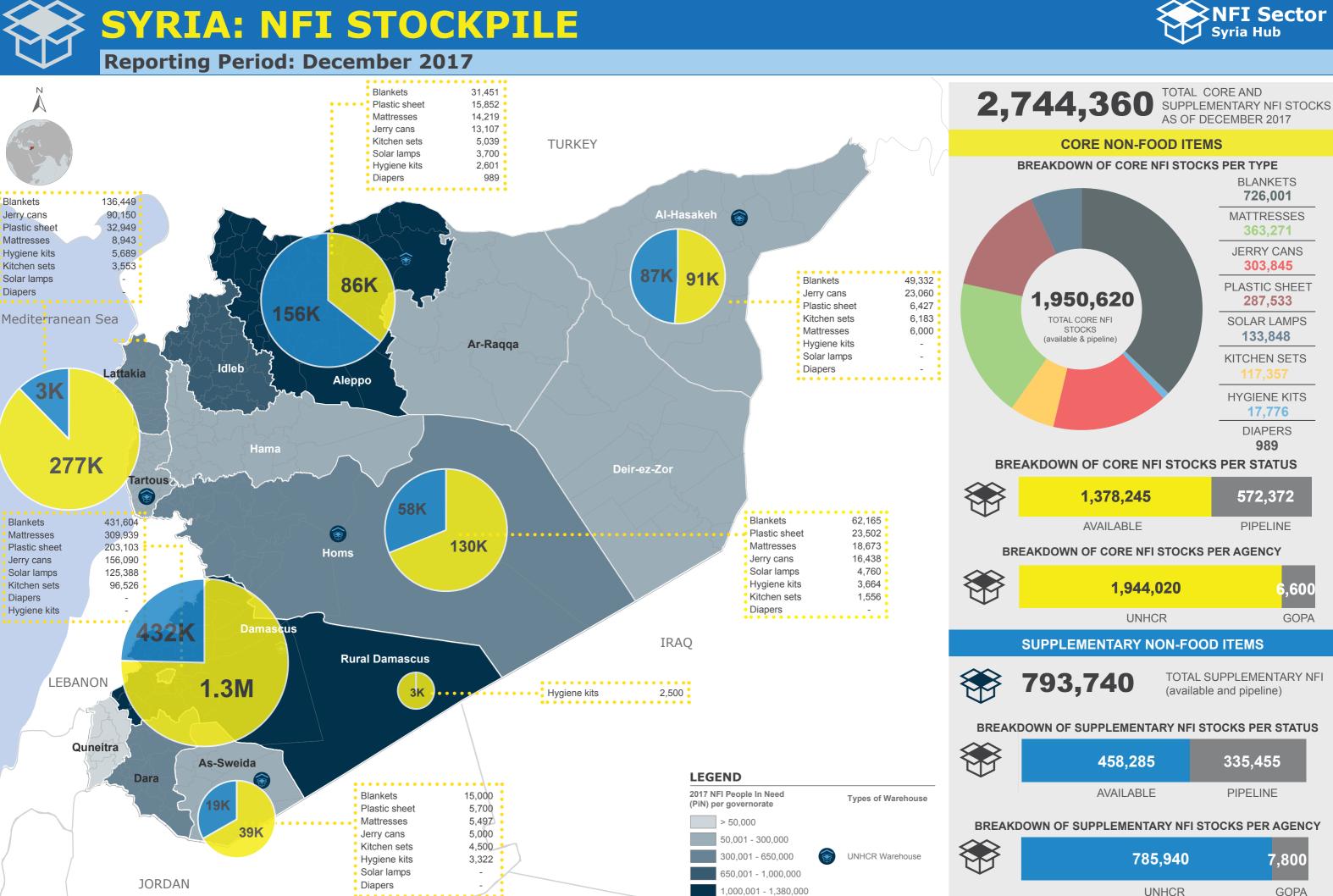
NAME OF BESIEGED AND HTR COMMUNITIES COVERED BY INTER-AGENCY CONVOY (2016-2017)

GOVENORATE	HARD-TO-REACH COMMUNITIES	BESIEGED COMMUNITIES
ALEPPO	AFRIN ALEPPO CITY HAJEB NABUL TALL REFAAT	
DEIR EZZOR	DEIR EZZOR	
HAMA •	HARBANIFSE	
	AR-RASTAN DAR KABIRA KAFR LAHA TALBISEH TALDU TIR MAALAH	
	AZ-ZABADANI BABELLA DARRAYA JIRUD KHAN ELSHIH MADAMIYET ELSHAN QUDSIYA SARGHAYA SUQ WADI BARDA YALDA ZAKYEH	<ul> <li>* ARBIN</li> <li>* BEIT SAWA</li> <li>* DUMA</li> <li>* EIN TERMA</li> <li>* HAMMURA</li> <li>* HARASTA</li> <li>* HEZZEH</li> <li>* JISREIN</li> <li>* KAFR BATNA</li> <li>* MADAYA</li> <li>* NASHABIYEH</li> <li>* SAGBA</li> </ul>
DAMASCUS		* YARMUK

#### DAMASCUS

FOOTNOTE/S:

- A. The information presented here only shows DRC, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF convoys.
- B. One convoy is counted as one completed trip.



Data Sources: NFI Stockpile as of December 2017, NFI PiN (HNO 2017)

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