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Damascus and Rural Damascus: UNCHR NFI distribution in Dummer neighborhood of Damascus city; to the 2,500 IDPs from Wadi Al-Masharia, Jabal Al-Raz and Qudsayia communities.

KEY POINTS

- During the past two month the response to the two emergencies in East Ghouta and Afrin has been ongoing.
- So far, and based on the figures received from MOLA, SARC, and partners on the ground, there has been a need for a variety of NFIs for some 101,947 individuals. In response to this the some 513,275 various non -food items were distributed to the affected population including: Blanket, Mattresses, Kitchen Set, Hygiene Kit, Jerry Can, Plastic sheet, Solar lamp/Light, Winter Clothing kit, Children Clothing kit, Diapers Elderly/ Child, Sleeping Bag and Sleeping Mat. In ADRA collective shelters (Schools + electricity), Al Bardeh collective shelter, Dewier, Hirjaleh, Khrbet Al Ward, Najha collective shelter, Nashabiyeh, Sehnaya SARC WH /Yadouda Shelter, in addition to the IDPs who went to Swieda Governorate, and other locations in Rural Damascus; Al Tall, Sehnaya, Jarmana and Qatana.
- As for the response to Afrin emergency: So far, members of the NFI sector in the Damascus Hub distributed 437,824 various non-food items to the affected population in Nabul, Zahraa, Tall Refaat, Aleppo city and through the inter-agency convoy to Afrin. These NFIs included: hygiene kits, plastic sheets, blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets, jerry cans, buckets, solar lamps, sleeping mats, children clothing kits, sleeping bags, winter clothes, diapers for children and the elderly and moquettes. Through work from partners on the ground, an estimated 220,280 individuals (including Afrin figures) are in need of a variety of NFIs at the time of writing.
- The Syria Humanitarian Fund (SHF) allocated US \$16.3 million to 21 projects to respond to people displaced from East Ghouta and Afrin. This allocation will finance humanitarian assistance, including NFIs. 11 projects were submitted under the NFI sector, and 5 projects were recommended (UNICEF, UNHCR, GOPA, HELP, and OXFAM) with a total number of 81,684 beneficiaries to be supported with NFIs for both Afrin and East Ghouta.
- On March 26th a sector meeting took place in UNHCR office with the presence of 6 agencies from the sector partners, where the following points were discussed: East Ghouta Response, Syria Humanitarian Fund, Humanitarian Programme Cycle / Assessment Update and an Information Management Update.
- Below are the summary of action points:
- 1. Sector coordination team will share the final NFI post-distribution monitoring report with the partners
- Coordination team will continue to update sector partners regarding the Household level assessment of HNO 2019.
- 3. Sector encourages partners to share major highlights, gaps, and challenges on monthly basis along with the 4W submission.
- Sector partners will nominate two staff based in Aleppo and Homs for the upcoming IM training.
- 5. IM team will continue to update the interactive assessment registry.
- 6. OCHA will clarify the replenishment possibility of SHF.
- The Inter-Agency Convoy plan for the NFI sector that covers the upcoming two month of May and June was shared with OCHA during March. Where the sector partners aims to target 20+ besieged and hard to reach locations all over the country with life-saving items including NFIs.

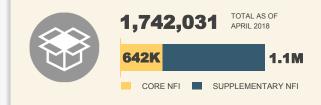
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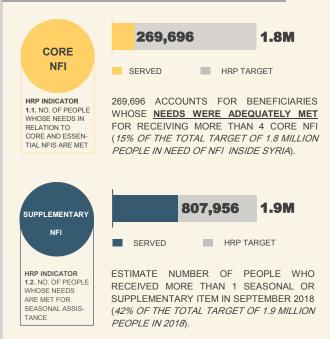
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TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED



BENEFICIARIES ADEQUATELY SERVED



OVERALL REACHED BENEFICIARIES



1,593,018 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES AS OF APRIL 2018 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.
- 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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جمعبة الرعابة الاجتماعية التميز في كفالة اليتيم

Altamayoz in Foster Care of Orphans was established in 1959. It is one of the main local societies operating in Damascus and Rural Damascus in the area of humanitarian action, which targets orphans in the first place. Altamayoz provides quality services to take care of orphans and their families through a comprehensive approach, including the provision of Cash assistance, In-kind aid, Clothes, Food, Psychosocial health services, Education, Shelter and capacity building activities.

Given the current crisis and the increasing humanitarian needs, the society has expanded its scope of work to include the provision of integrated services to vulnerable groups of society, including IDPs, poor people, orphans and their families.

Altamayoz in Foster Care of Orphans contributed to the provision of the NFIs to IDPs. Full sets of NFI Packages including mattresses, blankets, sleeping mats, plastic sheets, kitchen sets, solar lamps, and hygiene kits have been distributed to 15,000 households (i.e. approximately 75,000 individuals).

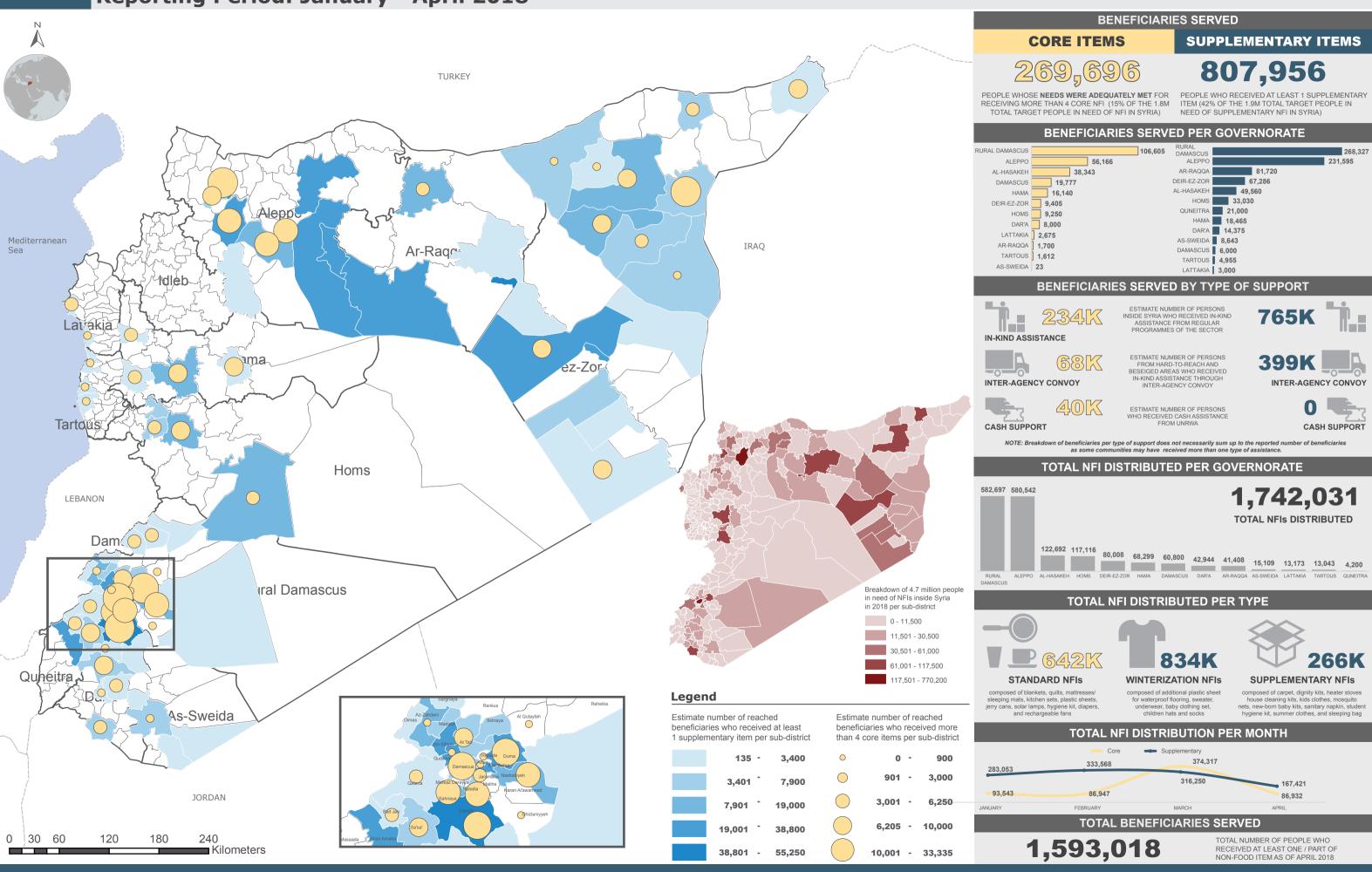
The society has a trained and qualified staff of more than 150 staff members and more than 200 volunteers. Altamayoz has partnership agreements with different UN agencies inside Syria and providing services in different humanitarian sectors.

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SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

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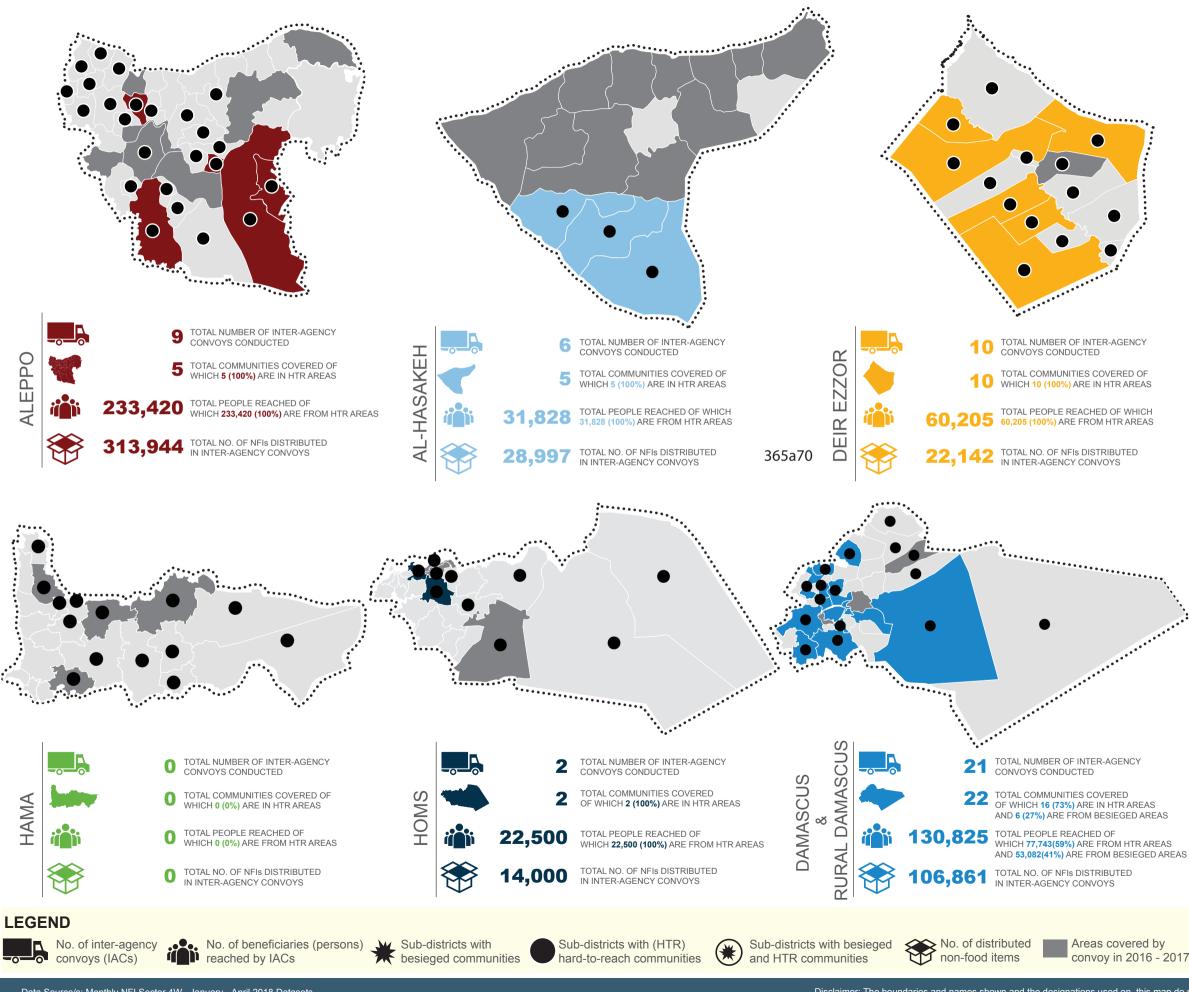
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SYRIA: INTER-AGENCY CONVOY

Reporting Period: January - April 2018



Data Source/s: Monthly NFI Sector 4W, January - April 2018 Datasets List of Hard-to-Reach and Besieged Areas (OCHA, February 2018)

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SUMMARY



TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS



44

TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH 6 (14%) ARE IN BESIEGED AREAS & 38 (86%) FROM HTR AREAS



550,278

TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH 53,082 (10%) FROM BESIEGED AREAS AND 497,196 (90%) FROM HTR AREAS



NAME OF BESIEGED AND HTR COMMUNITIES COVERED BY INTER-AGENCY CONVOY (2018)

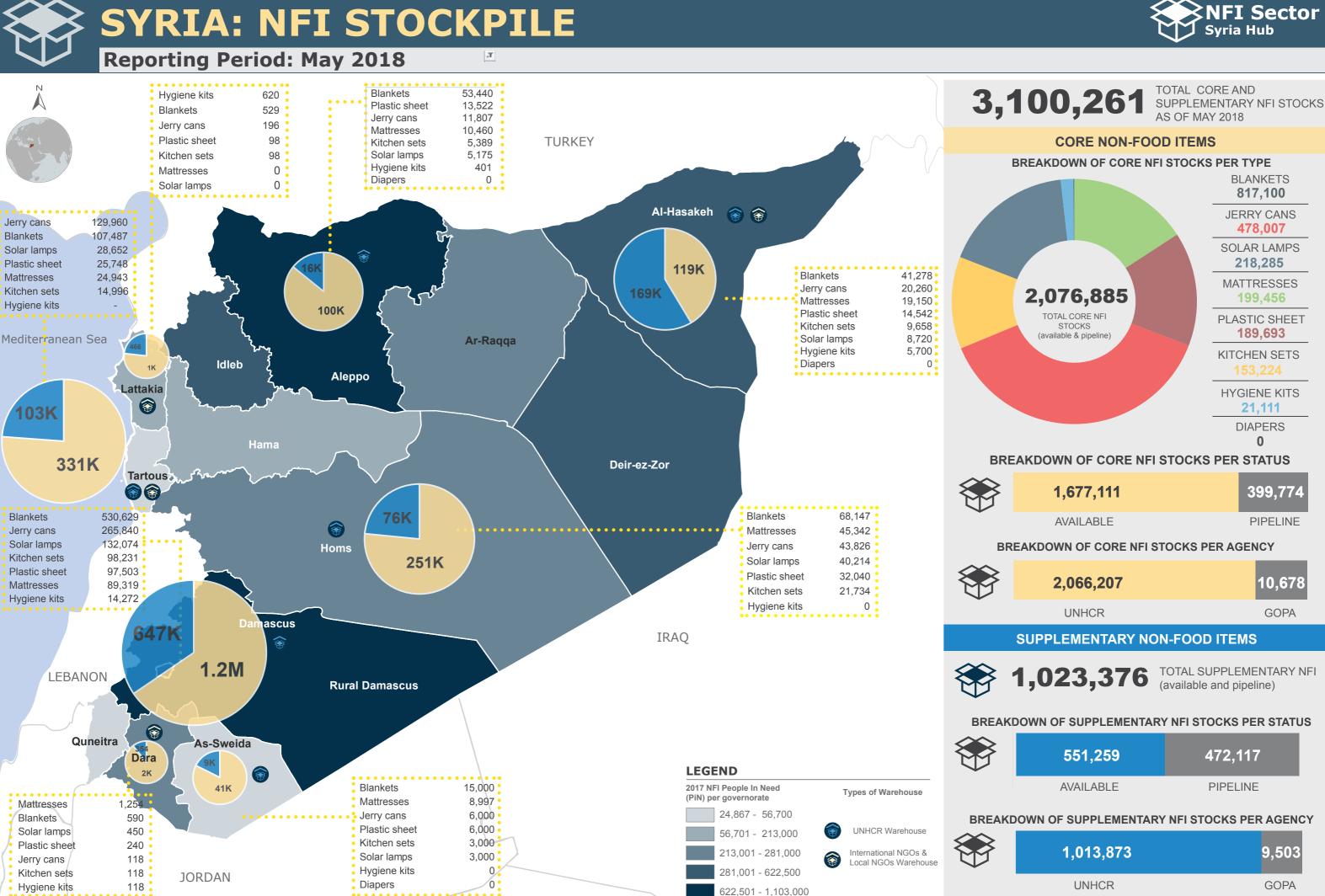
GOVERNORATE	TOTAL HTR AND BESIEGED COMMUNITIES	REACHED HTR AND BESIEGED COMMUNITIES	
ALEPPO	• 588	• 5	
AL-HASAKEH	• 30	• 5	
DEIR EZZOR	• 136	• 10	
HAMA	• 12	• 0	
HOMS	• 42	• 2	
RURAL	• 61	• 15	
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FOOTNOTE/S:

A. The beneficiaries of convoy were calculated based on status of communities as per OCHA's list HTR and besieged communities since Feb 2018.

B. The information presented here only shows GOPA, ICMC, OCHA UNHCR, UNICEF and UNRWA reports.

C. One convoy is counted as one completed trip in each day.



Data Sources: NFI Stockpile as of May 2018, NFI PiN (HNO 2018)

Creation Date: 20 May 2018

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