

UNHCR/SARC distributed non-food items including winter items to the affected population in Tal Refaat on 14 October 2018



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## Life Saving and Sustaining Support

For more than eight years now, the sector has been responding to the needs of the displaced, hosting and other affected population inside Syria. In 2018, an estimated 5.4 million people were still in need of non-food items (NFI) support as they continue to suffer the effects of prolonged insecurity and displacement.

Collectively, sector partners continue to provide life-saving and life-sustaining assistance in flexible and targeted approach while adhering to appropriate standards of humanitarian support. In 2018, more than 4.5 million people were reached

with NFI assistance. Of this figure, around 2.3 million people were considered adequately served with core and supplementary items.

The NFI response in 2018 also include responses to localized emergencies such as in Afrin, Eastern Ghouta, South-west and North-east. The response targeted the most vulnerable with core and supplementary items including winterization. 4.6 million non-food items (NFI) were distributed. Out of which 1.9 million items were core NFI and remaining 1.9 million items were supplementary items including winter items.

## Seasonal Support

Along with the provision of regular NFI support, seasonal support continues with a focus on locations affected by severe weather conditions. In 2018, over 1 million people who are mostly located in Aleppo, and Rural Damascus governorates were served with supplementary items including winter support. Collectively, partners distributed over 2 million supplementary items including winter items most of which are high thermal blankets and winter clothing kit.

Cash and voucher programming also continued

as part of the assistance a shift toward more sustainable solutions that support the resilience and early recovery of affected communities. In 2018, 62,533 persons received cash-based assistance from the sector partners.

The sector has also ensured an adequate and effective contingency planning to respond to sudden and cyclical displacements. Stock and pipeline monitoring have been strengthened to address acute and chronic needs and enable a tailored flexible response.

## Inter-Agency Convoys

Apart from the sector Humanitarian Programming, the delivery of NFI support to hard-to-reach and besieged communities through inter-agency convoy continued.

In 2018, NFI sector partners reached 297,755 individuals from inside Syria with NFI in 17 hard-to-reach and besieged locations including Nashabiyyeh, Dar Al Kabira, Tal Refaat, Talbiseh, Tlul Al-Humur, Duma, Ar-Rastan, Al Houla,

Harbanifse, Bait Jan, Yalda, Babila, Baiet Saham, Daraa Al Balad, Zamalka, Arbin and Busra Esh-Sham and through 16 inter-agency convoy missions. This was achieved despite the many challenges facing the sector partners including access, lack or delay in securing necessary approvals, as well as the fragile security situation on the ground.

## Sector Coordination

The sector continues to serve as a platform for humanitarian actors who are providing NFI assistance to engage and collectively address the pressing NFI needs of the population. Through its lead agency, UNHCR, the sector ensures at all times an efficient and effective coordination mechanism at all levels. Within the sector, strategic and action-oriented meetings have continued to be held on regular basis. In 2018, partners collectively updated the Strategy Plan which serves as a framework for the operational

presence of the sector inside Syria. Inter-sector and inter-agency coordination also continue to play a significant role in advancing the agenda of the sector. In terms of field coordination, the sector continues to benefit from the establishment of the Sub-National Working Groups in six (6) governorates. As of this report, a total of 30 partners composed of local and international non-government organizations as well as UN agencies have contributed to the overall response of the sector.

### KEY FIGURES

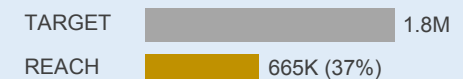


Estimated number of people inside Syria who were assisted with both core and supplementary / seasonal items

### CORE NFI BENEFICIARIES



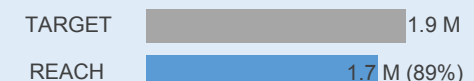
Estimated number of people whose core NFI needs were met for (≥ 4) items



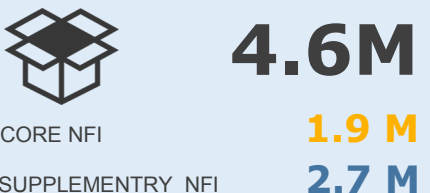
### SUPPLEMENTARY NFI BENEFICIARIES



Estimated number of people whose seasonal assistance needs were met



### TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED



## Information Management

The sector continues to ensure to operate in an evidence-manner by maintaining an effective information management systems. In 2018, the IM Strategy Plan was developed and implemented in close coordination with partners' reporting / IM focal points. IM Support Group that serves as a dedicated venue to address data management issues continue to address

related issues, in addition, to enhance the IM capacity of the sector partners, a dedicated time slot was reserved for tips & tricks session in the IM support group meeting. Along with monthly sector publications, Interactive dashboards for shelter and NFI sectors are updated on monthly basis which provide partners with a detailed view of their respective responses at the com-

munity level. Capacity building effort to improve the understanding of sector partners on information management is also among the highlights of the year. A total of 25 reporting / IM focal points were trained on Humanitarian Information Management in August.

**CRISIS BACKGROUND:** The crisis in Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that has displaced around 6.4 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 5.4 million people are in need of NFI support and other multi-sectorial assistance as they continue to struggle 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 limited access in some areas.

## Challenges and Gaps

While efforts were made to address the pressing NFI needs of the most vulnerable population, there are still challenges and gaps that remain to be addressed.

Based on last year NFI Post Distribution Monitoring report, 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 beneficiaries confronted with. Other reported distribution challenges include

unequal distribution, delayed distribution of seasonal items, far distribution point, and non-adherence to minimum standards of distribution point.

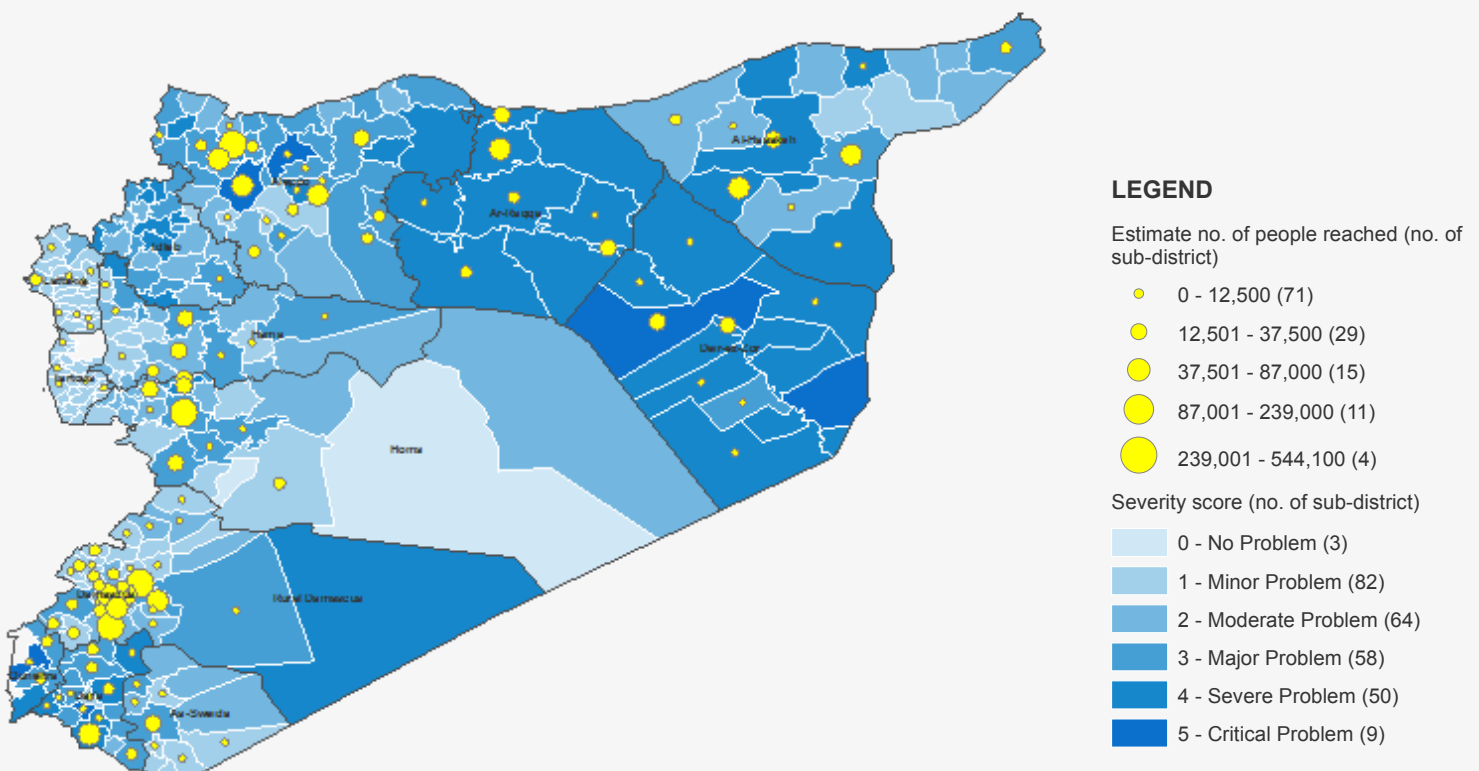
On the other hand access and safety are still the key challenges in some parts of the country as well as partner capacity and heavy processes along with funding constraints.

The lack of actual data on distribution recipients prevents 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.

In addition to the limited participation of sector members affects coordination. Opportunities for systematic field-based data collection remain very limited due to access or authorization restrictions, resulting in incomplete needs analysis in some areas.

## NFI Response Map



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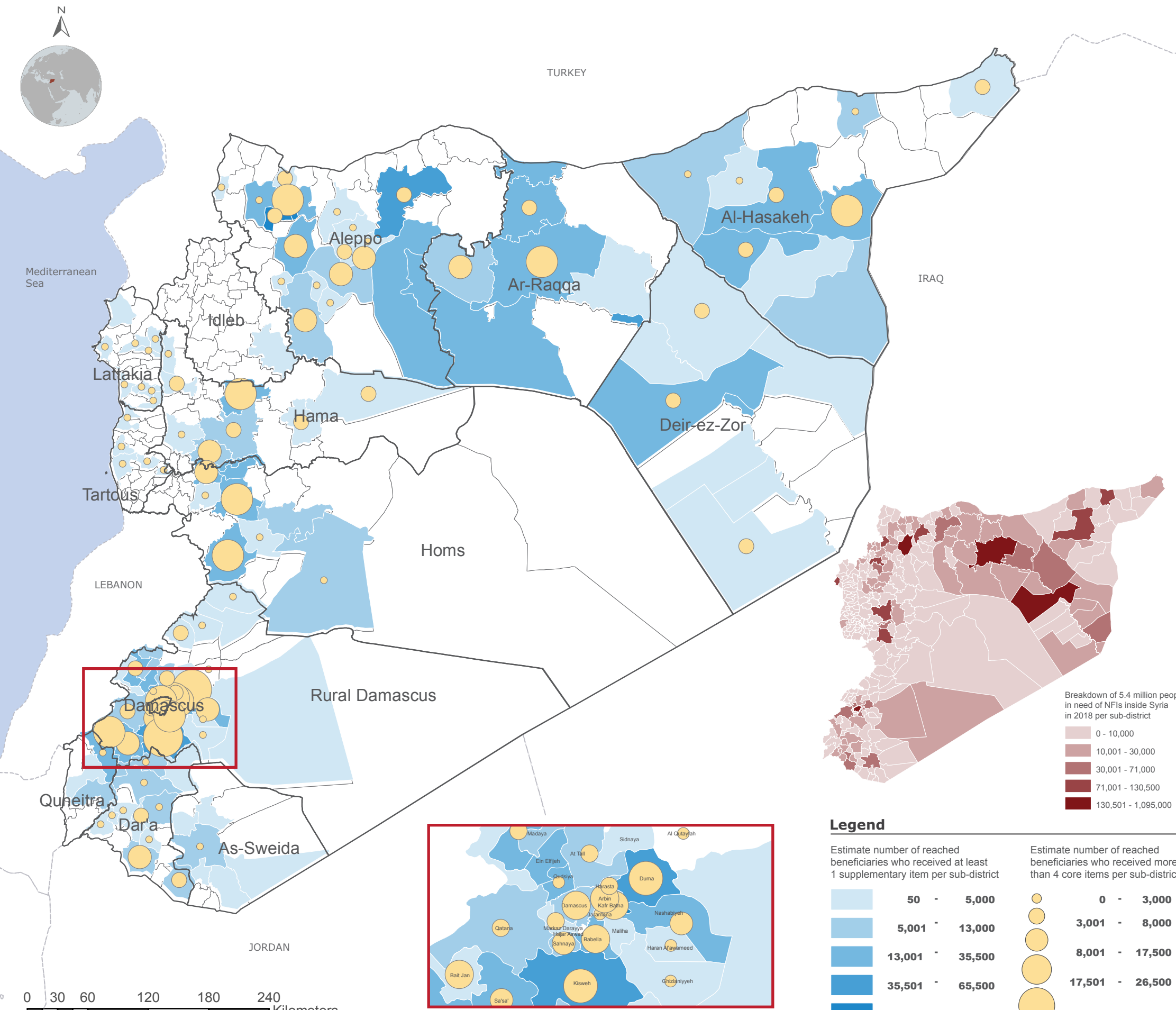
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# SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

Reporting Period: January - December 2018



## BENEFICIARIES SERVED

### CORE ITEMS

**664,990**

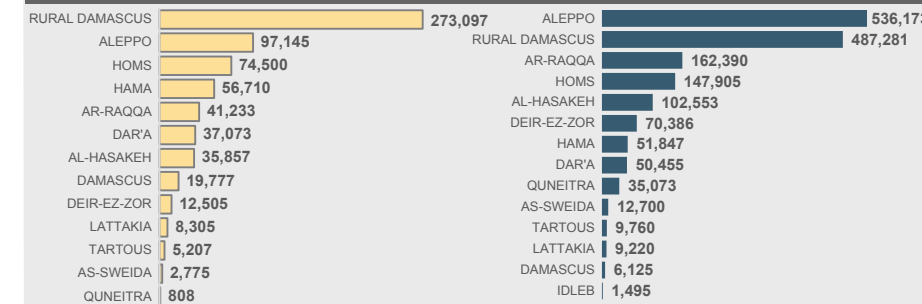
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI (37% OF THE 1.8M TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF NFI IN SYRIA)

### SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

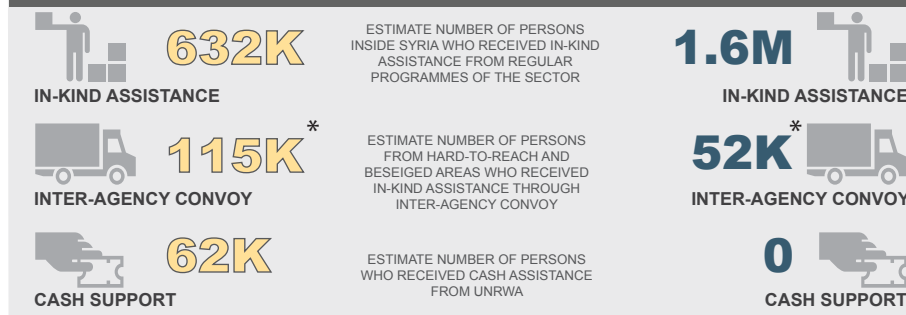
**1,683,483**

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM (89% OF THE 1.9M TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI IN SYRIA)

## BENEFICIARIES SERVED PER GOVERNORATE



## BENEFICIARIES SERVED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



NOTE: Breakdown of beneficiaries per type of support does not necessarily sum up to the reported number of beneficiaries as some communities may have received more than one type of assistance.

\*: The IA-convoy reached figures are corrected

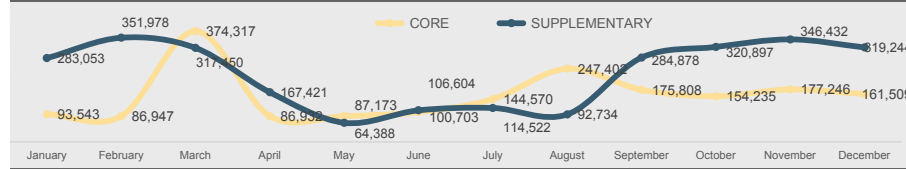
## TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER GOVERNORATE



## TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER TYPE



## TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH



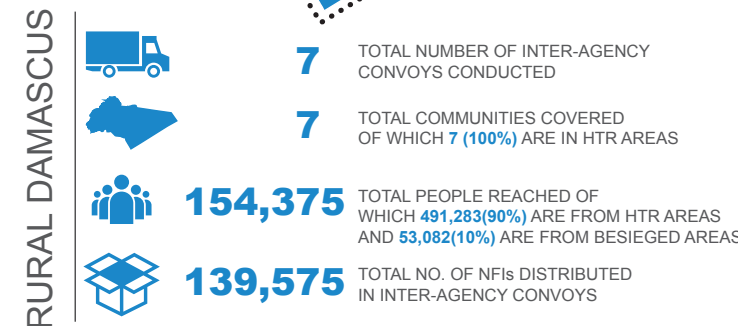
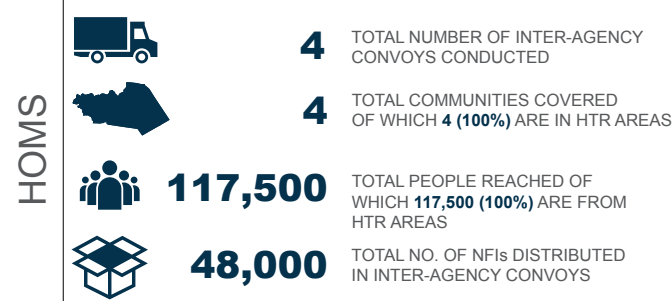
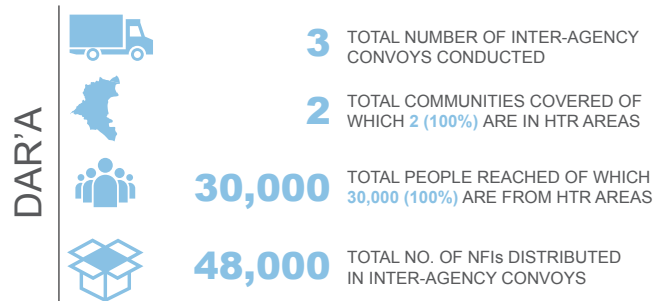
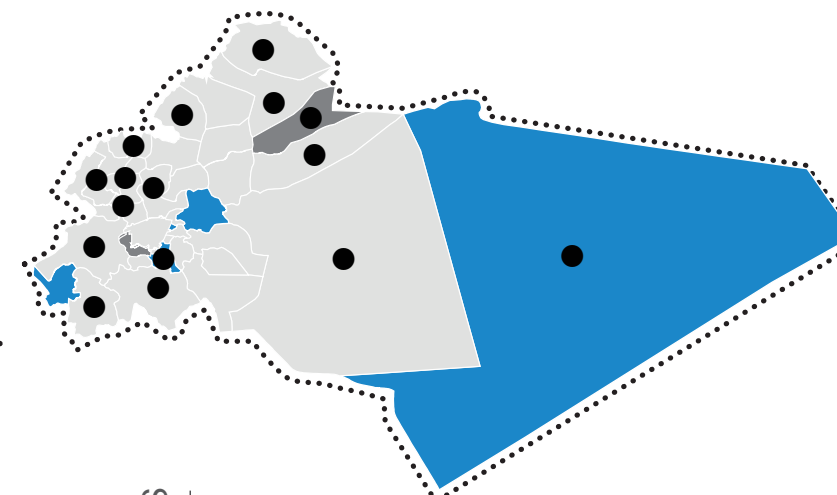
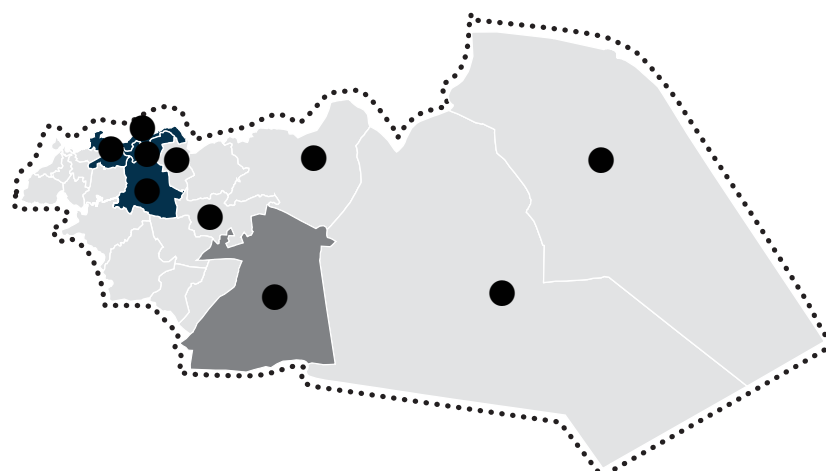
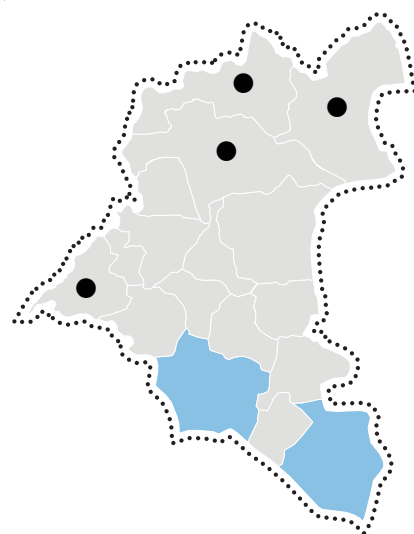
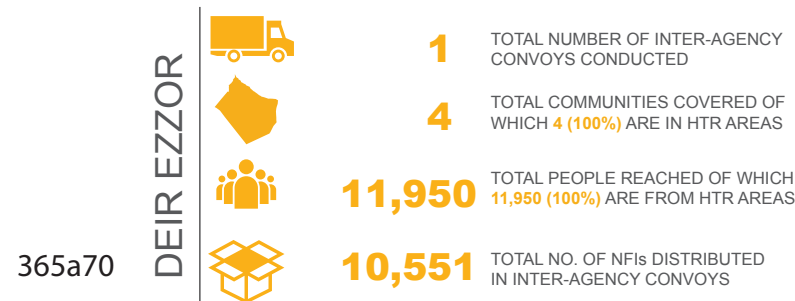
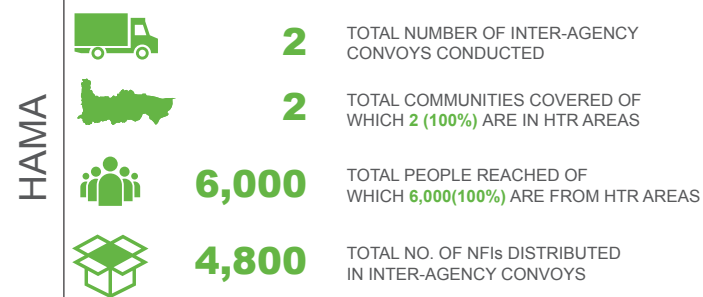
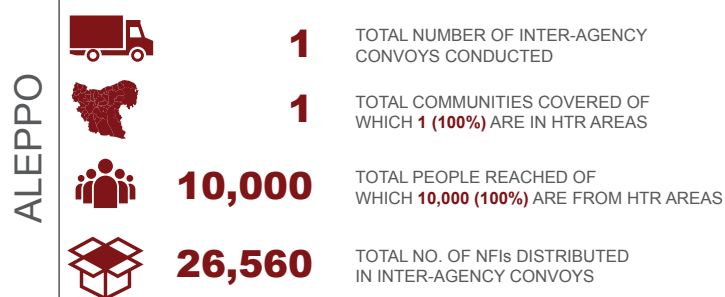
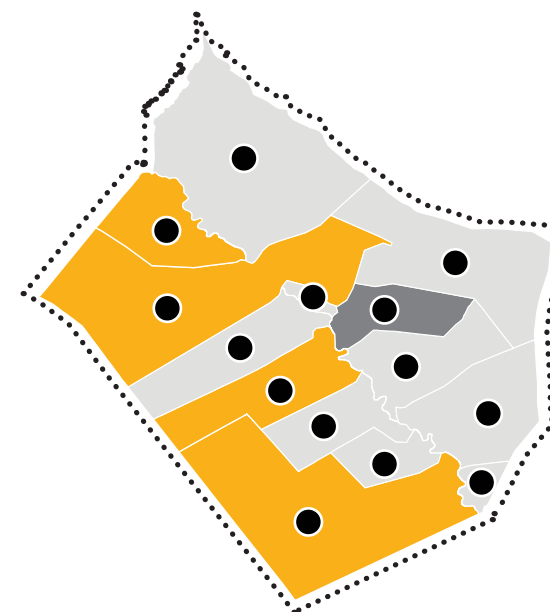
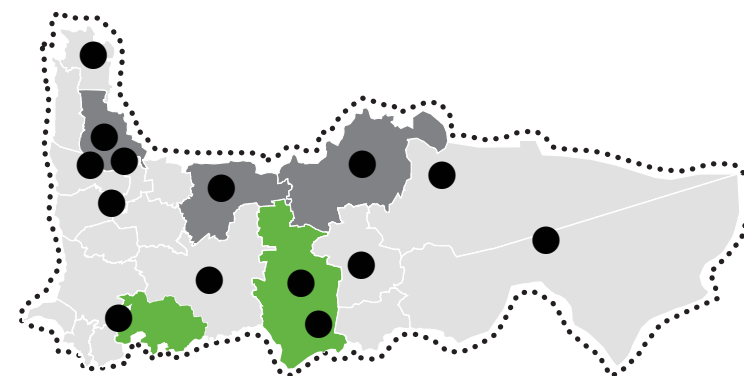
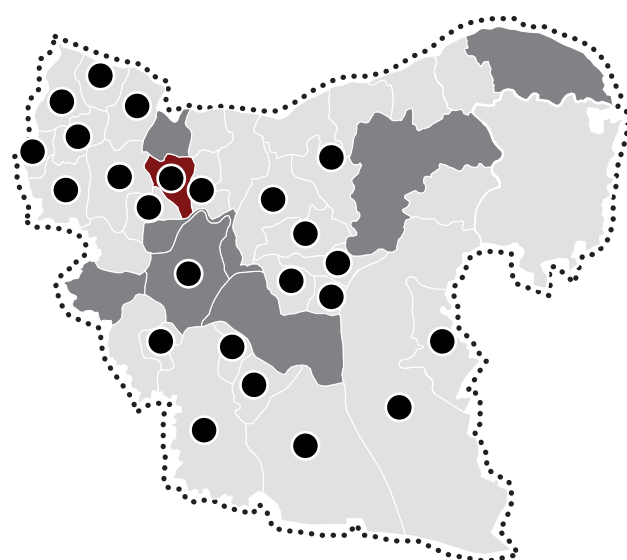
**4,585,594**

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE / PART OF NON-FOOD ITEM AS OF DECEMBER 2018

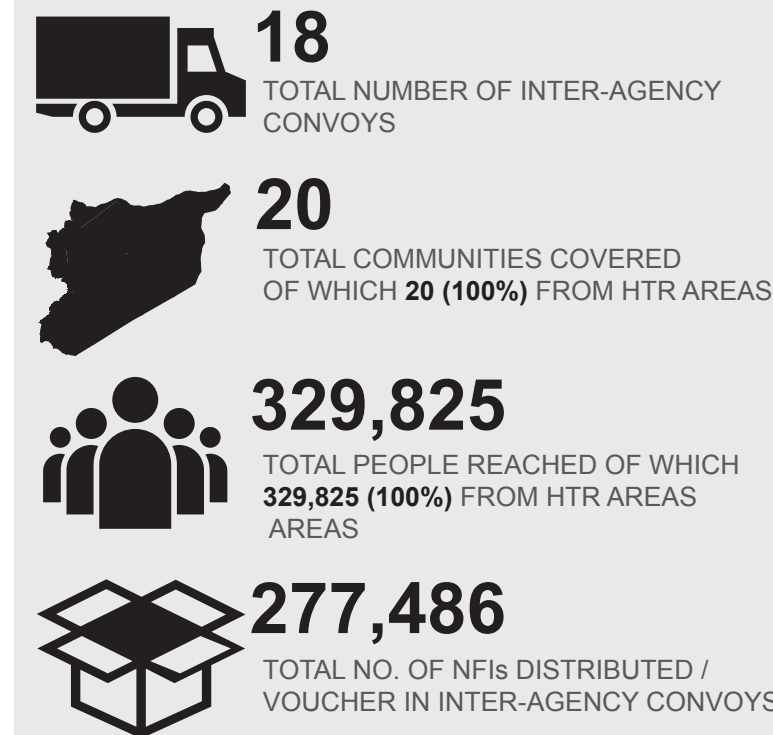


# SYRIA: INTER-AGENCY CONVOY

Reporting Period: January - December 2018



## SUMMARY



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

GOVERNORATE	TOTAL HTR AND BESIEGED COMMUNITIES	REACHED HTR AND BESIEGED COMMUNITIES
ALEPPO	● 535	● 1
DAR'A	● 29	● 2
DEIR EZZOR	● 136	● 4
HAMA	● 106	● 2
HOMS	● 62	● 4
RURAL DAMASCUS	★ 41 23	● 7 ★ 0

FOOTNOTE/S:

A. **Clarification:** The changed of all the figures on this infographic is due to change in calculation of the IA-Convoys beneficiaries reported by NFI sector partners.

B. The information presented here only shows UNHCR, and UNICE reports.

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

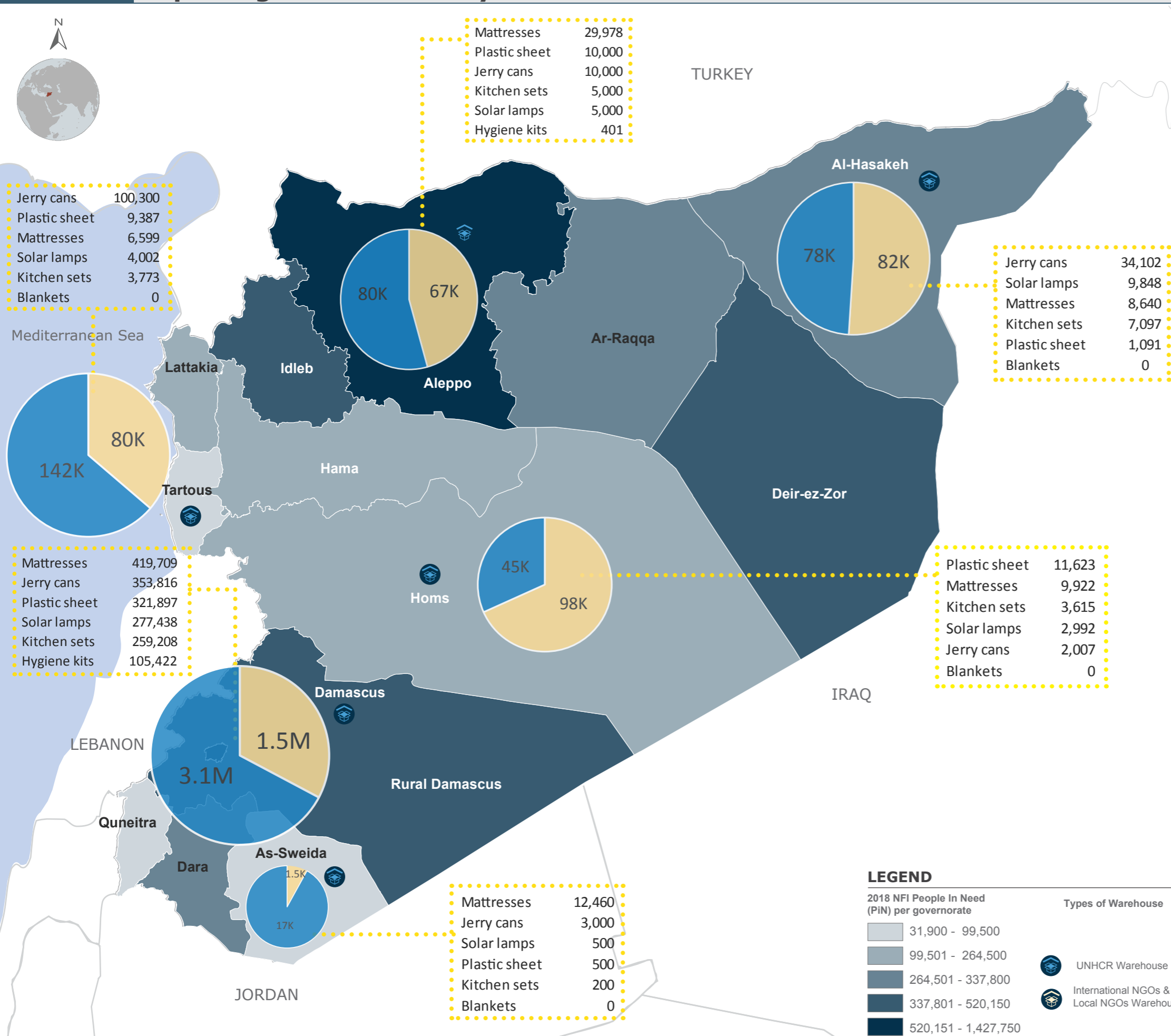
## LEGEND

- No. of inter-agency convoys (IACs)
- No. of beneficiaries (persons) reached by IACs
- Sub-districts with besieged communities
- Sub-districts with (HTR) hard-to-reach communities
- Sub-districts with besieged and HTR communities
- No. of distributed non-food items
- Areas covered by convoy in 2016 - 2017



# SYRIA: NFI STOCKPILE

Reporting Period: January 2019

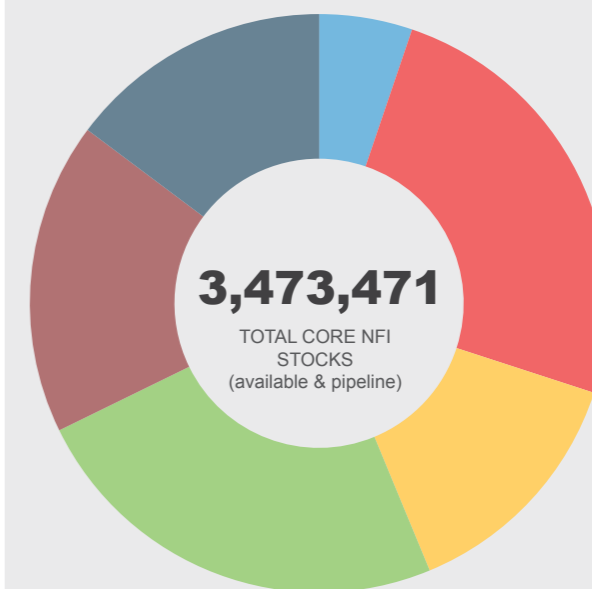


## 5,319,242

TOTAL CORE AND SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS AS OF JANUARY 2019

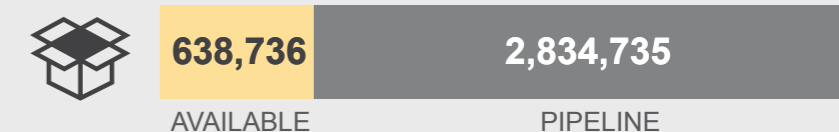
### CORE NON-FOOD ITEMS

#### BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER TYPE

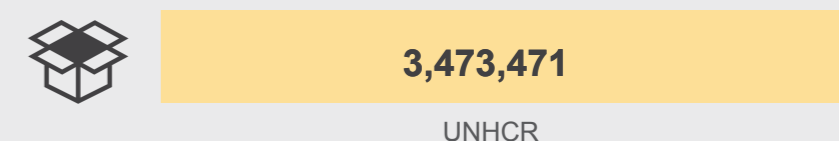


JERRY CANS	503,225
MATTRESSES	487,308
PLASTIC SHEET	354,498
SOLAR LAMPS	299,780
KITCHEN SETS	278,893
HYGIENE KITS	105,823
BLANKETS	0
DIAPERS	0

#### BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER STATUS



#### BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER AGENCY

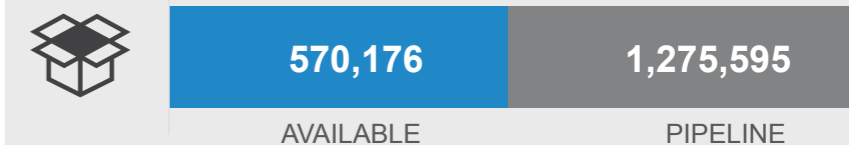


### SUPPLEMENTARY NON-FOOD ITEMS

## 1,845,771

TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY NFI (available and pipeline)

#### BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER STATUS



#### BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER AGENCY

