

**ALEPPO:** Six months on from the east Aleppo evacuations, life is slowly restarting. But the road to recovery will be a long one. There is catastrophic damage to infrastructure, homes and shops. Children, among the affected, play to cope their situation. A young boy is making a model plane at a community center in Aleppo run by partner NGO, the Nama'a Society.



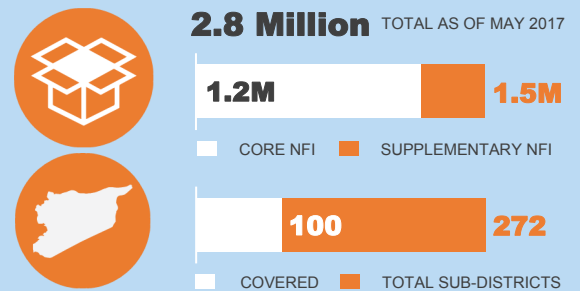
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## KEY POINTS

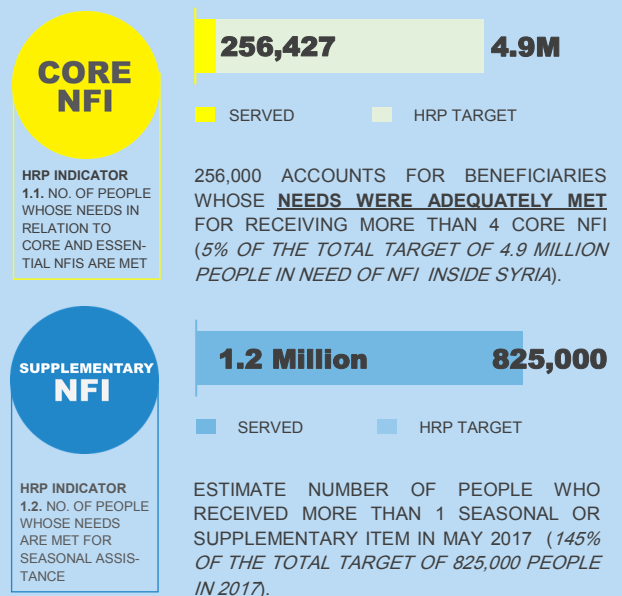
- Despite the ongoing challenges, several partners were able to extend NFI assistance to displaced population affected by the hostilities in Ar Raqqa governorate. In May, Al Birr with UNHCR, provided core NFIs in Ein Issa Camp benefitting around 1,500 displaced persons. Together with GOPA and IRD, they also responded to nearby locations where IDPs had sought refuge such as, Rasm Al Akhdar Camp in Aleppo, and Al Hole and Mabrouka Camp in Al Hassakeh. As of 5<sup>th</sup> of June, around 171,000 people had been displaced since November 2016 (CCCM). After taking full control of Tabqa town, fighting intensified particularly in the northern part of the governorate. Condition of the civilian population got worse as ISIS forces continue its tactic of intimidation in areas under its control including disruption of basic infrastructure services and monopolizing basic supplies, further deteriorating the humanitarian situation.
- Sector partners continue to participate in inter-agency convoys to hard-to-reach and besieged communities. On 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, UNICEF provided seasonal clothing in Duma sub-district in Rural Damascus. On 6<sup>th</sup> of May, IOM, UNICEF, and UNHCR participated in the Wadi Barada valley inter-agency convoy that collectively served at least 30,000 people from four hard-to-reach communities. Rapid community assessment indicates that high prices affect access despite the availability of basic commodities. Critical needs identified include shelter kits to undertake basic house repairs, baby diapers, hygiene kits, and house cleaning materials.
- Sector field coordination team in Tartous has participated in the development of a Contingency Plan that attempts to outline possible intervention in Idleb after the pronouncement of the De-Escalation Areas in Syria. Sector focal points liaised with sector members, especially those who have presence in Idleb to identify available services, number of people in need, and the required types of intervention.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> NFI Sector Regular Meeting attended by 17 representatives from 8 partners was held on 15<sup>th</sup> of May in Damascus City. Several agreements were reached in the meeting including a more streamlined process in soliciting inputs for micro plans and emergency situation report, regular updating of projects funded by the Syrian Humanitarian Fund, and regular sharing of assessment plans.

## NUMBERS IN BRIEF

### TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED



### BENEFICIARIES ADEQUATELY SERVED



### OVERALL REACHED BENEFICIARIES



## GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- 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;
- Absence of age and gender disaggregated information of population in need unable the sector to accommodate and target specific needs;
- 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;
- Limited and irregular monitoring of distribution due to insecurity and sensitivities compromise the ability of the sector to assess the impact of its assistance and better inform future planning;
- Absence of clear and effective feedback mechanism from population in need due to information gathering sensitivities unable the sector to better determine the efficacy of its effort;
- 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.
- Decreasing number of local NGOs authorized to partner with UN agencies particularly in severely affected areas limit the extent of humanitarian response (i.e. Ar Raqqa).
- Lack of adherence to agreed distribution standards (i.e. UNHCR solar lamps) affects the quality of NFI response (i.e. Lattakia and Mashta'a Al-Helou).

**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



UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5 million registered Palestine refugees. Its mission is to help Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank, and the Gaza Strip achieve their full human development potential, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight. UNRWA services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, and microfinance.

UNRWA launched its operation in Syria in 1953, four years after its establishment. Its field office is in Damascus and it operates across the country in the areas where Palestine refugees reside. The Agency runs installations in Aleppo, Damascus, Dar'a, Hama, Homs, Latakia, Rural Damascus, and Sweida. To date, it has approximately 4,300 staff members providing services to Palestine refugees across Syria.

As part of its NFI assistance, UNRWA distributes NFIs to residents of collective shelters, and blankets and mattresses to internally displaced Palestine refugees. The Agency also provides rapid-onset NFI assistance to Palestine refugees affected by new displacement. UNRWA is one of the active members of the NFI Sector in Syria and as of December 2016, it has assisted around 430,000 Palestine Refugees with both in-kind and cash assistance.

UNRWA has no implementing partners as it is a direct service provider however, the Agency constantly coordinates with government bodies, such as GAPAR (the General Administration for Palestine Arab Refugees), other UN agencies as part of the UN system, and the national and international civil society.

### NFI Sector Coordination Team

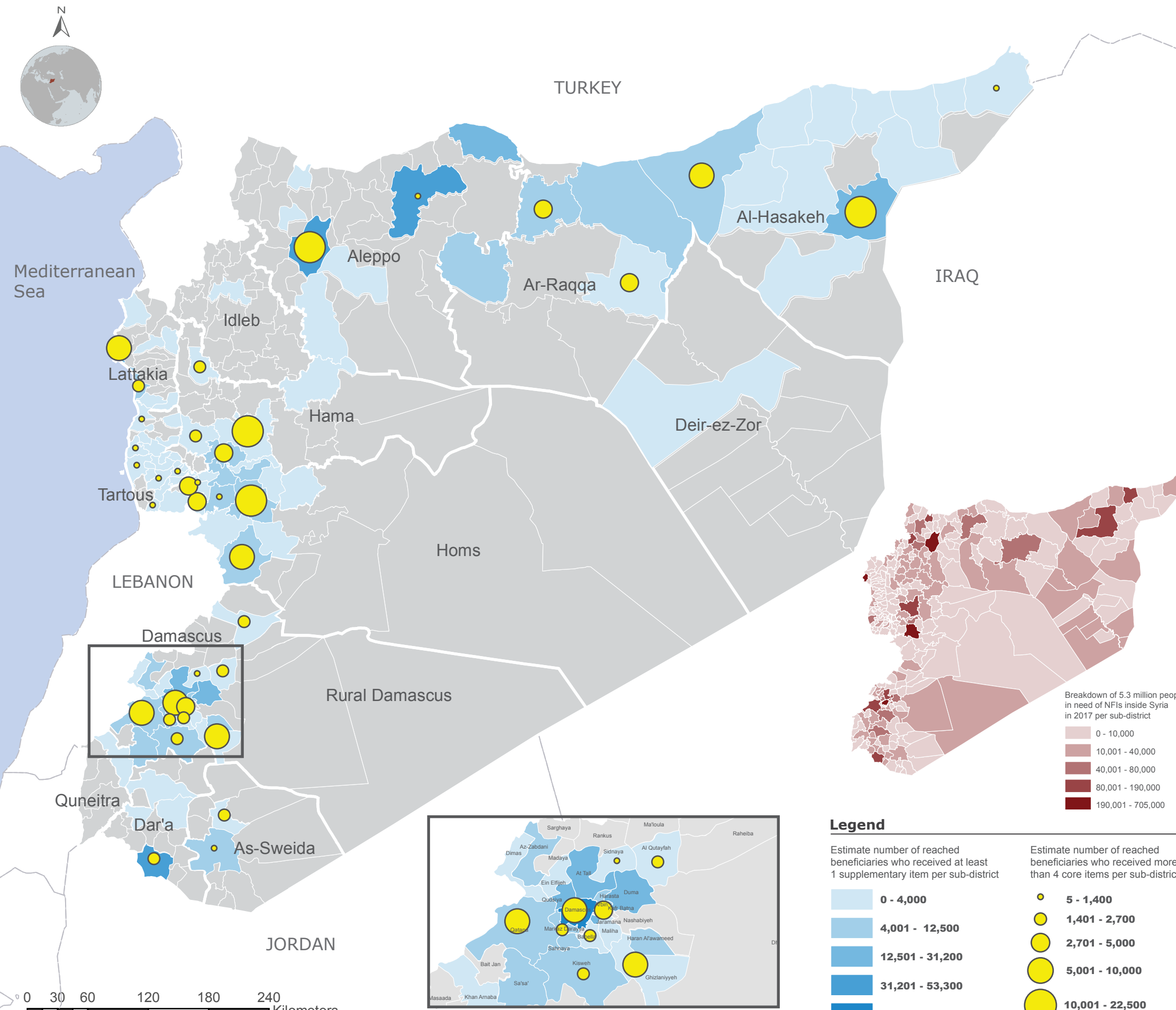
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# SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

Reporting Period: May 2017



## BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED

### CORE ITEMS

**256,427**

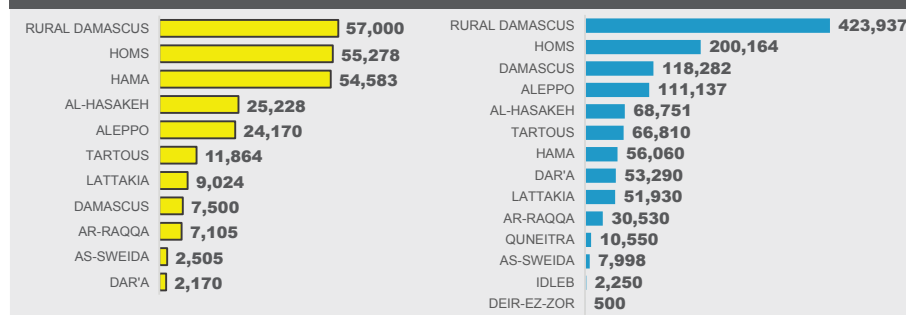
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI (5% OF THE 4.9M TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF NFI IN SYRIA)

### SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

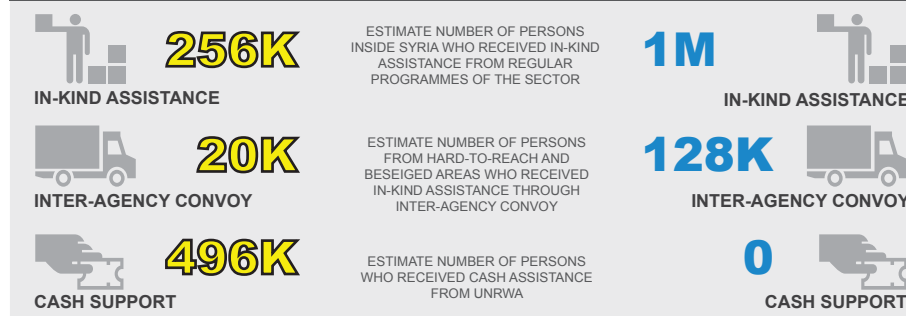
**1,202,230**

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM (145% OF THE 825,000 TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI IN SYRIA)

## BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED PER GOVERNORATE

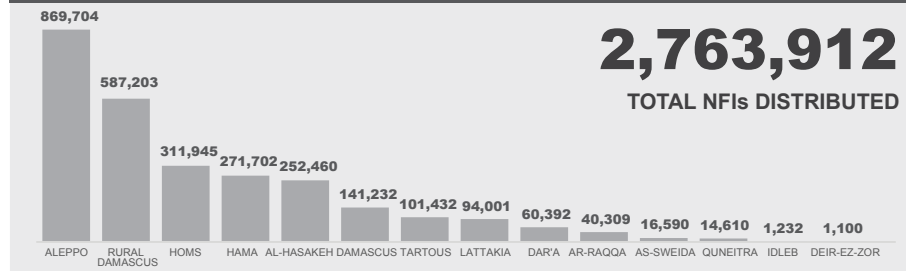


## BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



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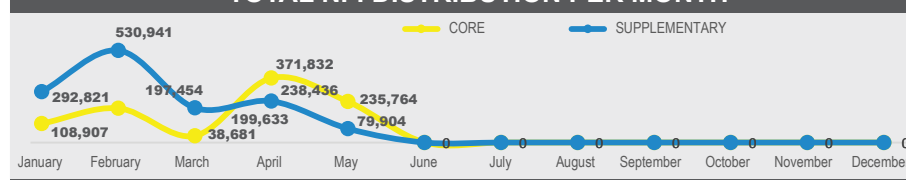
## TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER GOVERNORATE



## TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER TYPE



## TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH



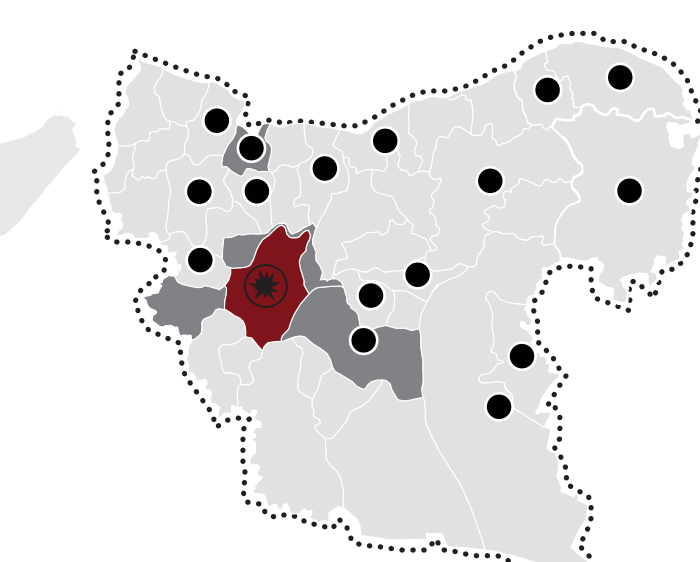
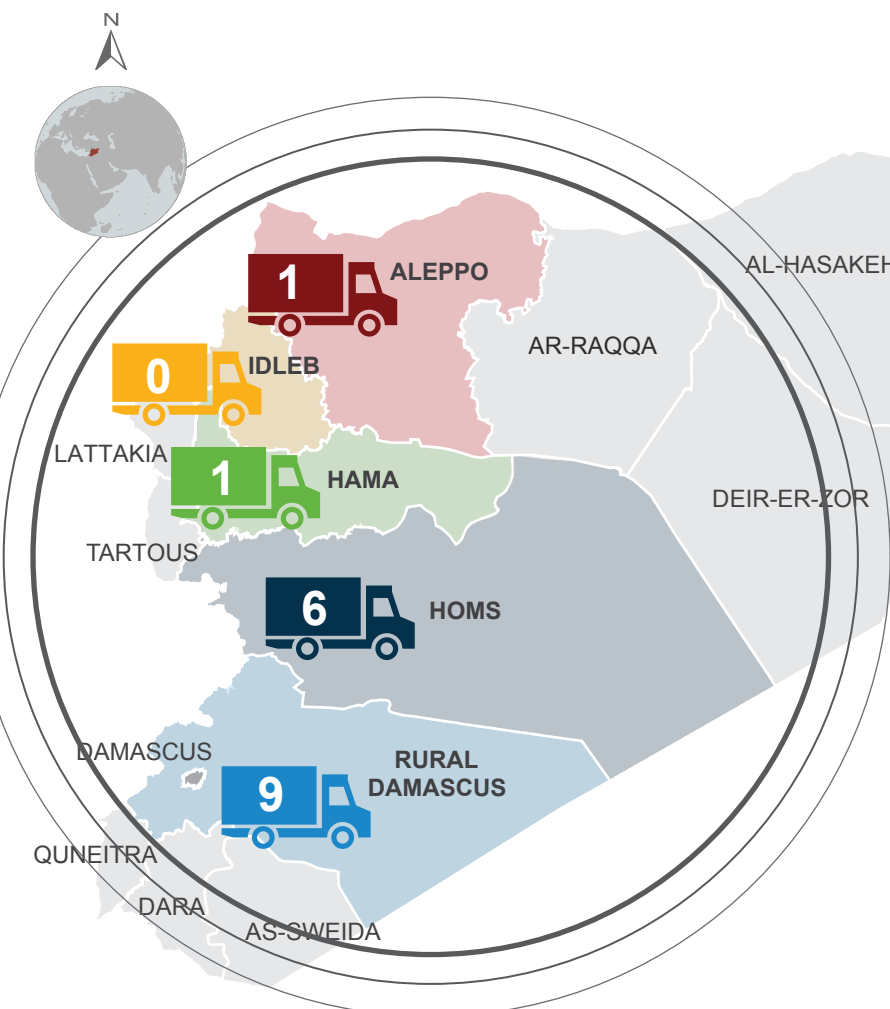
## TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED

**3,451,213**  
TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE / PART OF NON-FOOD ITEM AS OF MAY 2017



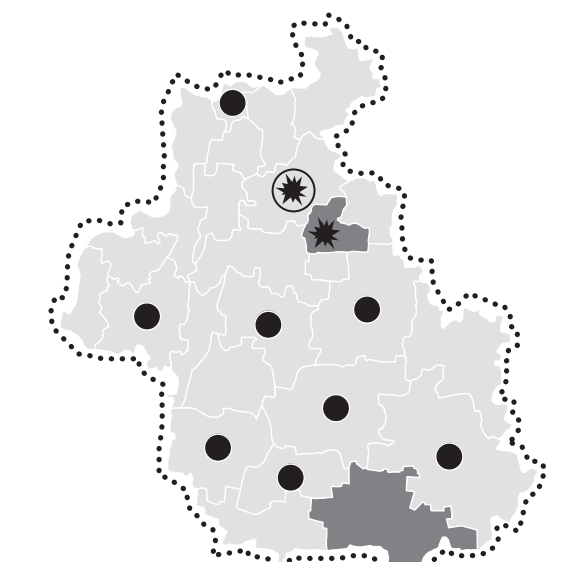
# SYRIA: INTER-AGENCY CONVOY

Reporting Period: May 2017



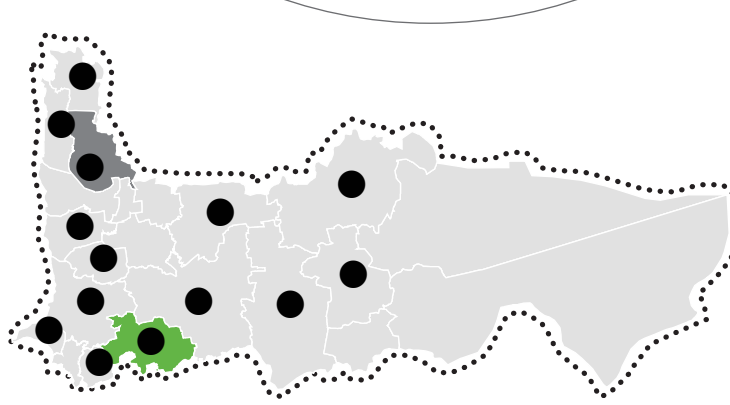
**ALEPPO**

- 1** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 1** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **1 (100%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS
- 50,000** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **50,000 (100%)** FROM HTR AREAS
- 10,000** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOY



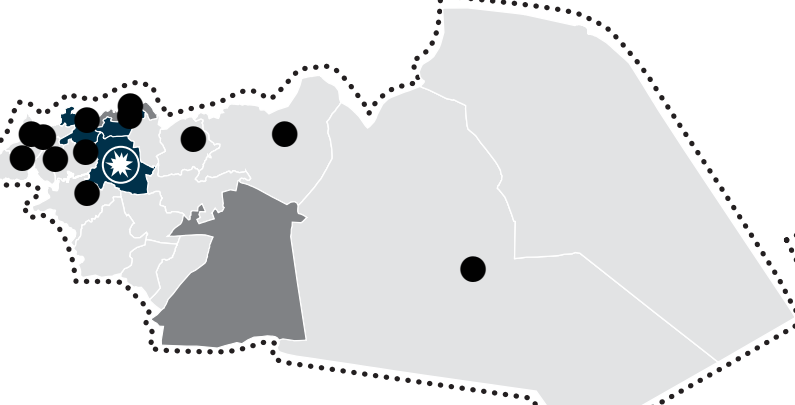
**IDLEB**

- 0** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 0** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **0 (0%)** ARE IN BESIEGED AREAS
- 0** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **0 (0%)** FROM BESIEGED AREAS
- 0** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOY



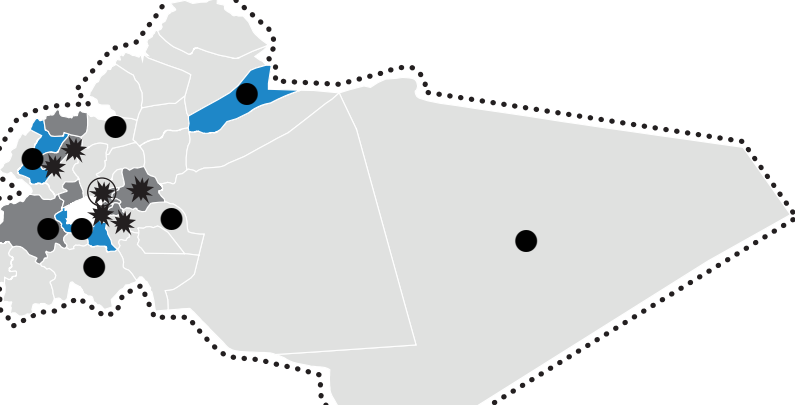
**HAMA**

- 1** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 1** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **1 (100%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS
- 10,000** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **10,000 (100%)** FROM HTR AREAS
- 24,000** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOY



**HOMS**

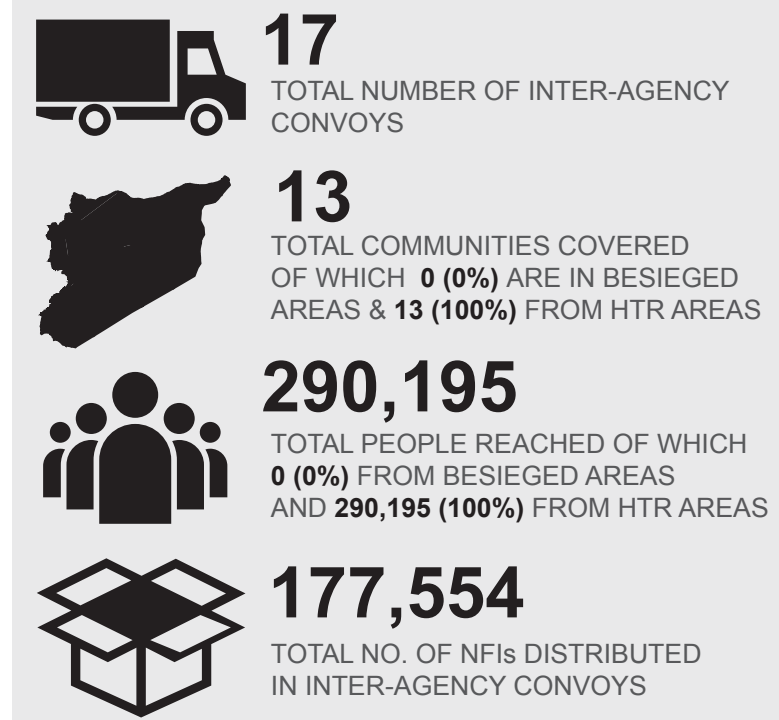
- 6** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 4** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **4 (100%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS AND **0 (0%)** FROM BESIEGED AREAS
- 58,100** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **58,100 (100%)** FROM HTR AREAS AND **0 (0%)** FROM BESIEGED AREAS
- 64,380** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOY



**RURAL DAMASCUS**

- 9** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 7** TOTAL COMMUNITY COVERED OF WHICH **7 (100%)** FROM HTR AREAS AND **0 (0%)** FROM BESIEGED AREAS
- 172,095** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **172,095 (100%)** FROM HTR AREAS AND **0 (0%)** FROM BESIEGED AREAS
- 79,174** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOY

## SUMMARY



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

GOVERNORATE	HARD-TO-REACH COMMUNITIES	BESIEGED COMMUNITIES
ALEPPO	● AFRIN ● ALEPPO CITY ● HAJEB ● NABUL ● TALL REFAAT	
IDLEB		* FOAH
HAMA	● HARBANIFSE	
HOMS	● AR-RASTAN ● DAR KABIRA ● HOMS CITY ● KAFR LAHA ● TALBISEH ● TALDU ● TIR MAALAH	
RURAL DAMASCUS	● BABELLA ● BLUDAN ● JIRUD ● MADAMIYET ELSHAM ● QUDSIYA ● RAWDA BATRONEH ● SARGHAYA ● SUQ WADI BARDA ● YALDA	* ARBIN * AZ-ZABADANI * BEIT SAWA * DARRAYA * DUMA * EIN TERMA * HAMMURA * HARASTA * HEZZEH * JISREIN * KAFR BATNA * KHAN ELSHIH * MADAYA * SAGBA

**LEGEND**

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

**FOOTNOTE/S:**

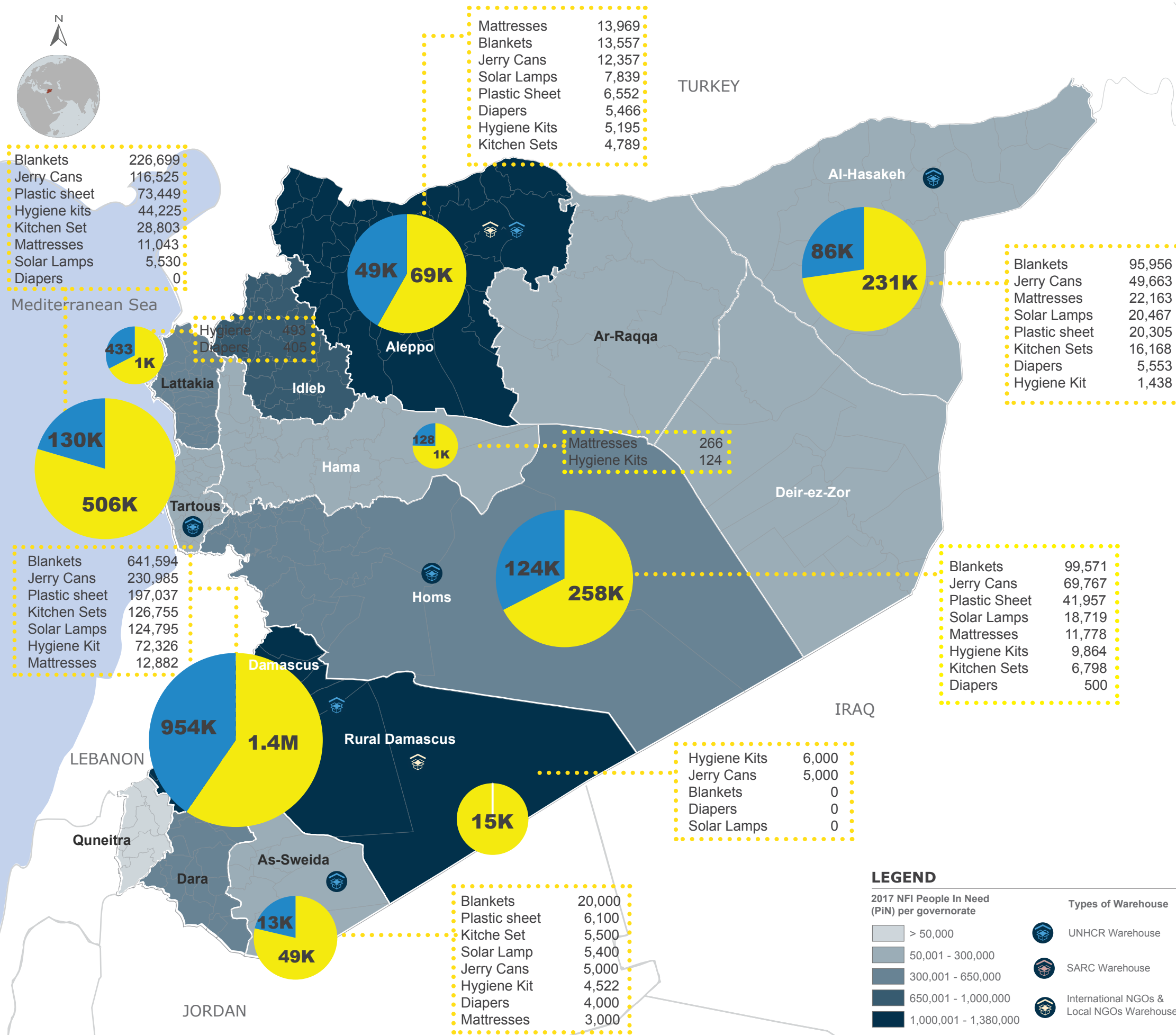
A. The information presented here only shows DRC, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF convoys.  
 B. One convoy is counted as one completed trip.





# SYRIA: NFI STOCKPILE

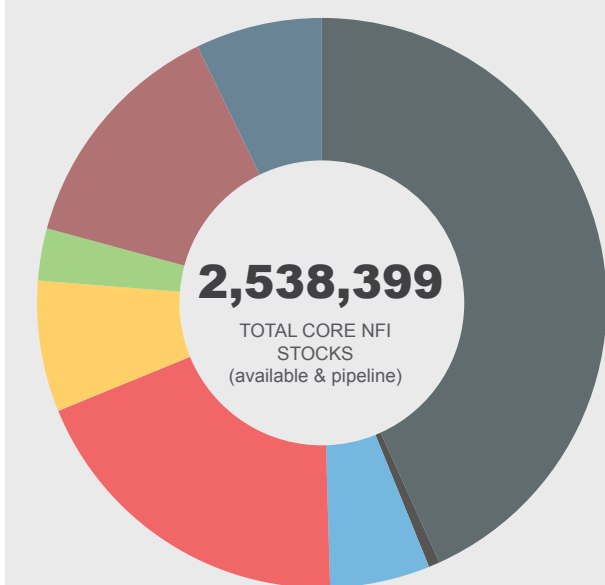
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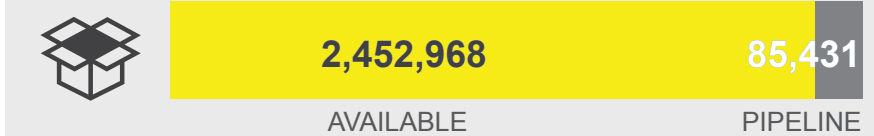
**3,898,143** TOTAL CORE AND SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS AS OF JUNE 2017

### CORE NON-FOOD ITEMS

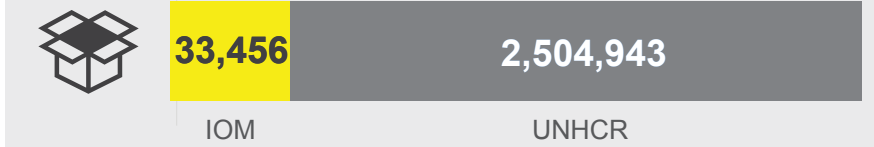
#### BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER TYPE



#### BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER STATUS



#### BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER AGENCY



### SUPPLEMENTARY NON-FOOD ITEMS

**1,359,744** TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY NFI (available and pipeline)

#### BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER STATUS



#### BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER AGENCY

