

Highlights

Humanitarian Pooled Funding (HPF)

The Protection sector technical review committee endorsed two proposals submitted under the Humanitarian Pooled Funding (HPF). Its USD 400,000 allocation in the first call for proposals will go towards strengthening child protection and GBV interventions.

Humanitarian Needs Overview

The protection working groups in southern Turkey and Damascus finalised a joint assessment of protection needs for the whole of Syria Humanitarian Needs Overview. The sectors jointly developed a protection severity scoring tool to be used as part of the assessment of humanitarian needs.

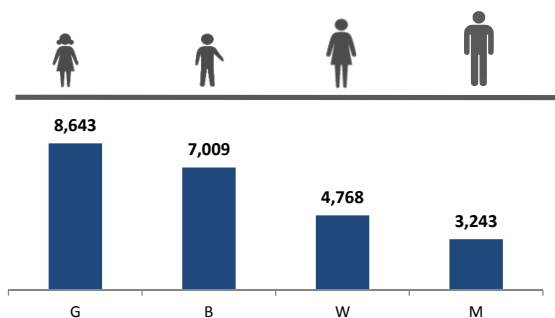
Protection Mainstreaming

From September to November, nine trainings were conducted on Protection Mainstreaming for 206 humanitarian actors, including a ToT for 14 sector and organizational focal points. The objective was to build the capacity of the humanitarian community to understand and adopt a protection mainstreaming approach to the Syria response. Close to a third (31%) of participants were female and the majority (89%) were Syrian staff. Trainings were held in Gaziantep and Antakya although a third of participants attended from within Syria. As a result of the trainings a Protection Mainstreaming Guidance Notes Package was developed and 15 recommendations identified by participants to support protection mainstreaming was shared with the humanitarian community.



"Protection Mainstreaming"

Persons in need reached by Protection in October

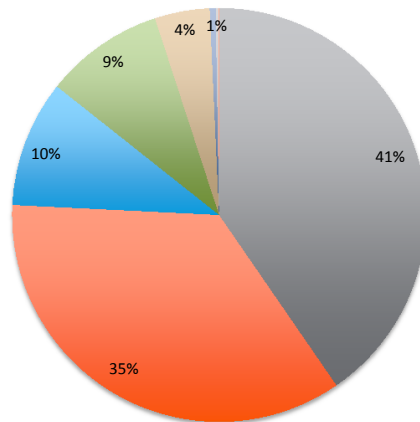


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Protection Working Group Activities Breakdown



- Awareness raising and community engagement
- Safe spaces for women and children
- Mine Risk Education (MRE)
- MHPSS and counseling (mental health and psycho-social support)
- Case management referrals and individual material support
- Child protection trainings
- Livelihoods support
- GBV trainings

Needs analysis





- Building capacity to support humanitarian actors to expand protection activities and to provide quality prevention activities and response services to affected populations, particularly for children at risk and GBV survivors.
- Other needs include expanding participatory approaches to assessments and programming.
- Detailed, quality information on protection risks and community needs for protection services, particularly in isolated or besieged areas and for the development of programming that aims to mitigate and reduce the protection consequences of the conflict.

Major gaps

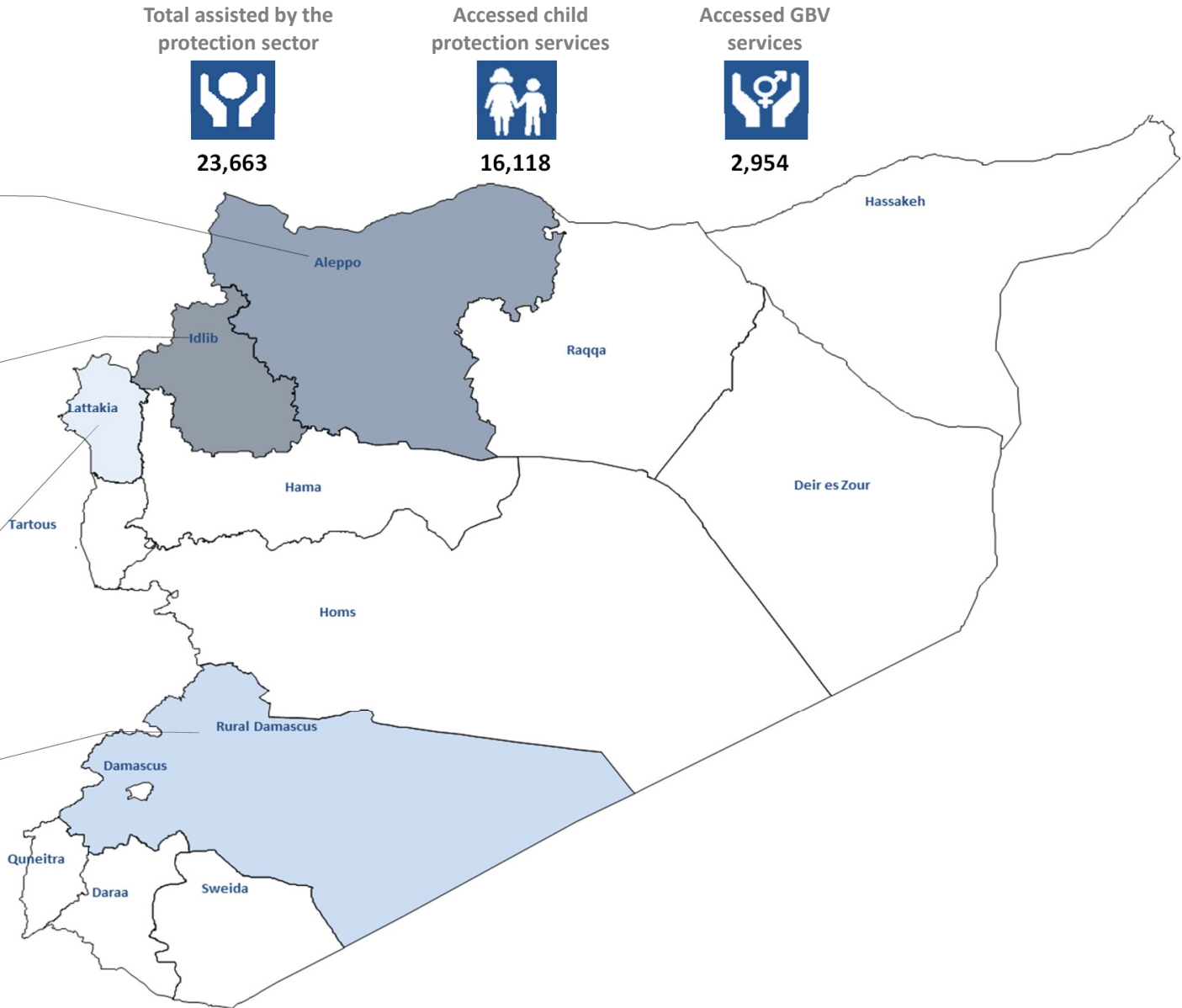
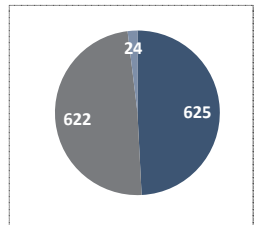
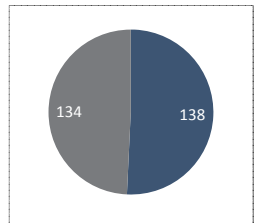
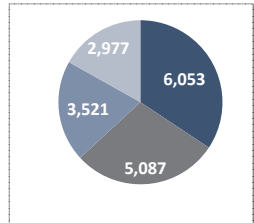
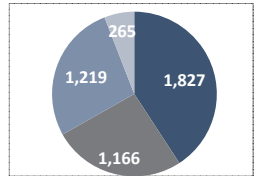
- Detailed and verified information about protection risks for programming and advocacy purposes, referral pathways to support quality multi-sectoral response services, and specialized protection services such as family tracing and MRE activities.
- Protection actors will continue to work with other sectors to mainstream protection into the overall humanitarian response, including by providing recommendations on site planning in refugee camps and delivery of assistance in urban areas and in host communities.

Protection Working Group Priorities

- Strengthen the emergency child protection response
- Reduce and mitigate the risks and consequences of gender-based violence
- Strengthen the response to psycho-social distress
- Promote the specific needs of vulnerable groups
- Mainstream protection

				
PROGRESS	3,394	3,049	2,608	2,968
# of individuals (humanitarian actors and affected population) who received training on protection (including child protection and GBV)	12,019			
# of persons benefiting from operational protection spaces (child friendly spaces, youth spaces, women's safe spaces, safety audits conducted, etc.)	3,939	2,746	1,673	12
8,370				
# of people who accessed protection services (including PSS, GBV and CP counselling and other response services)	1,310	1,214	487	263
3,274				

23,663 Beneficiaries Benefited from Protection Activities



Total assisted by the protection sector



23,663

Accessed child protection services



16,118

Accessed GBV services



2,954

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