

Despite the Deteriorating Security Situation UNHCR Delivers over 2 Million CRIs



2015 has brought further security challenges to UNHCR operations in Syria. For example, on 21 January a car bomb exploded at the busy Al Hadara Street in Homs City breaking a long period of relative calm in the city. Six deaths and more than seventy injuries were reported. Because of this, and also because of increased use of IEDs and VBIEDs in the Aleppo governorate, a security advisory pertaining to elevated risk of VBIEDs was issued to all UN staff. On 01 February a bus also blew up near the very popular Al Hamidiyeh souk of Damascus with reports of seven dead and 20 injured. In addition, there was a significant increase in rocket and mortar attacks throughout Damascus during the reporting period.

On the 25 January after threats from an AOG, Damascus city experienced its heaviest attack in over a year with open sources reporting over 90 rocket and mortar strikes throughout the city. On 03 February the same AOG made more threats against the capital and on 05 February open sources reported over 135 rocket and mortar attacks. Strikes were reported in the commercial and residential areas close to both hotels where UN staff reside including one direct strike on the Four Seasons Hotel as well as Kafarsouseh where UNHCR offices are based. Despite these very difficult and challenging operating conditions, UNHCR continues to get assistance to those in need, dispatching over **2 million** Core Relief Items throughout Syria to **358,488** beneficiaries in the first six weeks of 2015.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **358,488** individuals benefited from more than 2 million CRIs since the beginning of the year
- The hard-to-reach Al Waer receives humanitarian assistance
- UNHCR protects IDPs from the harsh weather in Qamishly

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UNHCR Reaches Hard-to-Reach Al Waer in Homs

On 15 January UNHCR participated in a UN Inter Agency (IA) cross-line mission which took place to the Hard-to-Reach Al Waer area in Homs. UNHCR's contribution to the mission were 2,000 hygiene kits, winter clothes for 1,400 people, including women and children, as well as 1,000 adult and 5,000 baby diapers. A second IA mission to Al Waer also took place on 20 January 2015 with UNHCR contributing winter clothes for a further 600 people, 3,000 adult diapers and 11,000 baby diapers.



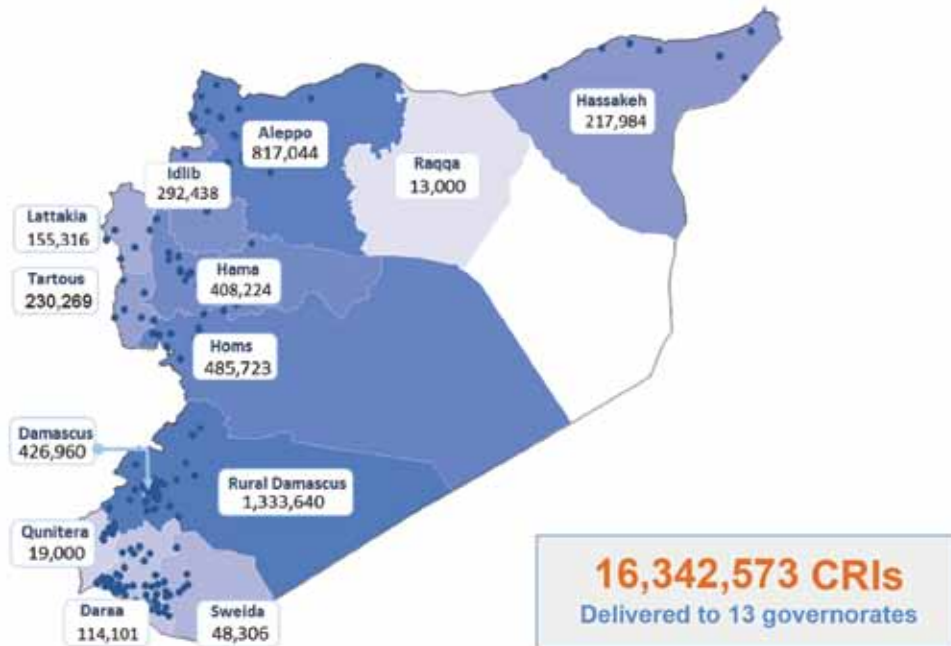
Protecting IDPs from Harsh Weather in Qamishly

With 7.6 million people displaced in Syria, the shelter needs are huge with many families staying in cold damp and exposed unfinished buildings. From the 18 – 25 January, as a mitigation measure for the cold weather, UNHCR began the process of closing all open areas such as windows, doors and corridors in the unfinished buildings where IDPs reside in Qamishly. UNHCR outreach volunteers assisted displaced families in sealing all open areas with plastic sheets. A total of **147** unfinished buildings were sealed benefiting **1,165** individuals.



UNHCR Syria A Snapshot of 2014

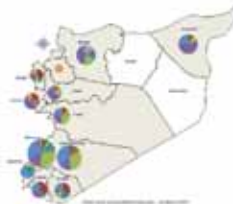
**4,562,005 individuals
Provided with Core Relief Items**



\$ 13,705
Individuals received cash assistance



464,969
Benefitted from Protection / Community Service Activities



H 615,443
Assisted with access to Health Care



68,896
Collective Shelter Rehabilitation and Private Shelter upgrade



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