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Deir-Ez-Zor: While Shelter Sector partners aim to better assist the IDPs and returnees with appropriate shelter support, field visits and rapid assessments are being conducted on ad hoc basis. In February, Rebuild Syria Reconstruction Program together with the Syria Trust Development assessed Deir ez-Zor City and validated the massive destruction in some neighborhoods such as Al-Sheikh Yassin (see photo).

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- The revised Shelter Sector strategy was translated into Arabic and it will be shared with MoLAE for review and comments. On the other hand, the revision of sector guidelines continues. The guidelines on the Rehabilitation of Collective Shelters, Upgrading of Private Unfinished Buildings and Shelter Kits are being revised and will be shared with sector partners for comments. The guidelines on the Rehabilitation of Damaged Houses were already reviewed by the sector partners and comments are now being incorporated. This will then be shared with the Technical Working Group for final comments.
- The first Shelter Sector meeting was held on the 27th of February at MoLAE office. Among the highlights of the meeting include the presentation of proposed IM projects for 2018, discussion on shelter project approval process, presentation of key findings of the Aleppo City Rapid Technical Assessment, sharing of Deir ez-Zor field visit conducted by RSRP and STD, discussion on Afrin operational plan, and the SHF allocation amounting to \$15 million. The meeting ended with MoLAE's emphasis on the equal provision of shelter support in all locations that are needing one.
- The IM Team of the sector is planning to organize a two-day training on Humanitarian Information Management separately in Aleppo and Homs and governorates. The training is part of the capacity building effort of the sector to its partners ensuring that they acquire the needed IM technical skills that are crucial in working in an evidence-based approach. The training is tentatively being planned on 15-16 April in Aleppo and 18-19 April in Homs. Around 30 participants for each training are expected to attend.

OVERALL FIGURES



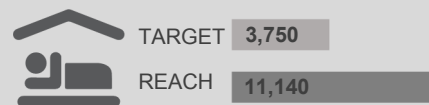
Total no. of people covered with emergency and durable shelter support in Syria as of February 2018

TARGET **864,296**

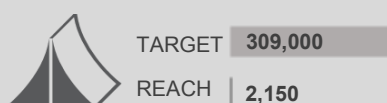
REACH | **13,667**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE COVERED WITH VARIOUS SHELTER SUPPORTS

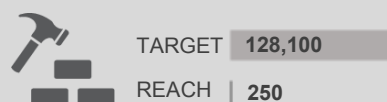
SEASONAL SHELTER PROVISION



EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVISION



EMERGENCY SHELTER REHABILITATION



DURABLE SHELTER SUPPORT





GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Lack of shelter materials and manpower as well strict security protocols have posed major challenges to the speedy shelter rehabilitation in locations that are severely devastated (i.e. Deir ez-Zor);
- Access and safety are the key challenges in many parts of the country as well as partner capacity and heavy processes along with funding constraints;
- Increasing needs, diminishing coping capacities of both the IDPs and host communities, and limited financial resources of the government to provide shelter compensation require sector partners to scale up operational presence;
- Shelter and infrastructure needs are huge and the Shelter Sector partners collectively do not have capacity to meet all the needs;
- Issues related to the loss of occupancy documents deprived some population from accessing shelter supports;
- 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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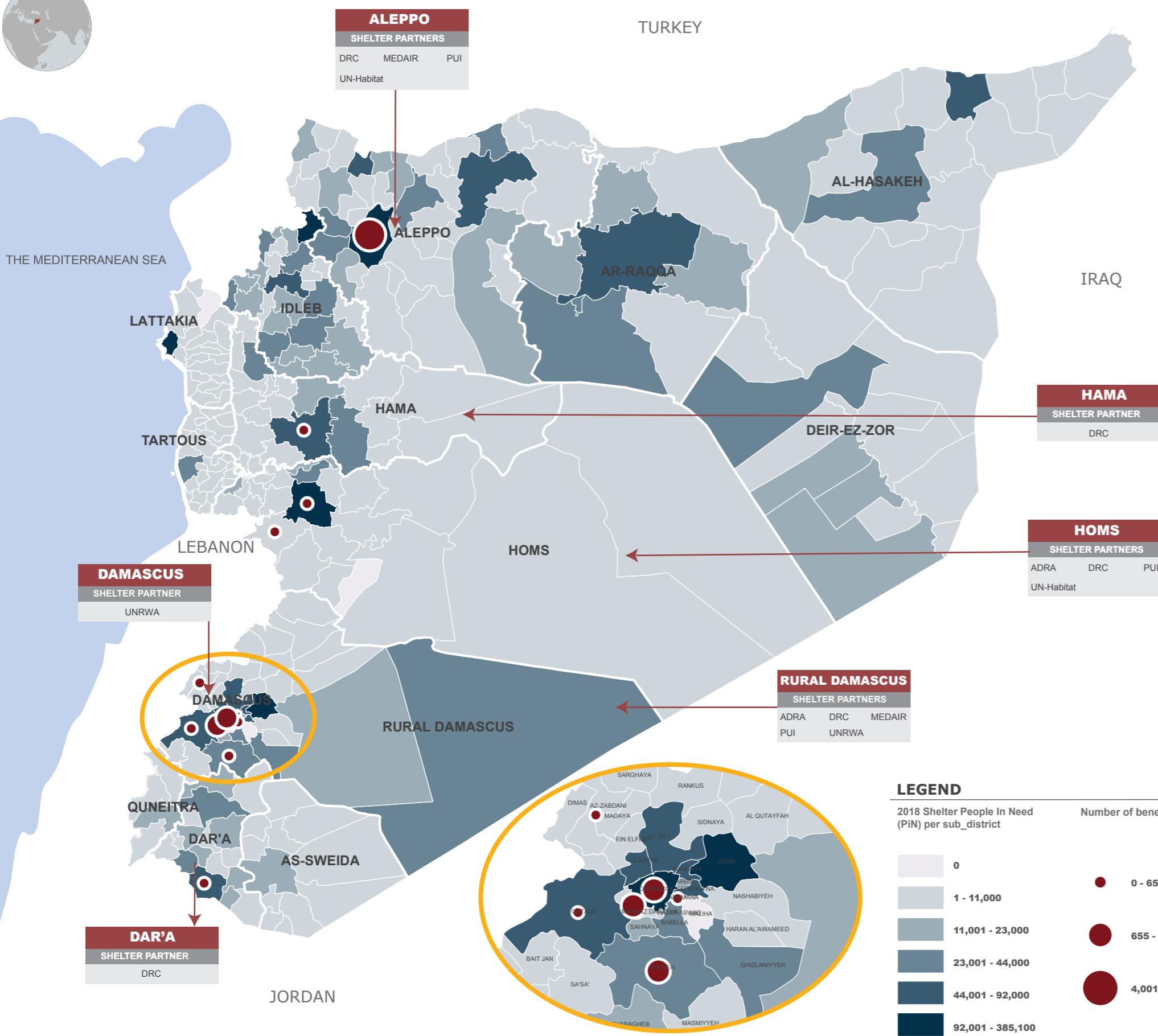
AAH has been working in Syria since 2009 when the main mission to provide humanitarian support to Iraqi refugees. In 2012, the mission expanded to responding the needs of the crisis-affected Syrian populations. To date, AAH is operating in six governorates namely Aleppo, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Deir-Ez-Zor, Lattakia, and Rural Damascus and has been active in providing basic shelter support. In 2016, they were able to assist 763 people with collective shelter rehabilitation.

AAH is among the active partners of the Shelter Sector. They have a total of 64 staff members composed of expat and national staff. Their main office in Syria is located in Damascus while their headquarters is in Madrid, Spain.

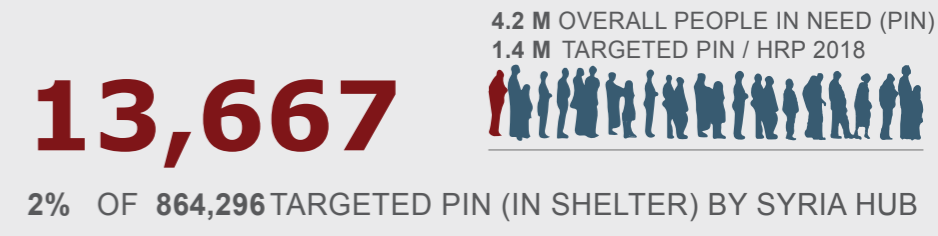


SYRIA: SHELTER SECTOR RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

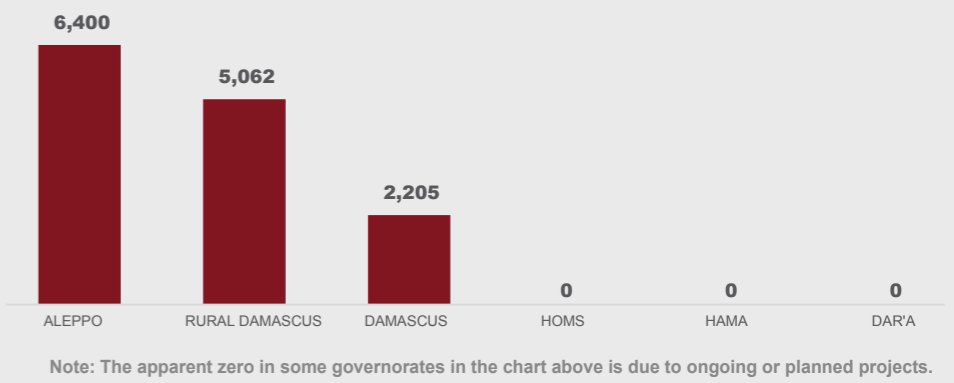
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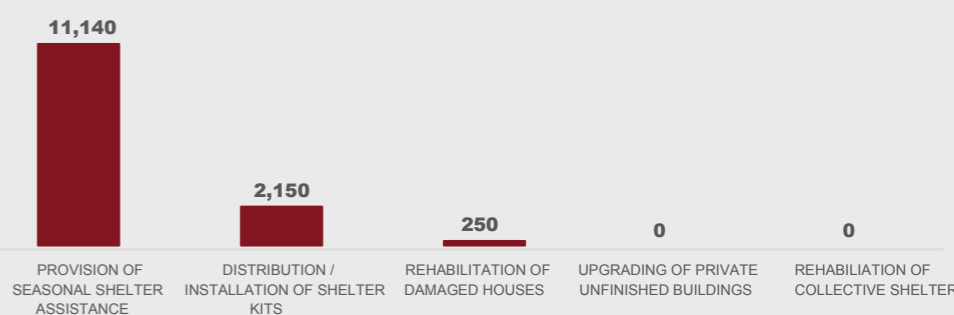
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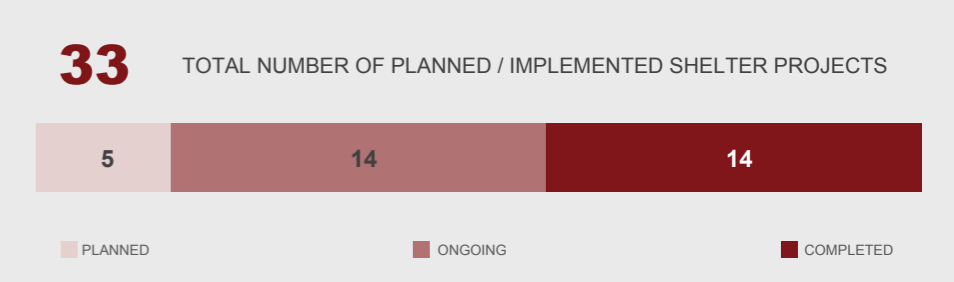
BENEFICIARIES COVERED PER GOVERNORATE



BENEFICIARIES COVERED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



NO. OF SHELTER PROJECTS PER STAGE



SHELTER SECTOR PARTNERS

CO-LEAD AGENCIES			
ACF	ADRA	AL BIRR	AL Ihsan
AI Taalouf	AOUN	CCS	DRC
GOPA	IOM	MEDAIR	NRC
OXFAM	PUI	RESCATE	RSRP
SARC	SCS	SIF	SSSD
STD	UN-Habitat	UNRWA	