

KEY FIGURES

POPULATION in 2019

4M
People in northwest Syria

51%
of the population in northwest Syria are children

2.8M
People in need

IDPs in 2019

2M
Internally displaced people in northwest Syria

400,000
People displaced since 1 May

388
IDPs sites* as of 31 August

669,000
IDPs living in camps and informal sites as of Sep

FUNDING in 2019 (as of 18 Nov) for the Syria Cross-Border Fund

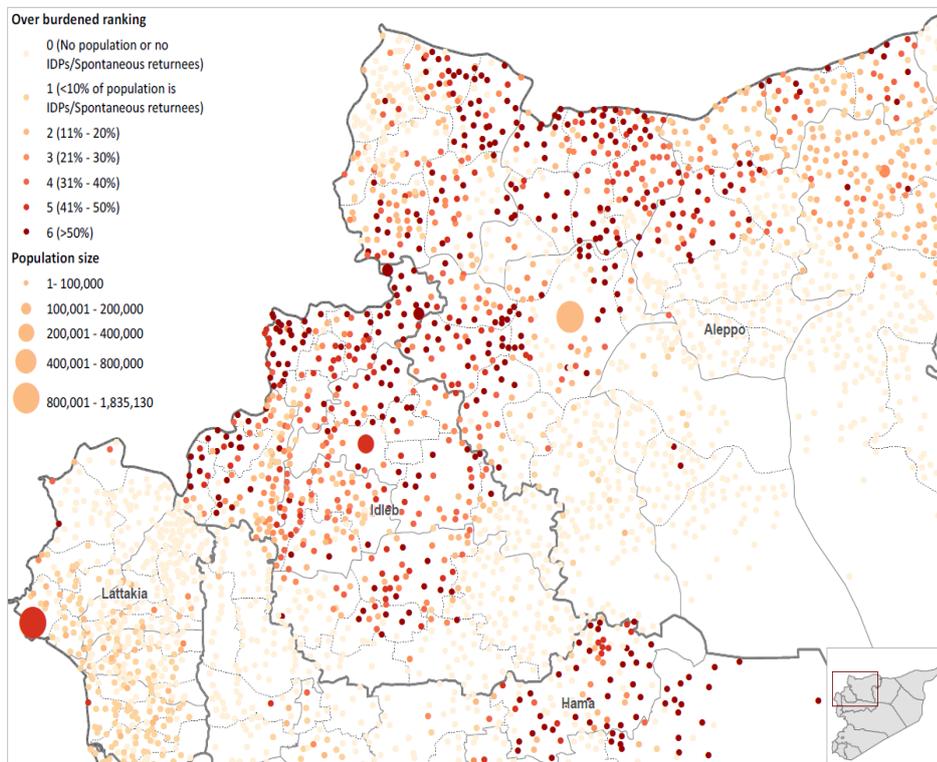
118.2M
Allocated and committed funds (US\$)

72.3M
Paid amount (US\$)

8.6M
Pipeline (US\$)

58
Partners funded

*includes collective centers, planned camps, transit/reception centers and spontaneous camps that are registered by CCCM Cluster.



The map reflects the density of IDPs/Spontaneous IDP returnees out of total population by community. Communities where more than 30% of the population are IDPs are referred to as over-burdened communities. Source: IDP/Pop Task Force, The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

Hostilities continue to impact the civilian population, with an increase in airstrikes and ground shelling in southern Idlib, northern Hama, eastern Latakia and western Aleppo governorates, resulting in civilian deaths and the destruction of civilian infrastructure. According to OHCHR reports, these include attacks on 4 and 6 November that impacted four hospitals, including the Kafr Nobol hospital. Moreover, the overall security situation across northwest Syria continues to be challenging due to IED attacks that put at risk the lives of civilians.

Humanitarian partners have scaled up to meet the growing needs of the population as a result of ongoing hostilities. October saw the highest number of trucks crossing from Turkey since the start of the cross-border operation in 2014, with 926 moving life-saving humanitarian assistance. Some 1.1 million people are being reached each month with food assistance, double the amount provided in January of this year. However, there are gaps in the response due to funding shortfalls. In particular, time-sensitive needs such as winterization and education continue to be pressing. Needs in the region are considerable across all sectors, including shelter, food, non-food items, WASH, health, education and protection.

The Northwest Syria Readiness and Response Plan outlines potential humanitarian response in the coming months for up to 1.1 million people, including 400,000 who were displaced since May and 670,000 people who live in areas that may be affected by a further escalation of conflict. To implement the plan \$269.7 million in funding is required. This plan is a subset of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), which remains underfunded at 53 percent (\$1.7 billion of \$3.3 billion requested).

WINTER RESPONSE

Colder temperatures, compounded by the risk of flooding, will bring additional hardship to thousands of Syrians in need in northwest Syria. As winter conditions worsen, those displaced sheltering in tents and other informal dwellings will be further exposed to severe protection and other risks, including respiratory tract infections and other illnesses associated with cold weather. There are 630,000 people in IDP sites, with almost 200,000 of those having arrived since the last winter. More than half of these people lack heating fuel for their home as estimated by Inter-Cluster Coordination Group members.

The winter response has already started in October with the delivery of key winterization items such as heating stoves, fuel, blankets and winter clothes. However, emergency stocks have been depleted and resources diverted from existing projects to meet the needs of people affected by the recent violence.

An estimated \$25 million is needed for winterization efforts. The funding will be used to cover emergency needs such as shelter, upgrading new informal sites and the extension of the existing IDP sites, winterization needs such as fuel and insulation, providing basic WASH services, and helping provide education, health and protection services. In preparation, Early Recovery & Livelihoods (ERL), WASH, Shelter& NFI and CCCM cluster members are working to prevent possible new flooding in the Dana area by rehabilitating roads and drainage systems in formal settlements.

FUNDING

Overall funding for the Syria response remains low, with the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) only 53 percent funded (\$1.73 billion of \$3.3 billion requested) through 15 November. Within the HRP, \$269.7 million is needed to respond to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in northwest Syria, as identified through the Northwest Syria Readiness and Response Plan.

The Syria Cross-border Humanitarian Fund ([SCHF](#)) launched a standard allocation to address current needs in northwest Syria for a total amount of US\$30 Million. The allocation is in line with HRP objectives to address the needs and priorities of vulnerable people and communities. The key objectives for the allocation are:

1. Helping to create a safer and more secure environment for children. This priority will focus on children under the age of 18 in and out of school by providing an integrated set of services that targets the gaps and needs of the most vulnerable groups while ensuring the centrality of protection. The clusters prioritized to support this objective are Education, Child Protection, Nutrition, Health (child health) and WASH.
2. Improving the living conditions of vulnerable conflict-affected people both in camps and out of camps. This priority aims to pull together the key clusters to ensure provision of basic services and working in collaboration on a set of mutually agreed-upon locations and communities to ensure integrated response. The clusters prioritised are CCCM, Shelter/NFI, Protection, Health and WASH.
3. Improving livelihoods of vulnerable conflict-affected people both in camps and out of camps. This priority focuses primarily on livelihoods and enabling conditions for provision of these services and interventions. The clusters prioritized are FSL and ERL (that will focus on agriculture and livelihoods including cash interventions while considering seasonality).

Under each strategic objective, projects must have a strong emphasis on support for women and girls, people with disabilities, and protection. For more information, the allocation strategy is available [online](#).

KEY MESSAGES

- Any further escalation in violence in north-west Syria will negatively impact the well-being of the population, who already suffer from high levels of vulnerability. Any mass displacement due to military activity, which could push over 600,000 people towards the Turkish border, would trigger a massive humanitarian crisis.
- Thousands of aid workers in north-west Syria respond to meet people's needs to the best of their ability each day. Supporting the ability and capacity to enable their response remains critical.
- Of the \$3.29 billion requested under this year's HRP, just 53 per cent has been funded to date, leaving a funding gap of \$1.73 billion (as of 15 November). Given increased need in north-west Syria, this critical underfunding will have a significant impact on the ability to bring to scale the much-needed scope of the response.

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