



## Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster

### Ad Hoc Meeting on Menbij Displacement and current and potential IDP destinations and responses capacity

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This report is developed based on the outcomes of an *ad hoc* meeting organised by the CCCM in Gaziantep on June 27. The meeting was attended by 14 International and national humanitarian organisations active in Aleppo and Al Hassakeh, and have been observing the situation in Menbij and in Ar-Raqqa.

#### I. Number of civilians in and in the immediate outskirts of Menbij town:

Due to tremendous access constraints to Menbij in the past months, it is extremely difficult to agree on a precise estimation of civilians living inside the town. However according to the most recent data, currently there are at least 80,000 – 150,000 individuals residing inside the town and in its outskirts. Given that the town was considered relatively safe before the recent offensives, thousands of people have fled into Menbij from other neighbouring areas including Ar-Raqqa and Deir-Ez-Zour and even Iraq.

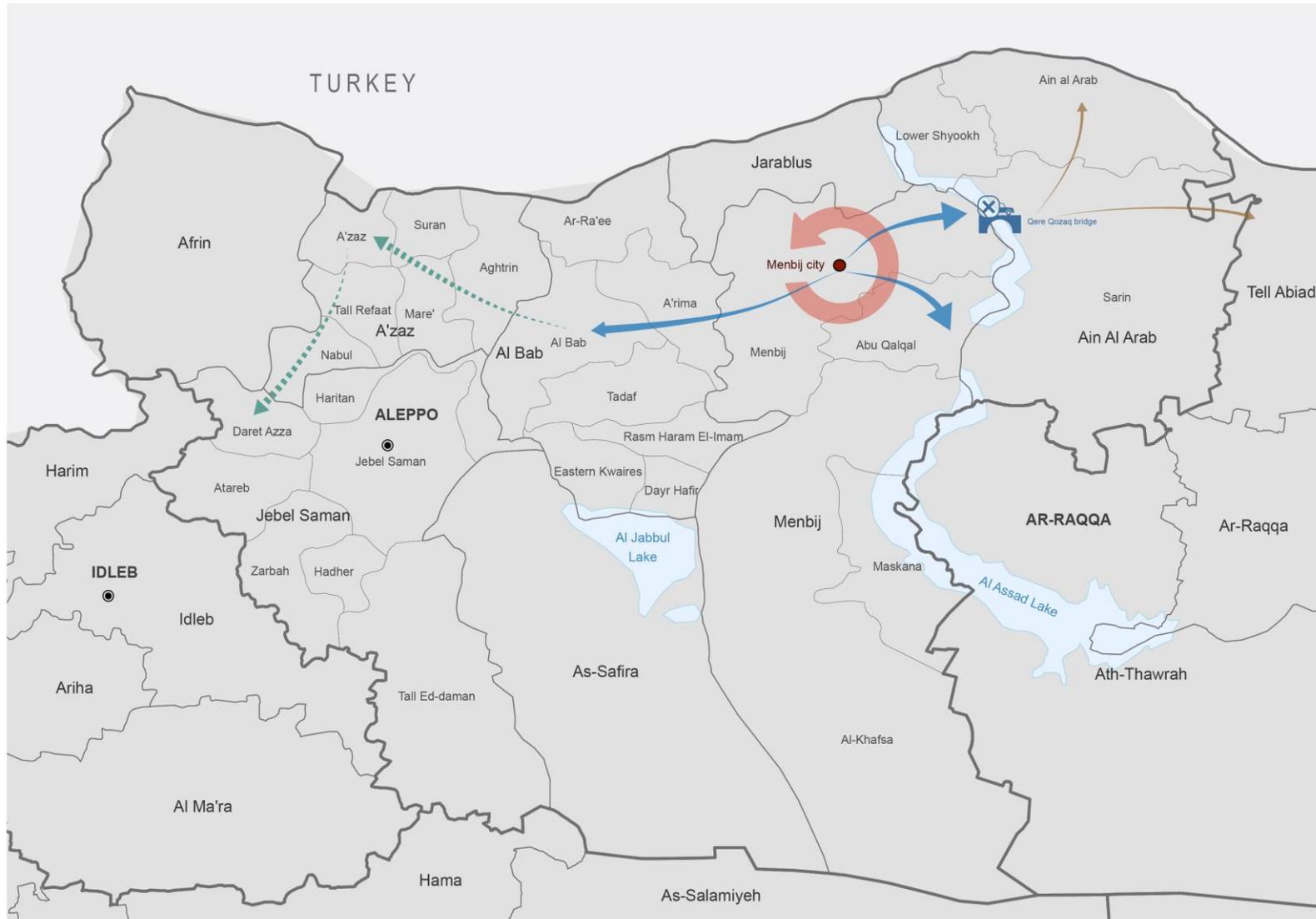
#### II. IDP movements and destinations (*see map at page 3*):

- Civilians' movement out of the town is highly restricted. IDPs inside the town are not allowed to leave the town. Most of the attempts to flee the town occur at night, when there is limited visibility. The attempts put the civilians at risks of being detained or killed.
- Leaving the town is prohibited by ISIS. In case inhabitants flee the town and survive the frontline, they are assisted by the Syria Democratic Forces (SDF) but are not allowed to cross the [Qere Qozaq Bridge](#). Only emergency humanitarian cases are allowed to cross the bridge.
- According the local sources, some 5,000 families have fled the town and there is an average of 100 families fleeing the town on daily bases through the frontlines.

### III. Potential destination of IDPs fleeing Menbij town and its surroundings

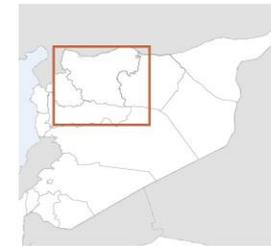
Destination	Movements, aid access route and challenges and obstacles	Response capacity
Northern and eastern rural surroundings of Menbij	As per recent observations from the cluster members, IDPs are moving to the nearest safe-point (when/if they are allowed by the actors controlling the area). Most of the IDPs are scattered along the road between the town's outskirts and the Euphrates river in schools, farms and old petrol stations whereas other IDPs are hosted by their relatives or friends. Crossing beyond the river is highly restricted at the moment. Currently an estimate number of 5,000 individuals are displaced in this area in very difficult circumstances.	<p><b>Very limited</b> due to the frontlines and movement restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One organisation, which currently has an office and a warehouse in Tal Abyadh is conducting an assessment and the possible of stockpiling items in their warehouses. They are currently conducting a preliminary assessment but not yet able to provide any assistance to the IDPs. If the initial assessment shows the capacity to provide assistance, the warehouses will be stocked with core relief items.</li> <li>- One organisation expressed capacity to provide items through Iraq if access is allowed.</li> <li>- Two member organisations will be able to provide items through Kobane if access is allowed.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Al-Bab</a>	NGOs have no response capacity in Al Bab area as it is still under ISIS and extremely unsafe. However, if IDPs reach Al Bab, some might continue towards Azaz where limited response capacity exists. However, reaching Al Bab from Menbij is highly constrained as the town is under siege and ISIS does not allow civilians flee the town.	<p><b>Very limited</b> to Al Bab but <b>limited/moderate</b> from Al Bab to Azaz.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No member organisation has capacity to provide assistance to the IDPs in Azaz IDP Sites if IDPs manage to move from Menbij to Azaz.</li> <li>- Azaz taskforce members are able to provided assistance should the IDPs arrive Azaz.</li> </ul>
East and northeast North (Kobane, & Hassakeh)	Very limited movements towards these locations were reported (mainly due to movement restricts towards these locations).	<p><b>Limited</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only 25 families have reportedly arrived Mashta Al-Nour IDP Settlement</li> <li>- The humanitarian actors are currently expanding one existing IDP camp (Al-Hole Camp) in Hassakeh. However, this camp has limited capacity to receive IDPs.</li> </ul>

# Syrian Arab Republic: IDP Movements from Menbij, 30 June 2016



## Legend

- Governorate capital
- Governorate boundary
- District boundary
- Sub-district boundary
- Current displacements
- Potential displacements
- Secondary displacements
- Internal displacements
- Closed bridge
- Community/village



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Arrows shown in the map donot reflect actual routes but only the places of origin and destination.