



**October update**

During the month of October, the humanitarian community have tracked (109,525) spontaneous IDPs returnees in several areas in Syria that have been relatively quiet area. Partially due to the implementation of the Sochi Agreement of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Idleb, which encouraged temporarily displaced people to return to their original areas of residence, and mainly due stabilization efforts in northern Aleppo in Afrin, Azaz, Jarablus, and Al Bab. In addition, the IDPs return movement to major towns in Rural Damascus and Dar'a were seemingly due to the starts of schools season and civilians were more inclined to presume their day to day life.

**Notes**

- The returns refer to IDP spontaneous returns and does not necessarily follow the global definitions of 'Returnees' or durable solutions for IDPs.
- The IDP spontaneous returns includes IDPs returning to their homes or communities of origin.
- The returnees would be transferred to the category of resident after 6 months or as agreed by the IDP/Population task force (TBF).
- The IDP spontaneous returns referred in this monthly report refers to the return movements occurred in the reported period only.
- The process of verification is based on triangulation of verified IDP spontaneous returns reported by different mechanisms and further examined by the IDP TF through cross-checking population numbers from pervious years.

**Governorate Summary**

(K: thousand)

