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IDP Spontaneous Returns

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IDP (WoS) Task Force

November 2020 updates

In November 2020, the humanitarian community recorded some 18,000 spontaneous IDP return movements across Syria. Over 10,000 of these (55 percent) occurred within and between Aleppo and Idlib governorates. This may have been enabled by the lower levels of shelling observed in northwest Syria in November compared to preceding months, facilitating people moving back to their communities of origin in southern Idlib and western Aleppo governorates from which they were previously displaced.

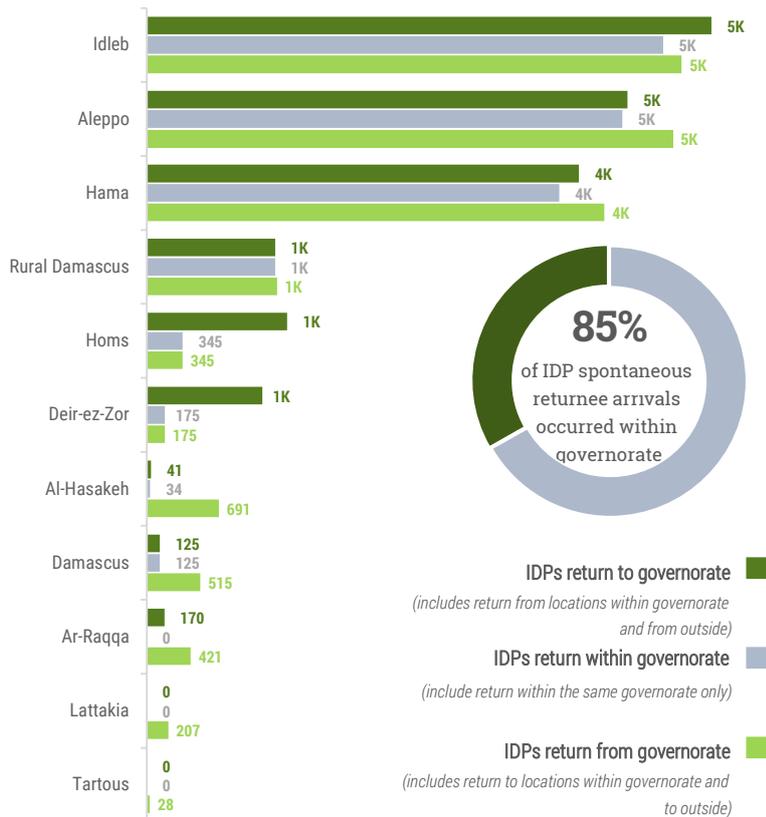
At the sub-district level, Jebel Saman sub-district in Aleppo governorate received the highest number of spontaneous return movements in November, with around 1,600 returns, while Ehsem sub-district in Idlib governorate and Bulbul sub-district in Aleppo governorate received some 1,500 and 1,400 spontaneous IDP return movements respectively. More than 1,200 spontaneous IDP return movements each were received by Jisr-Ash-Shugur sub-district in Idlib governorate and Hamra sub-district in Hama governorate over the same period.

At the community level, Aleppo city in Aleppo governorate and Hamra town in Hama governorate each received some 1,000 returns – the most return movements recorded in November. Halfaya town in Hama governorate and Atareb town in Aleppo governorate each received around 800 return movements, while Homs town in Homs governorate and Sarmin and Marj Elzohur towns in Idlib governorate each received some 500 return movements. Following closely are Dayr Hafir town in Aleppo governorate and Jisr-Ash-Shugur town in Idlib governorate, which each received some 400 spontaneous IDP return movements this month.

Notes:

- The returns refer to IDP spontaneous returns and do not necessarily follow the global definitions of 'Returnees' or durable solutions for IDPs.
- The IDP spontaneous returns include IDPs returning to their homes or communities of origin.
- The IDP spontaneous returns term used 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 previous years.

Governorate summary



IDP spontaneous returns map

(K: thousand)

