Between September 2012 and September 2013, the network of sentinel sites in Syria has been greatly reinforced. The number of sentinel sites has increased by 160% (from 104 to 274) based on identified needs and existing constraints.

The map below displays the increase in percentage of the number of sentinel sites, as well as the absolute figures.

**Aleppo: Why no change?**
The original number of sites actually reduced due to out-of-service health facilities. However, the number was increased to original figure due to the creation of new NGOs and private physician sites.

**Quneitra: Why a reduction?**
The reduction was due to one of the sites being out of service.

**Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Deir-ez-Zor: Why a significant increase?**
Expansion of sites was due to the involvement of private physicians and NGO facilities.

**What are sentinel sites?**
Sentinel surveillance is a means of collecting, analyzing and investigating health information for epidemic-prone diseases. Sentinel sites allow for the collection of high quality and consistent information, increasing the likelihood that disease outbreaks and health trends will be detected rapidly.

For more information on this subject please contact the WHO Syrian Emergency Support Team at: emst@emro.who.int