

Displacement Updates in North-West Syria

Some **2.7 million IDPs** are living in north-west Syria, bringing the total population to over 4.4 million.

12,089 IDPs were displaced in April, which is a decrease from the previous months and the lowest number reported by HNAP in the past 12 months. A significant 92% of the newly displaced have been displaced three or more times.

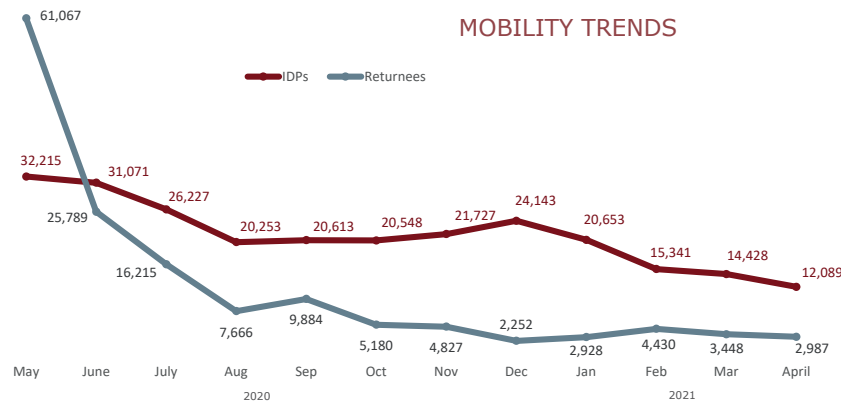
Around 57% of the IDPs displaced in April arrived in camp locations. Out of these, the vast majority are staying in tents (77%), locally made harder material shelters (12%) or refugee housing units (7%). As for the IDPs that were displaced into non-camp settings, some 81% are staying in finished apartments or houses, however, **a considerable 9% have had to seek shelter in unfinished buildings and another 8% in tents.**

Response

SNFI Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs north-west Syria.

In April, more than 110,000 individuals received NFI assistance in the form of NFI kits, kitchen sets, mattresses, jerry cans, carpets, solar lamps, tarpaulin and blankets, or in form of multi-purpose cash transfers. **Of those reached with NFI assistance in April 2021, approximately 51 percent were female, and 49 percent were male.**

Shelter needs over 42,000 people were responded to in April 2021, including the provision of emergency shelter, shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters. **Around 3,500 individuals were reached with infrastructure improvements in IDP sites** such as roads gravelling and drainage systems. Of those reached with shelter assistance in April 2021, approximately 51 percent were female, and 49 percent were male.



Graph: Number of IDPs in NWS and returnees from within Syria for the past 12 months, as reported by HNAP in April 2021.

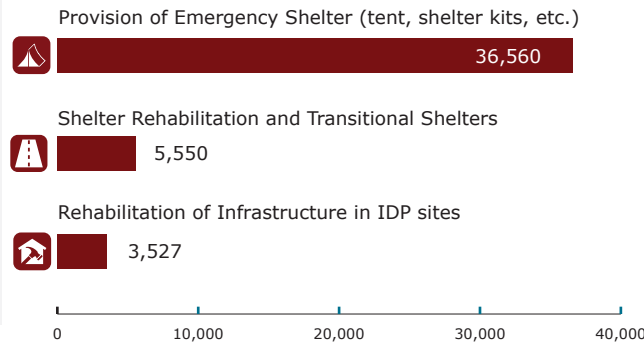
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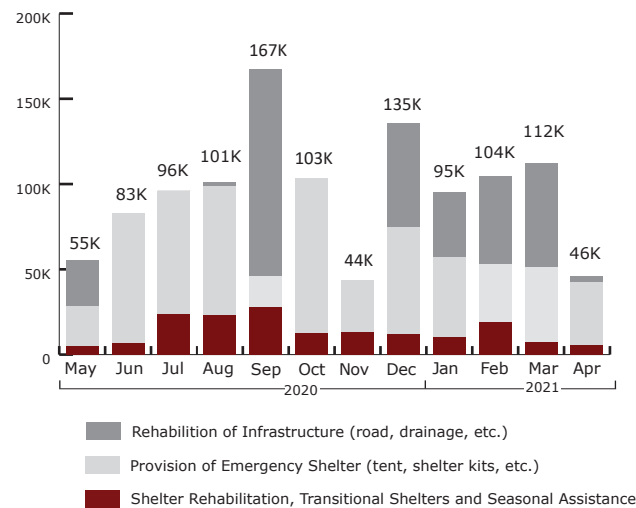
45,637 people reached in April

357,588 people were reached in 2021 with rehabilitation of infrastructure (154,354 people); provision of emergency shelter (160,690 people); and shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters (42,544 people).

People reached in April by sub-activity



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



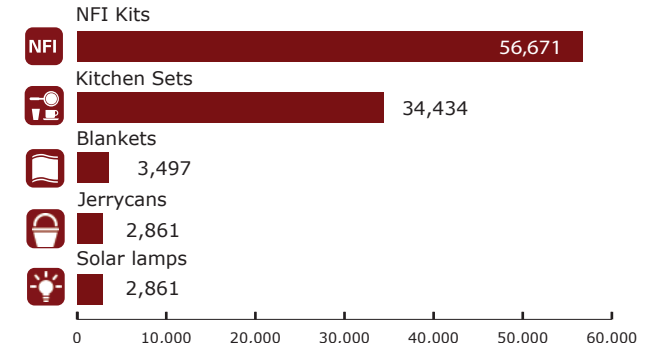
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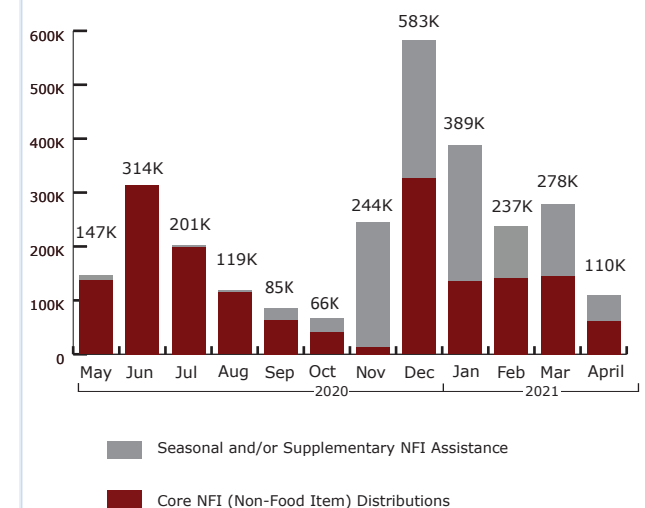
110,397 people reached in April

1,014,800 people were reached in 2021 with seasonal and/or supplementary NFI assistance (530,901 people), and core NFI distributions (483,899 people).

People reached in April by item (top 5 items)



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



Dignified and Safer Living Conditions for IDPs in Protracted Crises

In April, the SNFI Cluster published the final version of the **Cluster's Dignified Shelter Conceptual Framework**. The document outlines general principles that should inform SNFI cluster members approach to shelter in NW Syria. These principles will be further elaborated in technical guidance to come. Importantly, the Dignified Shelter Conceptual Framework documents and endorses the need for a range of shelter options that are appropriate to a range of shelter needs. These include immediate, life-saving interventions as well as humanitarian shelter solutions that reflect situations of protracted displacement and build on the choices that are already being made by IDPs themselves.

It is crucial to acknowledge that shelter is a process. Families may move between the options that are outlined here as their circumstances change. Within this range of options, it is important to consider both immediate life-saving shelter needs as well as Temporary Dignified Shelters that can have a longer life span and afford greater levels of protection. All of these options represent forms of humanitarian intervention intended to provide adequate, safe, private, and dignified shelter in a context of protracted displacement.



Photos from the 2020/2021 Winterization Response



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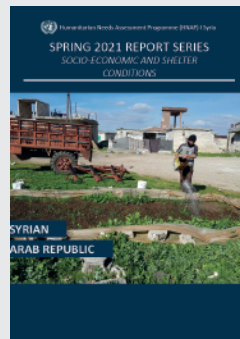
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HNAP: Socio-Economic And Shelter Conditions Overview Spring 2021

In April, HNAP published the second part of their Spring 2021 report Series for Syria. The report investigates **socio-economic and shelter conditions across the whole of Syria**, at both the individual and the household level.

The following areas are explored in the report: livelihood activities, income & expenditure, barriers to employment, income sufficiency, coping strategies, settlement type and shelter type.

The vast majority of Syrian households across the country live in undamaged houses or apartments (87 percent). However, significant regional variation exists around shelter types. In NWS, just over half (57 percent) of households live in undamaged houses or apartments. Moreover, the findings show that the rates of rooms being shared by three or more persons are significantly higher in NWS compared to the rest of the country (49 percent).



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