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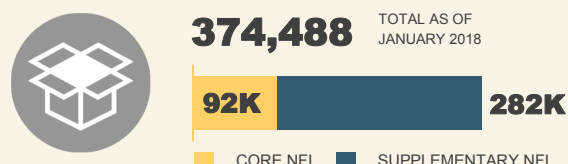
Homs: NFI Sector partners continue to provide assistance and support for the population in besieged communities. An eleven-year-old boy chose to stand with his family in Al-Wa'er community which was besieged for three years. His family has been trying to survive with the limited support they get.

KEY POINTS

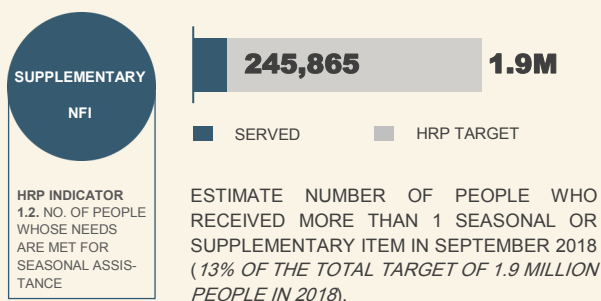
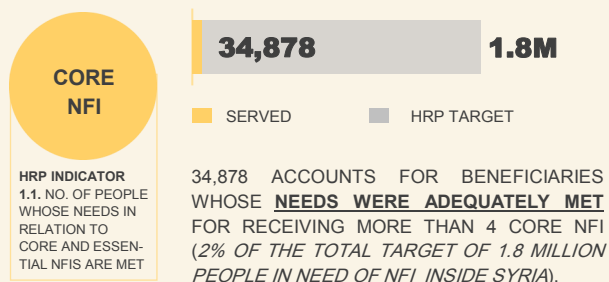
- The final draft of the NFI Sector Strategy for 2018 was finalized in January in close collaboration with sector partners. In 2018, the sector continues to focus on the provision of life-saving and life-sustaining humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable with emphasis to areas experiencing severe condition. Out of the total 4.7 million people in need of NFI support, the sector collectively targets 3.2 million people in 2018. By the end of 2017, the sector has 56 active partners who continue to distribute NFI assistance.
- In January, sector partners planned to provide support to hard-to-reach communities in Dar Kabira, Talbishe, Tlul Elhomor, and besieged community in Duma targeting around 196,000 persons. The list of available NFI supplies was forward to SARC for consolidation. The actual implementation of inter-agency convoy still depends on the overall security status of the mentioned communities.
- The sector organized a two-day Reporting Orientation / IM Strategy Review Workshop on the 28th - 29th of January 2018 in Damascus City. The sector organized this workshop to orient NFI Sector partners on all reporting requirements in 2018. It also served as a venue to review and update the IM Strategy Plan for the hub. A total of 20 participants representing 9 partner organizations attended the workshop. At the end of the activity, they were familiarized with the new reporting indicators, which are based on the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan Results Framework. They also understood the interrelatedness of the reporting system to the overall sector strategic objectives. Above all, they learned the use of the new 4W (Who-does-What-When-Where) new template, which is the main reference tool for partners to report their activities.

NUMBERS IN BRIEF

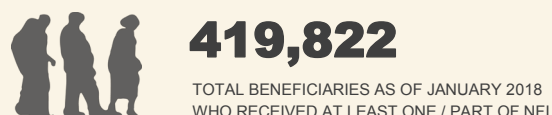
TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED



BENEFICIARIES ADEQUATELY SERVED



OVERALL REACHED BENEFICIARIES



► GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- The lengthy approval process is affecting the timely delivery of winterization items.
- High turnover in camps in north east Syria is posing a challenge to the ongoing winterization activities.
- Presence of unexploded ordnance in rural Aleppo limits access among sector partners;
- Based on NFI Post Distribution Monitoring, a limited number of NFIs, poor NFI quality including distribution of damaged items (i.e. broken solar lamps, or wet mattresses), and unorganized distribution are the top distribution issues that confronted beneficiaries. Other distribution challenges reported include unequal distribution, delayed distribution of seasonal items, far distribution point, and non-adherence to minimum standards of distribution point.
- Widespread insecurity, challenging physical access and rigorous bureaucratic procedures and approval limit provision of adequate and regular humanitarian assistance especially to those who live in besieged and hard-to-reach areas;
- Logistical constraints especially during inter-agency convoy such as road blockage, presence of checkpoints, presence of threats, and proximity to active front lines (i.e. Ar Raqqa) continue to hamper rapid distribution.;
- Lack of actual data on distribution recipients prevent the sector to better measure the actual reached and served beneficiaries;
- Lack of income-generating activities to provide the necessary financial means continues to hamper access to basic household items among the most vulnerable population in need;
- Diminishing active participation among sector members affects coordination and the overall sectorial reach;
- Inexact coordination structure impacts the level of efficiency in coordinating sectorial response for interagency convoys.
- Lack of reliable consolidated information for interagency convoy reach affects the sector's ability to determine the extent and impact of its convoy contribution;
- Insufficient number of detailed and comprehensive assessment makes it difficult for the sector to shift its response priorities from distribution of basic essential NFI items to provision of supplementary items.
- Opportunities for systematic field-based data collection remain very limited due to access or authorization restrictions, resulting in incomplete needs analysis in some areas.

CRISIS BACKGROUND: *The crisis in Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that has displaced around 6.1 million people in various parts of the country. As per the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview, around 13.1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 4.2 million people are in need of shelter support and other multi-sectorial assistance as they continue to struggle in an unsafe and uncertain environment. Due to the protracted nature of the hostilities, many of both displaced and host communities become more vulnerable and their ability to cope and find safe and durable shelter solutions have been greatly affected. The humanitarian community has been challenged to both provide emergency and life-saving shelter solutions while building back community cohesion and resilience through provision of adequate shelter assistance.*



POM

PARTNER IN FOCUS

People of Mercy (POM) is a local non-government organization that started its work in Syria in 2017 particularly in Damascus and Rural Damascus governorates.

To empower Syrians and protect their rights to live with dignity are the main mission objectives of POM. They accomplish this through awareness raising on social issues affecting Syrians and through distribution of targeted response especially to the most vulnerable members of the society. Among their support include the provision of food, psychological support, rental assistance, reproductive health and nutrition-related services, and vocational training. For non-food items assistance, POM has been distributing vouchers and hygiene package. All of POM's interventions are in close coordination with Caritas Austria, Caritas Germany, and ICMC.

Apart from emergency assistance, POM has started to work on some development programs as long-term solutions to displaced population who comprised the majority of POM's beneficiaries.

To date, POM has around 100 employees who are working in the main office and the field including a group of volunteers who had been active in the field in Syria even before the crisis of 2011.

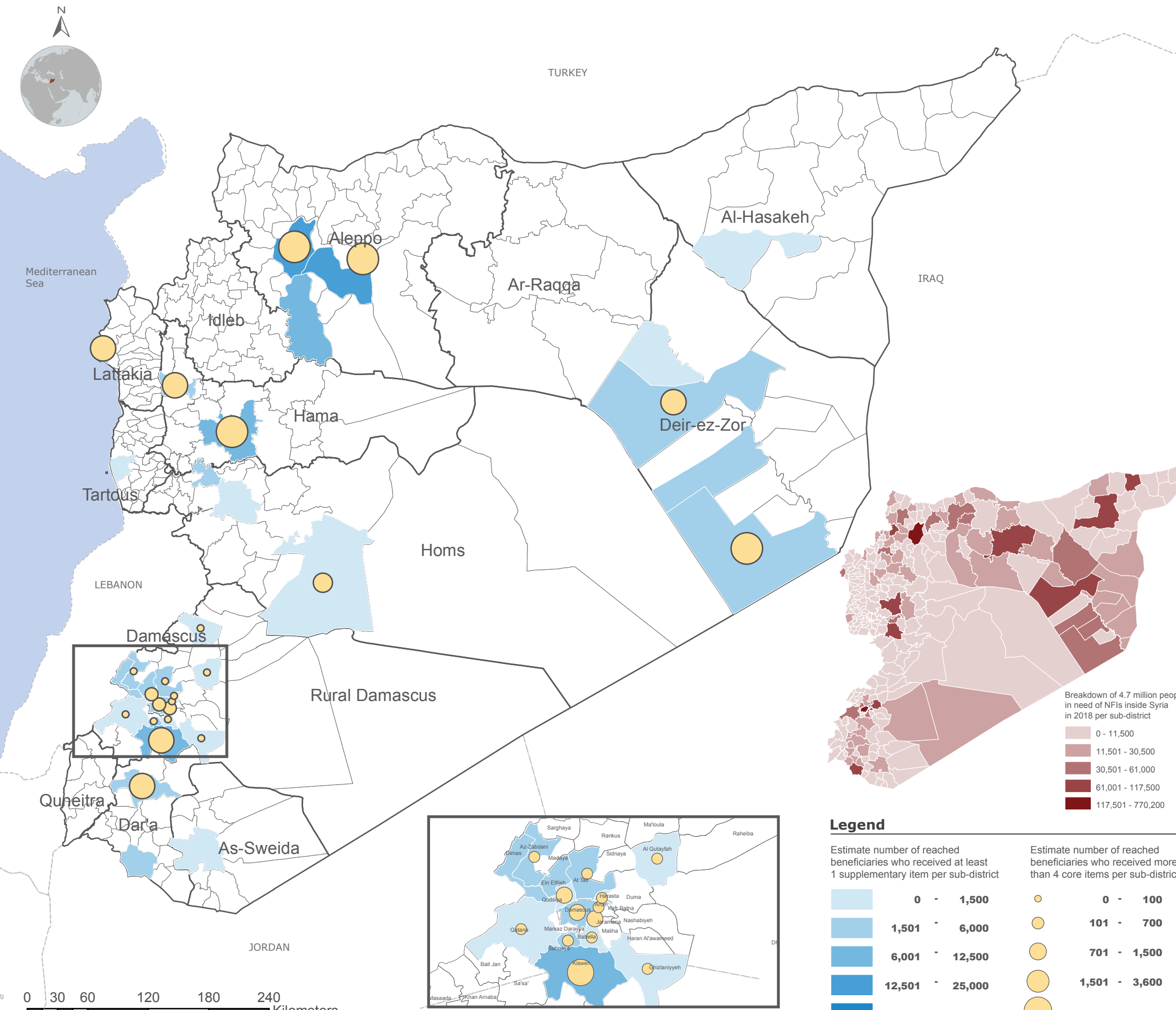
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SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

Reporting Period: January 2018



BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED

CORE ITEMS

34,878

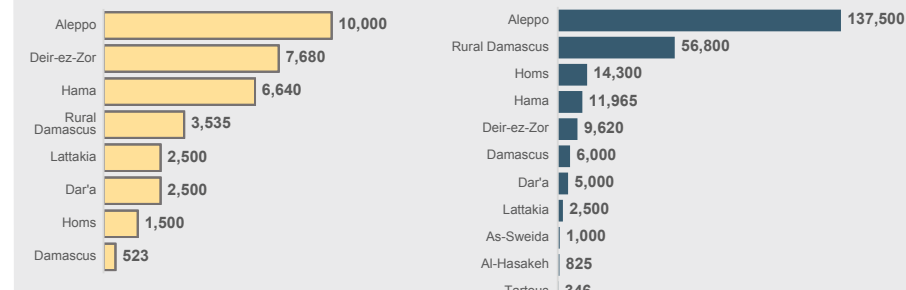
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI (2% OF THE 1.8M TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF NFI IN SYRIA)

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

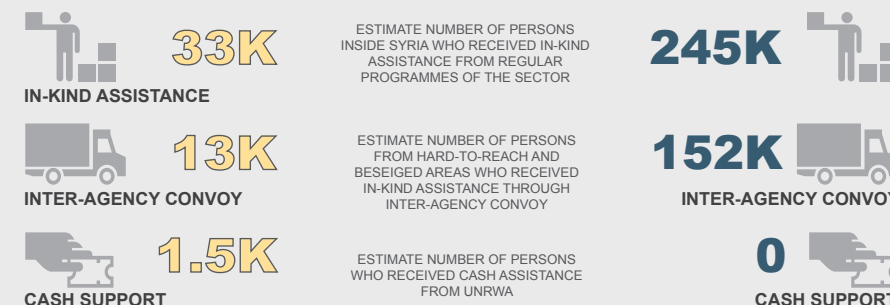
245,865

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM (13% OF THE 1.9M TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI IN SYRIA)

BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED PER GOVERNORATE



BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



NOTE: Breakdown of beneficiaries per type of support does not necessarily sum up to the reported number of beneficiaries as some communities may have received more than one type of assistance.

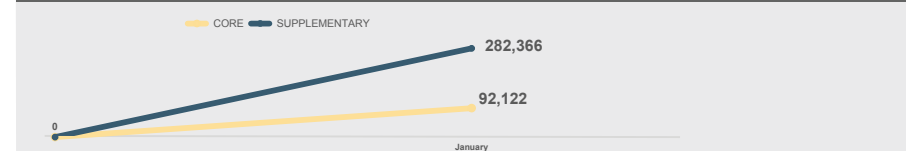
TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER GOVERNORATE



TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER TYPE



TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH



TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED

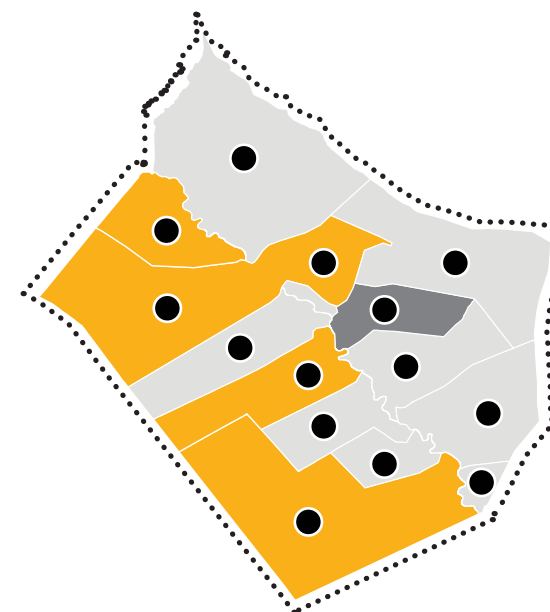
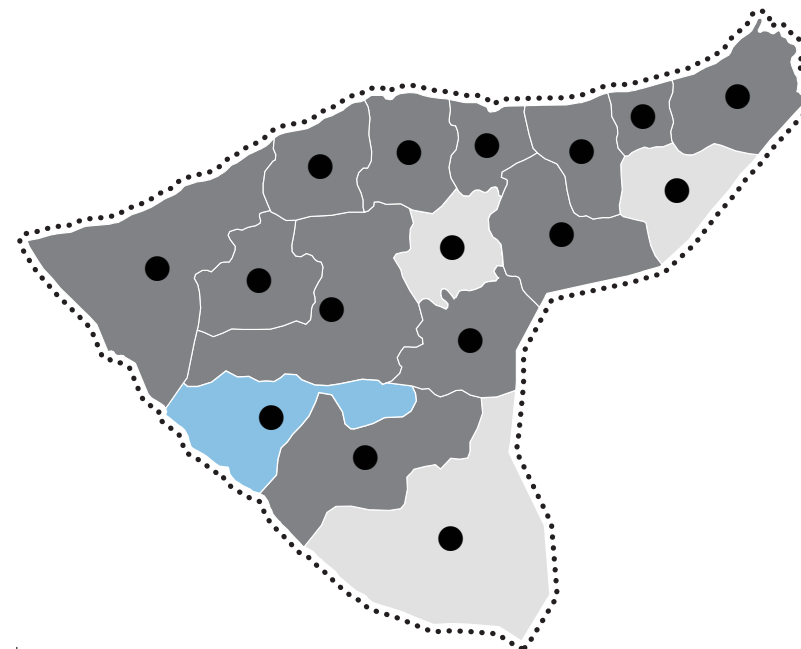
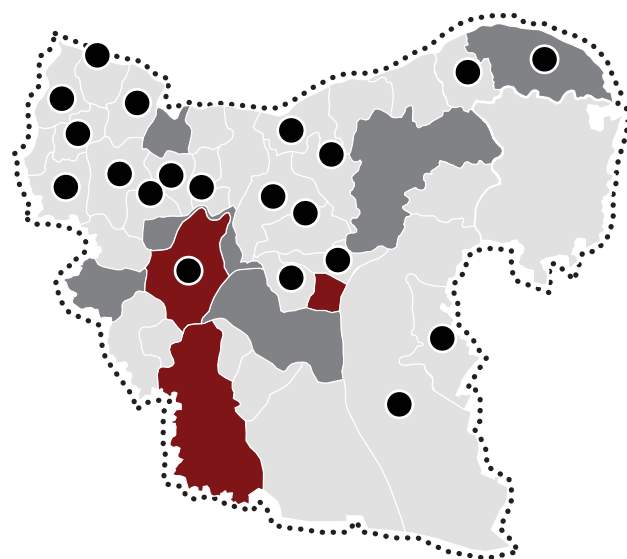
419,822

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE / PART OF NON-FOOD ITEM AS OF JANUARY 2018



SYRIA: INTER-AGENCY CONVOY

Reporting Period: January 2018



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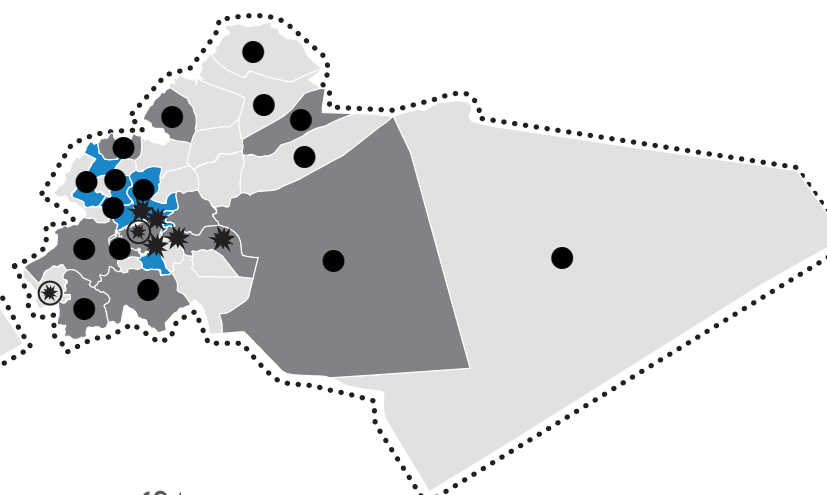
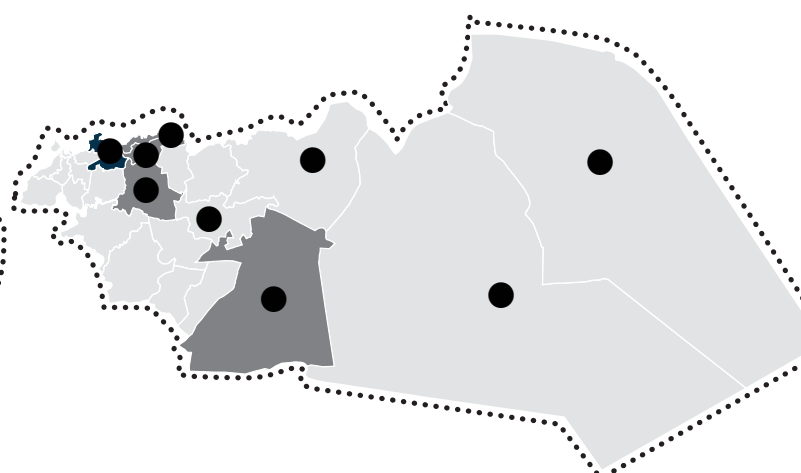
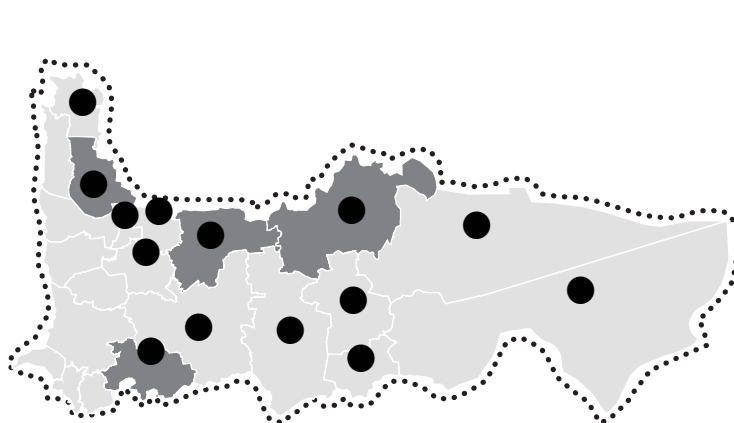
- 2** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 3** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **3 (100%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS
- 95,000** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **95,000 (100%)** ARE FROM HTR AREAS
- 119,100** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

AL-HASAKEH

- 1** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 1** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **1 (100%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS
- 825** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **825 (100%)** ARE FROM HTR AREAS
- 200** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

DEIR EZZOR

- 1** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 4** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **4 (100%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS
- 11,950** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **11,950 (100%)** ARE FROM HTR AREAS
- 10,551** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS



HAMA

- 0** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 0** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **0 (0%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS
- 0** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **0 (0%)** ARE FROM HTR AREAS
- 0** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

HOMS

- 1** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 1** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **1 (100%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS
- 17,500** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **17,500 (100%)** ARE FROM HTR AREAS
- 8,000** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

DAMASCUS & RURAL DAMASCUS

- 7** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS CONDUCTED
- 11** TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **9 (82%)** ARE IN HTR AREAS AND **2 (18%)** ARE FROM BESIEGED AREAS
- 41,953** TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **41,926 (99.9%)** ARE FROM HTR AREAS AND **27 (0.01%)** ARE FROM BESIEGED AREAS
- 21,510** TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

SUMMARY

12 TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

20 TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH **2 (10%)** ARE IN BESIEGED AREAS & **18 (90%)** FROM HTR AREAS

167,228 TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH **27 (0.1%)** FROM BESIEGED AREAS AND **167,201 (99.9%)** FROM HTR AREAS

159,359 TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED / VOUCHER IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

NAME OF BESIEGED AND HTR COMMUNITIES COVERED BY INTER-AGENCY CONVOY (2018)

GOVERNORATE	TOTAL HTR AND BESIEGED COMMUNITIES	REACHED HTR AND BESIEGED COMMUNITIES
ALEPPO	● 588	● 1
AL-HASAKEH	● 30	● 1
DEIR EZZOR	● 136	● 1
HAMA	● 12	● 0
HOMS	● 42	● 1
RURAL DAMASCUS	● 61 ★ 26	● 9 ★ 2
DAMASCUS	● 1 ★ 2	● 0 ★ 0

FOOTNOTE/S:

A. The beneficiaries of convoy were calculated based on status of communities as per OCHA's list HTR and besieged communities since Jan. B. Not all of the highlighted communities on the map are HTR and besieged as of this report. The highlights only illustrate the status of the communities since January 2017. C. The information presented here only shows DRC, GOPA, ICMC, IOM, MSJM, UNHCR and UNICEF reports. D. One convoy is counted as one completed trip in each day.

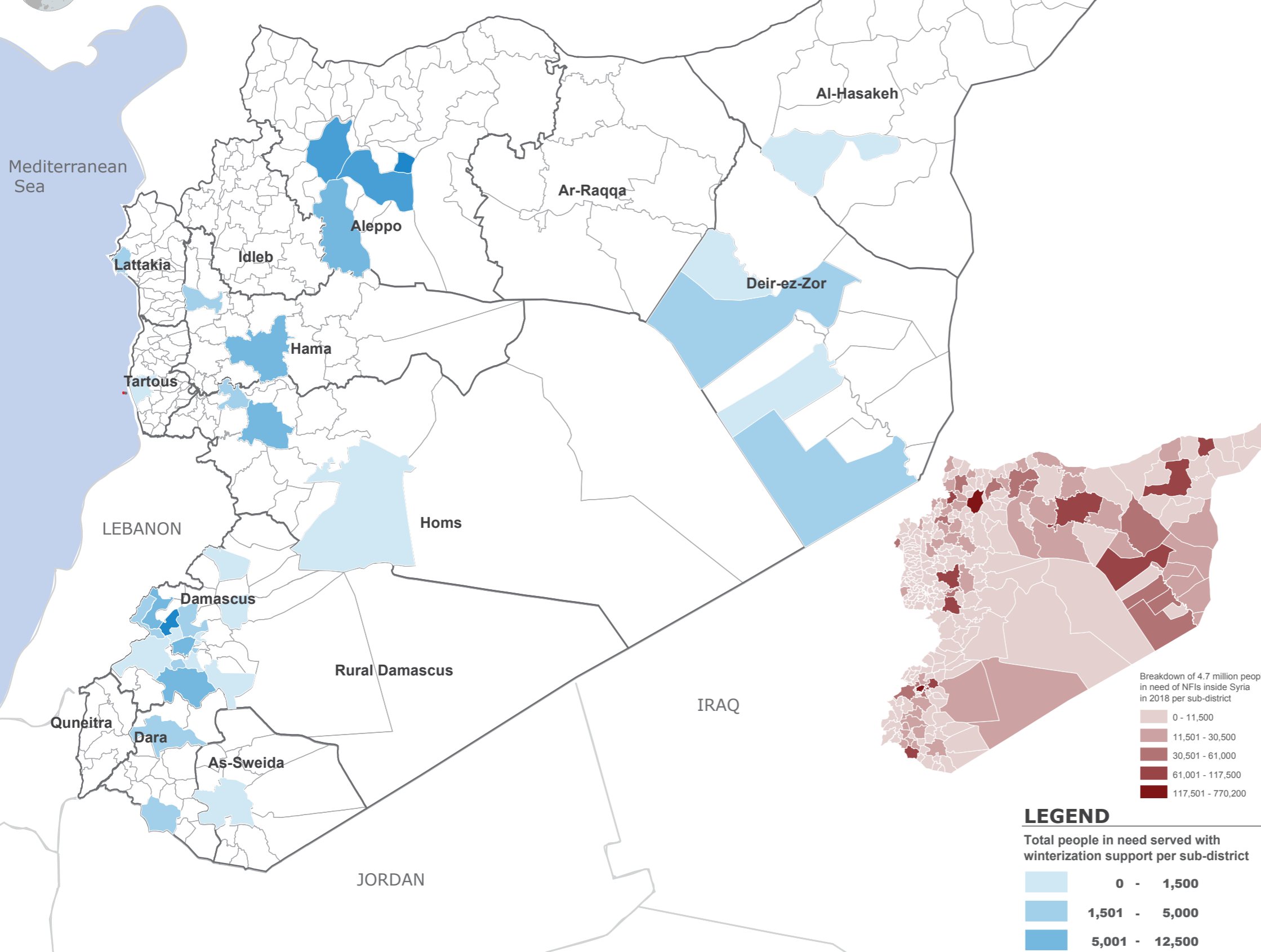
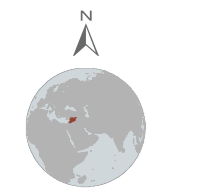
LEGEND

No. of inter-agency convoys (IACs) No. of beneficiaries (persons) reached by IACs Sub-districts with besieged communities Sub-districts with (HTR) hard-to-reach communities Sub-districts with besieged and HTR communities No. of distributed non-food items Areas covered by convoy in 2016 - 2017



SYRIA: NFI WINTERIZATION SUPPORT

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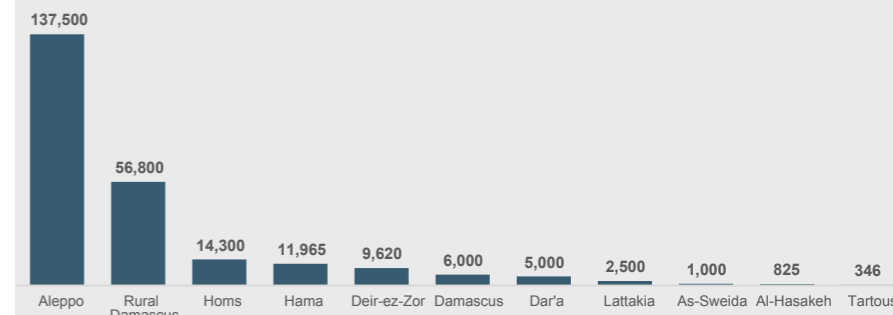
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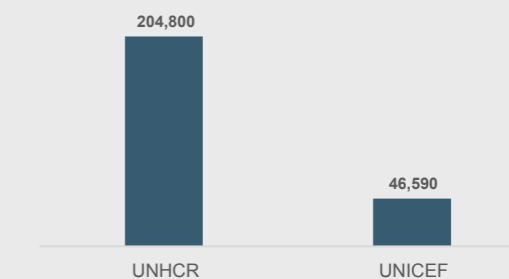
245,856

PEOPLE IN NEED WHO RECEIVED WINTERIZATION SUPPORT IN 2018

BREAKDOWN OF BENEFICIARIES PER GOVERNORATE



BREAKDOWN OF BENEFICIARIES PER AGENCY



NOTE: Breakdown of beneficiaries per agency does not necessarily sum up to the reported total number of winterization beneficiaries as there could be some duplication of served beneficiaries per agency.

QUANTITY OF WINTER ITEMS PER TYPE

223,732

ESTIMATE NUMBER OF WINTER ITEMS DISTRIBUTED



ESTIMATE QUANTITY OF WINTER CLOTHING KITS*

35,225



ESTIMATE QUANTITY OF PLASTIC SHEET \ WATER PROOF FLOORING

19,878



ESTIMATE QUANTITY OF OTHER ITEMS

168,629

*NOTE: Content of winterization kit per agency varies.
IOM (cotton underwear long sleeve with long pants, wool gloves, wool hats, wool scarves, wool socks)
UNHCR (sweater, underwear, baby clothing set, high thermal blanket, plastic sheet, sleeping bag, jackets)
UNICEF (children winter clothes)