

SNAPSHOT

As-Sweida Emergency Response

Update as of 11 September 2025



SYRIA

SHELTER AND NFI SECTOR

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements



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160k+ displaced individuals



80K received essential Household items

Needs

- **Shelter Conditions:** Most IDPs remain with host communities, but those in collective centres face overcrowded, unsafe, and inadequate conditions with little privacy. Schools used as temporary shelters risk imminent eviction as the school year resumes. In Dara'a, 70 schools are still hosting IDPs, creating urgent pressure for alternative shelter solutions. Authorities propose relocation of IDPs from these schools to pave way for the school year.
- **Winter NFI Needs:** While the core NFI kit response has been satisfactory, additional winter-specific support is urgently required. A full winter NFI package—including clothing, blankets, plastic sheeting, heaters, and heating fuel—is essential to prepare vulnerable families for the approaching cold season.
- **IDPs in Hotels (Rural Damascus):** Authorities highlighted the urgent need to relocate displaced families currently staying in hotels in Sayyidah Zeinab to the proposed site in Hurjelleh. Sector partners are requested to support the rehabilitation of this site to serve as an interim hosting facility.
- **Shelter Repair in Areas of Origin:** Many homes in displacement-affected villages have been looted, vandalized, or burned, preventing families from returning. Minor repairs—such as restoring doors, windows, plastering, fixtures, and debris removal—are urgently needed to enable safe, voluntary, and dignified returns. Authorities have identified 15 accessible villages in rural As-Sweida requiring immediate shelter repair support.



Response

- **Coverage to date:** According to partner reporting as of, over 16,439 households (~80,700 individuals) across Dar'a, As-Sweida, and Rural Damascus have received Shelter/NFI assistance to date.
- **Distribution breakdown by organization:** UNHCR accounts for roughly 65% of all completed distributions, followed by MWL (11%), AFH (6%), and ICRC (3%), with the remaining 15% covered by other partners (including IFRC, NRC, AKF, ONSUR, IRS, MSF-Holland, Shafak, Violet, TAS, SKT, EPDC, Emirates RC, QRCS, PRCS, GOPA, SARC).
- **Geographic distribution:** The majority of assistance has been delivered in Dar'a (~66%), followed by As-Sweida (~21%) and Rural Damascus (~13%).
- **Upcoming NFI distributions:** DRC 600 kits; IOM 2,990 kits.
- **Shelter interventions:** UNHCR, in partnership with PUI, is upgrading five collective centres in Dar'a and one in Sweida to improve living conditions. In parallel, approximately 50 solar streetlights are being installed at priority sites, complemented by the distribution of indoor solar kits to enhance safety and lighting for displaced families.

Responding Organisations (25)

Action For Humanity (AFH) | Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) | Danish Refugee Council (DRC) | Emirates Red Cross | Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East (GOPA) | International Association for Relief and Development (ONSUR) | International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) | International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) | International Humanitarian Relief Association (IYD) | International Organization for Migration (IOM) | Islamic Relief Syria (IRS) | Medecins Sans Frontieres - Holland | Mercy without Limits (MWL) | Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | Palestine Red Crescent Society | Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) | Qatar Red Crescent (QRCS) | Shafak Organization (SHAFAK) | SKT Organization (SKT) | St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC) | Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) | Syrian Society for Social Development (SSSD) | Takaful Al Sham Charity Organization (Takaful Al Sham) | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | Violet Organization (Violet)



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