

# SNAPSHOT

As-Sweida Emergency Response

Update as of 21 August 2025



SYRIA

SHELTER AND NFI SECTOR

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

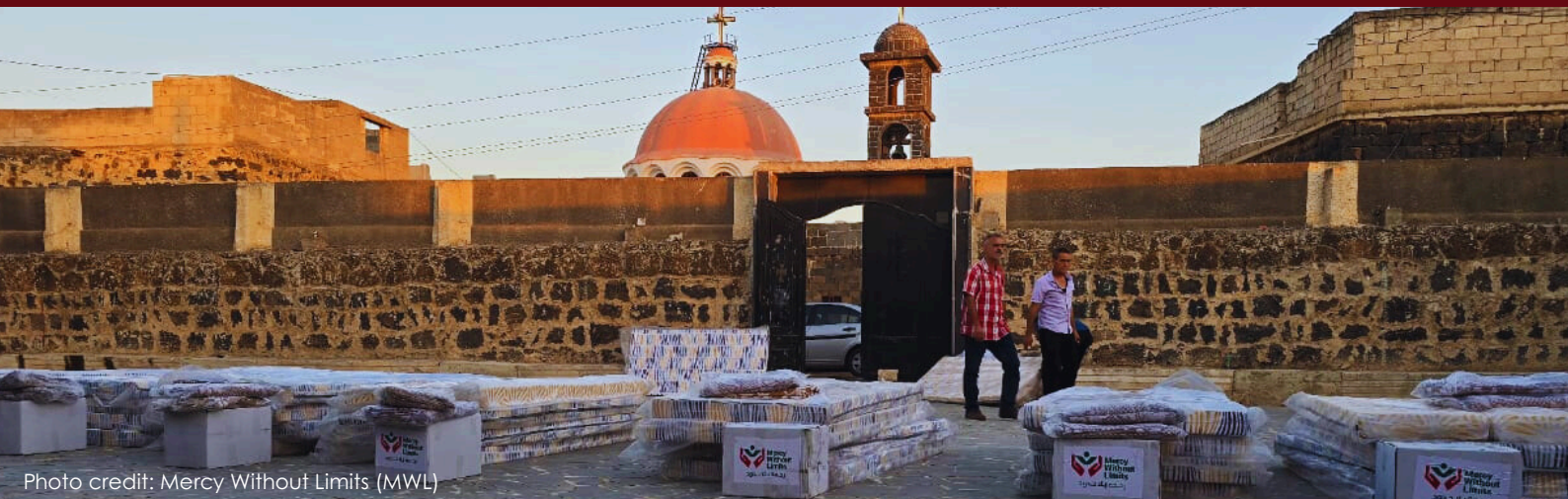


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## NEEDS



**59%**

displaced individuals in overcrowded shelters



Need for essential HH items



**90% +** Require shelter upgrades for safety & dignity

## RESPONSE



**58K**

received essential HH items



**3 K**

essential HH items planned for distribution



Shelter repair Resource mobilisation & planning ongoing

## Situation Overview & Needs

- Since mid-July 2025, escalating inter-communal tensions and insecurity in As-Sweida Governorate have triggered widespread displacement and sharply increased shelter and NFI needs
- Over 160 collective centers and sites have been reported across the governorates of As-Sweida, Rural Damascus, and Dar'a, indicating significant shelter needs.
- On 17 August, a meeting was held with representatives from the Rural Damascus Governorate to discuss the Hirjalleh site as a potential location to host displaced families from Rural Damascus. The site includes approximately 450 housing units, which are currently vacant but require rehabilitation. Essential repairs and installations—such as doors, windows, and other missing components—are needed to make the units habitable and suitable for accommodating IDP families.



- On 19–20 August, the Sector participated in an inter-agency assessment mission to villages in the As-Sweida countryside, where extensive damage was observed. Many homes had been looted, vandalised, or burned, leaving most in need of minor repairs such as replacing doors and windows, restoring basic fixtures, plastering, and clearing debris. Public facilities including schools and health centres were also severely affected, while water and electricity networks remain largely non-functional. Looking ahead to the post-emergency phase, key priorities will include supporting shelter repairs, restoring essential services, and addressing challenges related to UXO clearance, access, and HLP due diligence.

## Response

- To date, more than 58,000 individuals (approximately 11,688 households) have received assistance, with majority of the support delivered through Non-Food Item (NFI) distributions.
- Of the distributed NFI kits, approximately 50% were complete, while the remaining kits were partial.
- A total of 384 completed response actions have been recorded.
- Key contributing partners include UNHCR (60%), MWL (17%), and AFH (5%) with the remaining contributions provided by other humanitarian actors..
- Assistance has been primarily delivered in As-Sweida (39%) and Dar'a (39%), followed by Rural Damascus (12%).
- Upcoming distributions include: IOM: 2,091 kits, Oxfam: 366 kits and DRC: 600 kits
- The Sector is mobilising partners to plan and prepare for a coordinated post-emergency shelter repair response, ensuring readiness to scale up interventions if and when access and security conditions improve, and in the event of voluntary, safe, dignified, and sustainable returns.

## Responding Organisations (23)

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) | Mercy Without Limits (MWL) | Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | OXFAM International (OXFAM) | Palestine Red Crescent Society | 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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