

SNAPSHOT

As-Sweida Emergency Response

Update as of 28 August 2025



SYRIA

SHELTER AND NFI SECTOR

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements



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NEEDS



160k+ displaced individuals



Need for essential HH items



90% + Require shelter upgrades for safety & dignity

RESPONSE



67K received essential HH items



3.9 K essential HH items planned for distribution



Shelter repair Resource mobilisation & planning ongoing

Highlights & Needs

- **Scale of displacement:** CCCM monitoring reports 29,208 IDPs (6,647 HH) currently hosted across 167 collective centres/sites, in addition to 137,000 IDPs residing with host communities. The majority are in Dar'a (18,857 individuals, 69 sites), followed by Rural Damascus (4,016 individuals, 22 sites) and As-Sweida (6,335 individuals, 76 sites).
- **Overcrowding:** Many families are sharing classrooms or rooms, with men often forced to sleep outdoors. Nearly 60% of sites are considered over capacity, heightening risks of eviction and further displacement.
- **Shelter conditions:** While most IDPs remain in host communities, those in collective centres face substandard conditions with limited privacy and safety. Schools used as temporary shelters are at risk of eviction as the school year resumes in September.
- **NFI needs:** There is an urgent need for core NFI kits (mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, jerry cans, solar lamps) to address immediate living conditions, as well as winterization items (winter clothing, heaters, carpets, fuel and jerry cans) to prepare for the approaching cold season.

- **Shelter repair in areas of origin:** Many houses in displacement-affected villages were looted, vandalised, or burned, leaving families unable to return. There is a critical need for minor shelter repairs (doors, windows, plastering, basic fixtures, debris clearance) to support safe, voluntary, and dignified returns once conditions permit.

Response

- **Coverage to date:** According to partner reporting as of, over 13,850 households (~67,500 individuals) across Dar'a, As-Sweida, and Rural Damascus have received shelter/NFI assistance to date.
- **Distribution breakdown by organization:** UNHCR accounts for roughly 63% of all completed distributions, followed by MWL (15%), AFH (8%), and NRC (5%), with the remaining 9% covered by other partners (including ICRC, IFRC, AKF, ONSUR, IRS, Shafak, Violet, TAS, SKT, EPDC, Emirates RC, QRCS, PRCS).
- **Geographic distribution:** The majority of assistance has been delivered in Dar'a (~66%), followed by As-Sweida (~26%) and Rural Damascus (~8%).
- **Upcoming NFI distributions:** DRC 600 kits; IOM 2,091 kits; OXFAM/SSSD 1,210 kits.
- **Shelter actions:** Sector partners are mobilising for coordinated post-emergency shelter repair once access allows. Priority will be minor repairs in areas of origin (doors, windows, fixtures, plastering, debris clearance) to support safe, voluntary, and dignified returns.
- **Complementary interventions:** UNHCR and partners are preparing a package of collective-centre upgrades to improve living conditions. UNHCR plans to upgrade eight centres—seven in Dar'a and one in As-Sweida—and is installing around 50 solar street lights at priority sites, alongside the distribution of indoor solar kits to enhance safety. Additionally, EPDC plans to support four additional centres, while Binaa will upgrade three centres in Dar'a.

Responding Organisations (24)

Action For Humanity (AFH) | Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) | Binaa | 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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