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SHELTER AND NFI RESPONSE

Q3 2026 Progress and Cumulative Achievements



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AT A GLANCE

KEY FIGURES AND HIGHLIGHTS

SHELTER

78,999

households reached · 353,354 people

146 communities · 38 reporting organisations · 45 operational partners

NON-FOOD ITEMS

229,878

households supported · 884,905 people

433 communities · 39 reporting organisations · 47 operational partners

KEY MESSAGES

- The combined response reached **308,877 households in 527 communities**.
- Shelter reach was driven by **site-level improvements in the East**, chiefly at Hole camp, alongside steady housing repair for returnees.
- Winterisation now accounts for **56% of NFI households**, with 23,587 more households in planned NFI projects.
- A shelter pipeline of **38,518 households** is in place; 10 locations show potential overlap and are flagged for hub-level follow-up.
- Funding is concentrated: **the top 10 donors provide 79%** of the $110.4M secured, and NFI holds only 20% of the total.

01 · CONTEXT

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

Across Syria, families who spent a decade or more in camps and in Türkiye are going home. Many find houses looted to the frame: no doors, no windows, wiring torn from the walls. The third quarter of 2026 was shaped by that reality, and by the need to prepare those same households for winter.

SHELTER

Shelter partners reached 78,999 households by the end of September. The largest single driver is site-level improvement in the East, concentrated at Hole camp in Al-Hasakeh, where works benefit whole camp populations at once.

Beneath that headline, the return agenda keeps growing: 18,200 households have had minor, moderate or heavy housing repair this year, and a further 21,980 benefit from community infrastructure and common area rehabilitation.

NON-FOOD ITEMS

NFI partners supported 229,878 households in 433 communities. Winter items already account for 129,356 households, more than core kits, as partners pre-position and distribute ahead of the cold season.

In-kind distribution remains the norm at 87% of households, with cash at 11% and vouchers at under 2%. The North carries the largest NFI caseload, while the South remains largely NFI-led.

SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED · 308,877



NOTES ON THE DATA

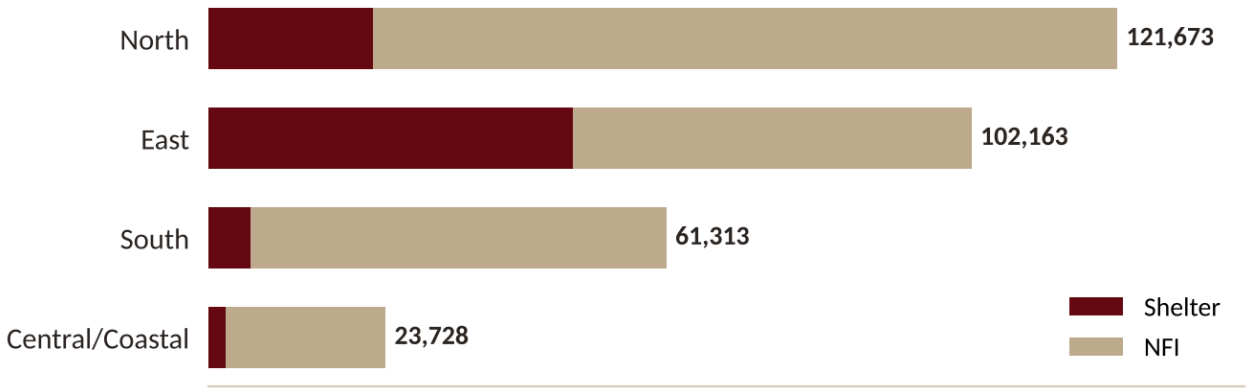
- All figures are cumulative January to September 2026, counted as reported in the September Shelter and NFI 4Ws.
- Households are attributed to the reporting organisation. Where another partner delivers, it is shown with "via" (for example, UNHCR via EPDC), so no household is counted twice.
- Shelter counts reached families. NFI counts households supported, Assisted plus Reached, which can include repeat rounds.
- Syria is read through four operational hubs: North, East, Central/Coastal and South.

02 · OPERATIONAL FOOTPRINT

COVERAGE BY OPERATIONAL HUB

The North and East together account for 72% of all households supported. The East stands apart for its shelter weight; the South and Central/Coastal hubs remain largely NFI-led.

HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED BY HUB



NORTH

Aleppo · Idleb. The largest combined caseload and widest footprint: 179 communities. 99,555 NFI and 22,118 shelter households. 39% of national households.

EAST

Al-Hasakeh · Ar-Raqqa · Deir-ez-Zor. The largest shelter caseload at 48,802 households, 62% of the national shelter total, driven by site works at Hole camp. 103 communities. 33% of national households.

SOUTH

Damascus · Rural Damascus · Dar'a · As-Sweida · Quneitra. NFI-dominated: 55,612 of 61,313 households, across 170 communities. 20% of national households.

CENTRAL/COASTAL

Hama · Homs · Lattakia · Tartous. The smallest caseload: 23,728 households in 75 communities, with only 2,378 reached through shelter. 8% of national households.

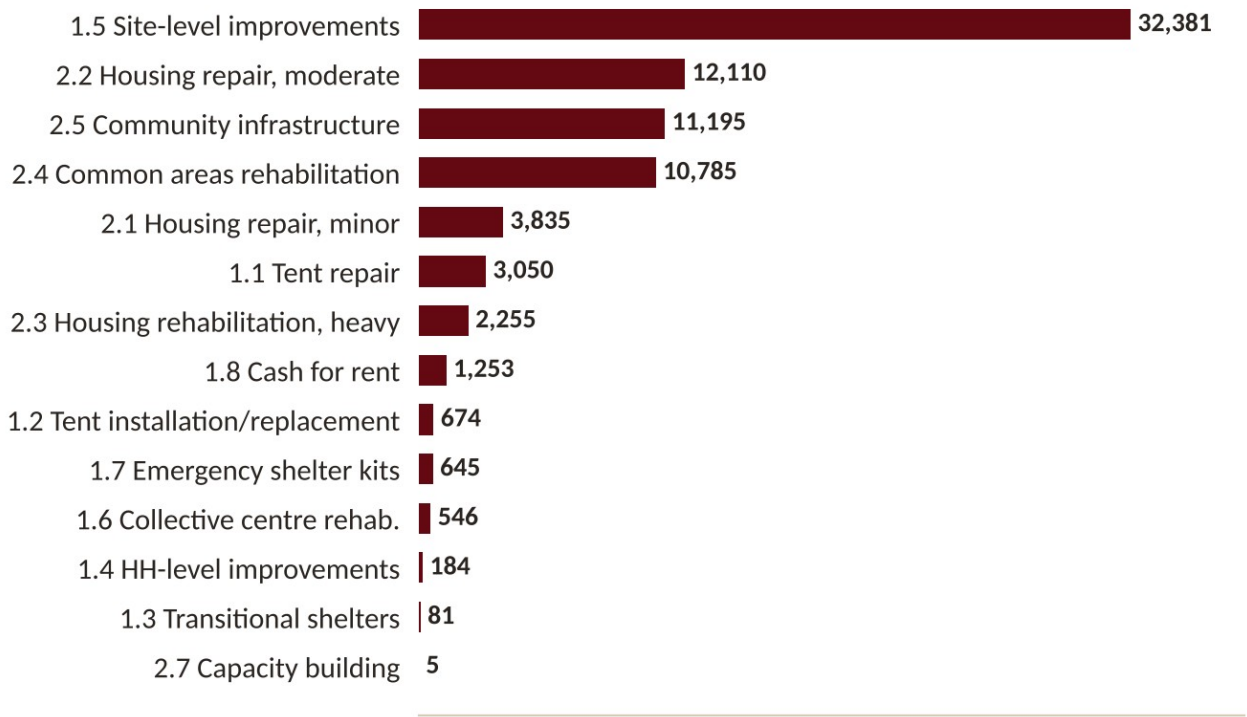
Community counts are exact unions of shelter and NFI locations.

03 · SHELTER RESPONSE

SHELTER ACHIEVEMENTS

78,999	353,354	146	45
households reached	people	communities	operational partners

HOUSEHOLDS BY ACTIVITY GROUP



By category: 38,814 households through emergency shelter, camp and site support (1.x activities) and 40,185 through housing and community works (2.x).

Site-level improvements are counted for every household in the site, which is why a few large works at Hole camp lift the East to 62% of national shelter reach. For returnees, housing repair is the core offer: 18,200 households have had their homes repaired or rehabilitated this year.

LARGEST SHELTER REPORTERS

- UNHCR: 39,627 households in 52 communities
- GC via IYD, SHAFAK: 13,123 households in 9 communities
- AFH via SR: 10,012 households in 2 communities
- NRC: 1,970 households in 18 communities

Source: Shelter 4Ws, September 2026 (reached families, cumulative).



HUMAN STORY · NORTH HUB · HREITAN, RURAL ALEPPO · HOUSING REHABILITATION

HOUSING REHABILITATION ENABLES RETURN HOME

Ghazala raised her children alone after her husband died decades ago. The war took two of her sons, and she fled to Türkiye, where she says she spent around 13 years in camps.

When she came back to Hreitan, the family's homes were damaged and partly stripped. She had returned to her town, but not to a place she could live. Her grandchildren, the children of the sons she lost, stayed behind in Türkiye. Asked why, she answers simply: "There is no room."

Shafak teams registered her and rehabilitated a room, the sitting room, the kitchen and the bathroom under the LIFE III project, implemented with Global Communities.

> *"They fixed the house for us. Thank God, we have somewhere to live now."*
>
> GHAZALA, HREITAN

- **Partner:** Shafak, with Global Communities (LIFE III)
- **Works:** room, sitting room, kitchen and bathroom

04 · NFI RESPONSE

CORE AND WINTER NFI ASSISTANCE

229,878	884,905	433	47
households supported	people (Assisted + Reached)	communities	operational partners

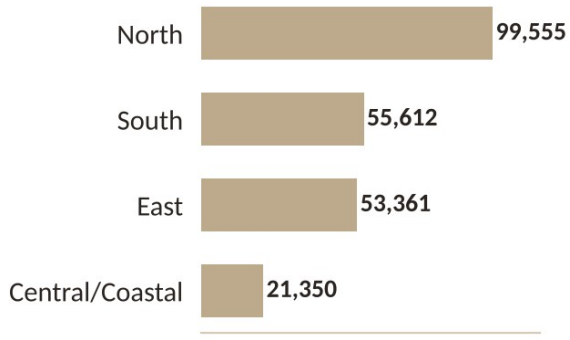
CORE AND WINTER NFIs · HOUSEHOLDS



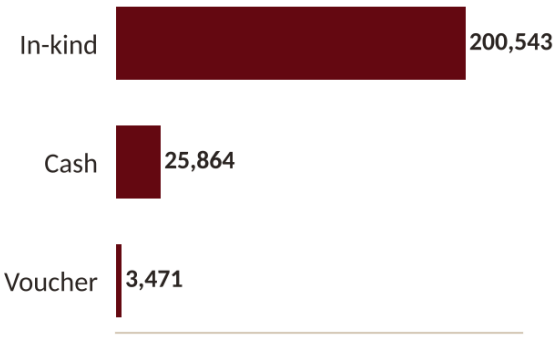
- Core NFIs: 358 locations, 26 partners, 381,920 people
- Winter NFIs: 162 locations, 28 partners, 502,985 people

Winter assistance reaches more households than core kits from less than half as many locations, a sign of large, concentrated winterisation rounds.

NFI HOUSEHOLDS BY HUB



MODALITY · HOUSEHOLDS



In-kind 87% · Cash 11% · Voucher under 2%

LARGEST NFI REPORTERS

- UNHCR via EPDC, GOPA, SARC: 85,674 households in 289 communities
- IHH: 63,785 households in 48 communities
- Violet: 14,670 households in 40 communities
- SP via GOPA: 14,500 households in 1 community
- Blumont: 9,872 households in 5 communities

Source: NFI 4Ws, September 2026. People include repeat assistance across rounds.

HUMAN STORY · SOUTH HUB · BABILA, RURAL DAMASCUS · NFI

"After 13 years away, returning to Babila was a new beginning for us, but it also came with many challenges."

ALAA AL-DIN AL-QABBANI, 38



NFI ASSISTANCE FOR RETURNEE HOUSEHOLDS

Alaa Al-Din left Babila during the war and spent 13 years in Türkiye. He came home with his family after the liberation, hoping to start again.

Home was harder than hoped. With three daughters to provide for and rent to cover, meeting basic needs has become a daily struggle.

He registered with the St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC) and, in August 2026, received an NFI kit funded by the Syria Humanitarian Fund: mattresses, plastic sheeting, a cooking stove, kitchen utensils, jerrycans and water buckets.

> *"This assistance came at a time when we really needed support and helped us meet some of our basic needs. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to providing it."*
>
> ALAA AL-DIN AL-QABBANI, BABILA

Story and quotes provided by EPDC.

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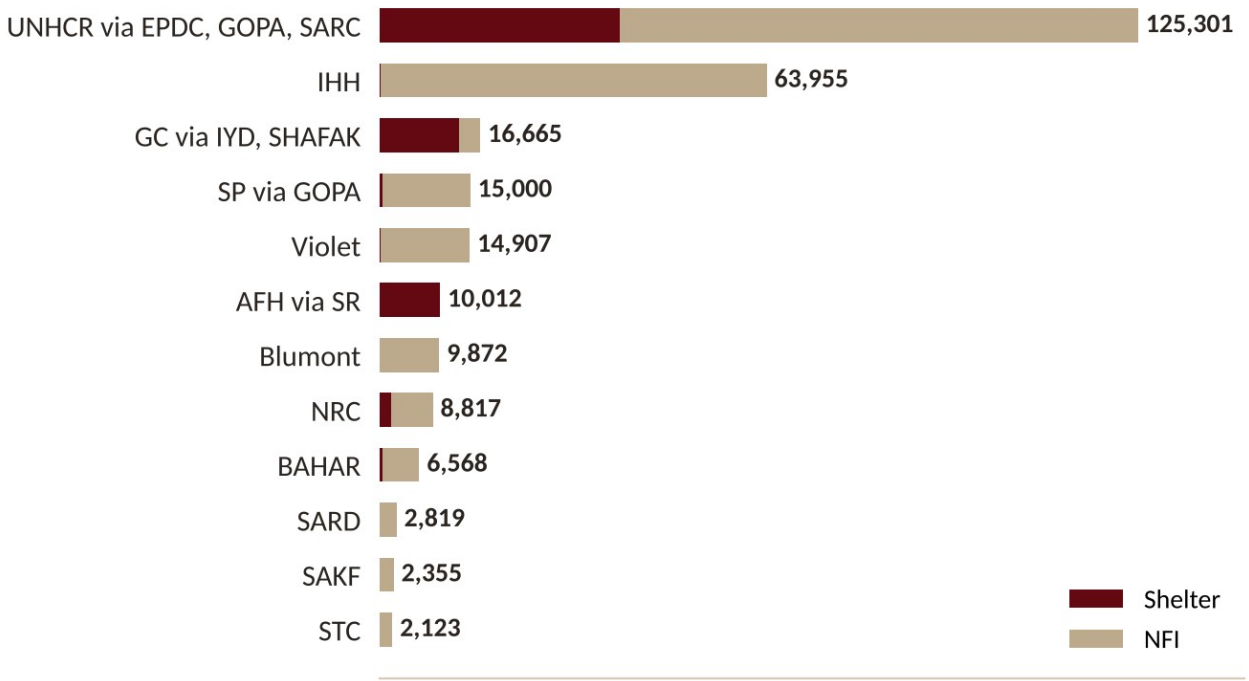
PARTNER PRESENCE AND CONTRIBUTION

56
organisations reporting activities

68
operationally present, counting implementing partners

18
organisations delivering on behalf of others ("via")

TOP 12 REPORTING ORGANISATIONS · HOUSEHOLDS



The response is concentrated: the ten largest reporting organisations account for **89% of households**, and UNHCR with its implementing partners alone for 41%. The remaining 46 organisations together reached 34,961 households.

National and local organisations carry much of the delivery. Partners such as EPDC, GOPA, SARC, IYD, Shafak and SR implement on behalf of UN agencies, INGOs and pooled funds, and are credited separately so that no household is counted twice.

Source: Shelter and NFI 4Ws, September 2026.



HUMAN STORY · CENTRAL/COASTAL HUB · KAFR ZITA, HAMA · HOUSING REHABILITATION

REHABILITATION OF A LOOTED HOME AFTER RETURN

Years of repeated displacement scattered Ali Al-Mustafa's family between northwest Syria and Türkiye. They were reunited in the Wadi Abbas camps near Sarmada, with little money and no work.

When news came that Kafr Zita had been liberated, Ali came back the very next day. He found his house looted to its shell: no doors, no windows, the wiring pulled from the walls. Some neighbouring houses had been torn down for their steel. The family stayed anyway. They hung fabric across the doorway and carried water in buckets.

After an assessment visit, IYD rehabilitated the house: tiling, washbasins and a toilet, the kitchen, doors, windows, exterior ironwork and electrical works.

> *"They rehabilitated our home so that we could live in dignity again, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts."*
>
> ALI AL-MUSTAFA, KAFR ZITA

- **Partner:** Humanitarian Relief and Development Association (IYD)

06 · PLANNING AND OVERLAP

RESPONSE PIPELINE AND POTENTIAL OVERLAP

The pipeline counts the outstanding part of ongoing projects plus the full target of planned projects. Together, 63,123 households are in the shelter and NFI pipeline going into the last quarter.



SHELTER PIPELINE

38,518

households · 71 locations · 22 partners

Ongoing, outstanding: 28,538 HH in 35 locations, 11 partners

Planned, not started: 9,980 HH in 39 locations, 17 partners

10 locations show two or more partners planning the same activity

NFI PIPELINE

24,605

households · 52 locations · 8 partners

Ongoing, outstanding: 1,018 HH in 12 locations, 1 partner

Planned, not started: 23,587 HH in 46 locations, 7 partners

No overlap flagged in NFI plans

KEY OBSERVATIONS

- Three quarters of the shelter pipeline sits in projects already under way, so much of Q4 delivery is already in motion.
- The NFI pipeline is thin for the season: 24,605 households across only 8 partners, about a tenth of the households supported so far this year.
- Overlap flags are a coordination check, not confirmed duplication. The 10 shelter locations are flagged for hub coordinators to review with the partners concerned.

Source: Shelter and NFI 4Ws plans, October 2026.



HUMAN STORY · SOUTH HUB · DOUMA, RURAL DAMASCUS

SHELTER REHABILITATION SUPPORTS RETURN AND AVOIDS DEBT

Displaced from Douma in 2018, the family spent years in northern Syria before returning in 2024. They stayed with their son and his family while working to repair their damaged home but could not afford the essential work needed to make it liveable. Shelter assistance and contributions from generous people helped them install doors and windows and rehabilitate the bathroom and electrical system. This support enabled them to complete the repairs without borrowing money and falling into debt. Today, the family is living in their home again. “Our family is once again living in our home with safety, privacy, and dignity,” they say.

> *"Without this support, we would have had to borrow money and fall into debt to complete these critical works."*

WAFAA · SHELTER REHABILITATION IN DOUMA, RURAL DAMASCUS · UNHCR-SUPPORTED

Story and quote provided by UNHCR.

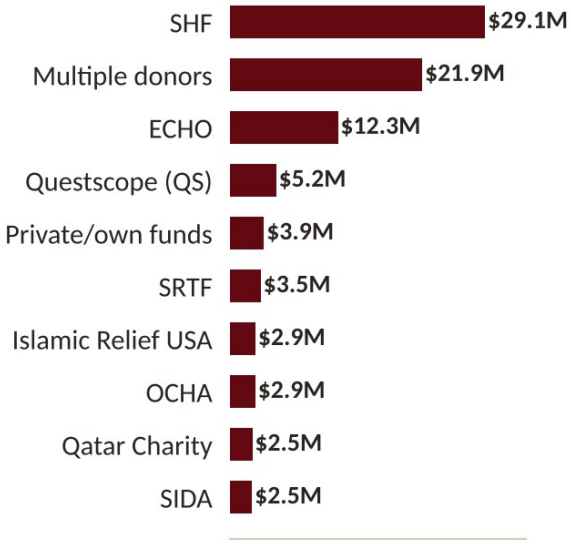
07 · FUNDING

FUNDING STATUS 2026



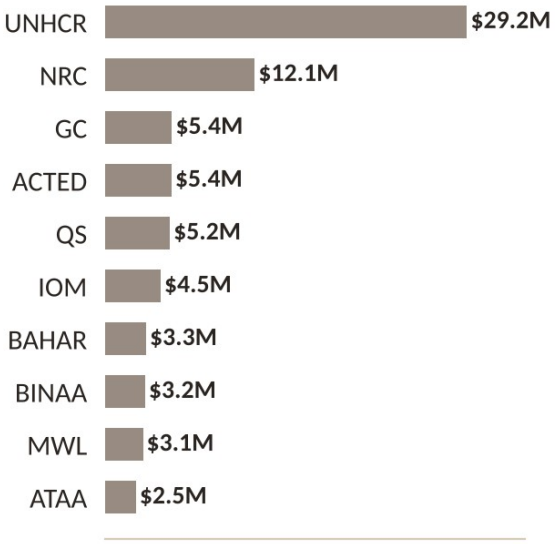
- Shelter: $88,709,377 across 107 projects, 61,344 households targeted
- NFI: $21,691,872 across 88 projects, 175,255 households targeted

TOP 10 DONORS · USD



Top 10: $86.7M, 79% of the total

TOP 10 RECIPIENTS · USD



Top 10: $74.0M, 67% of the total

KEY OBSERVATIONS

- The Syria Humanitarian Fund is the largest single source, at 26% of all secured funding across 36 projects.
- NFI attracts a fifth of funding while serving three quarters of households: a light-touch, high-reach modality that depends on timely winter financing.

Source: Sector funding tracker, as reported by partners, September 2026.

08 · LOOKING AHEAD

SECTOR PRIORITIES FOR Q4 2026

01 **Winterisation for vulnerable families.** Deliver planned winter assistance to the most vulnerable families, particularly those living in camps who are most at risk this winter, including the 23,587 households in planned NFI projects, before peak cold.

02 **Support returns from camps.** Provide shelter solutions for families planning to return from camps to their areas of origin, as a direct contribution to the Government's No Camp policy, including completion of the 28,538 households of shelter work already under way.

03 **Joint market assessment.** Conduct a joint, sector-led market assessment of repair and rehabilitation costs to inform consistent costing of shelter interventions across partners.

04 **Emergency preparedness and response.** Maintain readiness to respond rapidly to sudden-onset events during the winter months, such as flooding and severe weather damage to shelters in camps and informal sites, in coordination with hub coordinators and partners.

METHODOLOGY

- Cumulative January to September 2026 (reporting month up to September), from the September Shelter and NFI 4Ws.
- Response figures cover completed and ongoing activities; pipeline figures cover outstanding ongoing work plus planned projects.
- Shelter counts reached families. NFI counts Assisted plus Reached households, including repeat rounds.
- Overlap flags two or more organisations reporting the same activity group in the same community.
- Locations resolved through the COD P-code gazetteer; community counts are exact unions.

ABBREVIATIONS

EPDC St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee
GC Global Communities
HH Household
IYD Humanitarian Relief and Development Association
NFI Non-food items
NRC Norwegian Refugee Council
SAG Strategic Advisory Group
SARC Syrian Arab Red Crescent
SHF Syria Humanitarian Fund
4Ws Who does What, Where, When

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