

# SNAPSHOT

As-Sweida Emergency Response

Update as of 14 August 2025



SYRIA

SHELTER AND NFI SECTOR

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

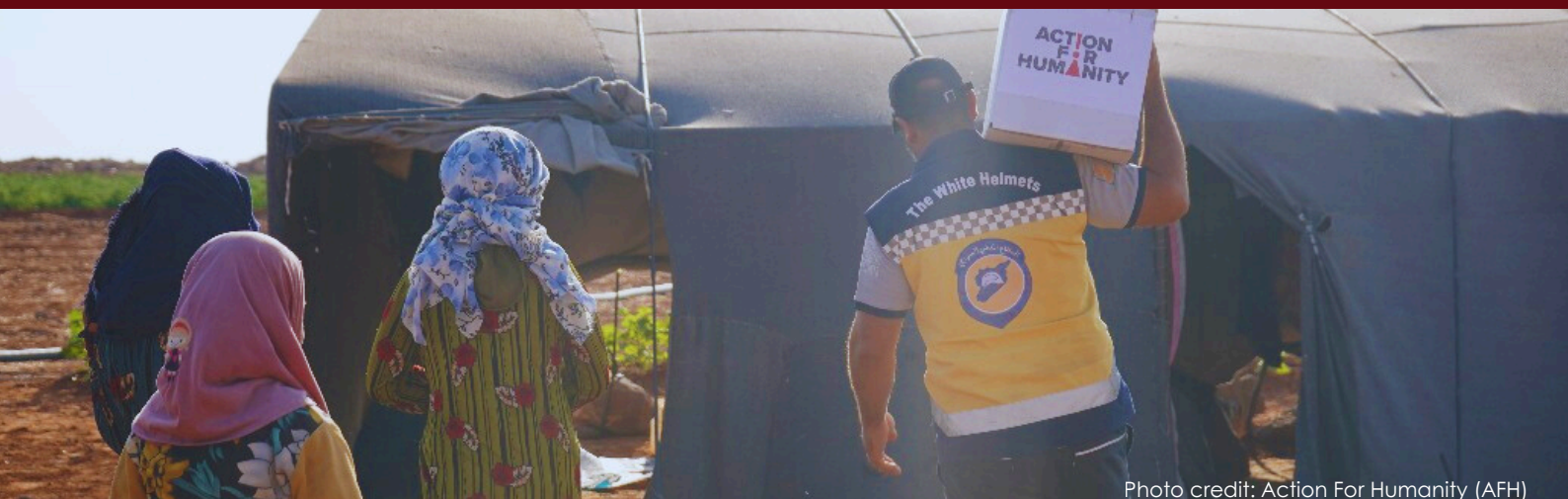


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## NEEDS



59%

displaced individuals in overcrowded shelters



10%

in schools & public facilities



Need for essential HH items



Require shelter upgrades for safety & dignity

## RESPONSE



39K

received essential HH items



133HH

received cash for essential HH items



5

sites upgraded with solar kits



3.1K

essential HH items planned for distribution

## 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.
- **Displacement trends:** As of 11 August, CCCM IDP site monitoring teams report 90 collective centres and IDP sites in Dar'a and rural Damascus, hosting 5,000 households (24,500 IDPs) displaced from As-Sweida — 76% women and children.
- **Site distribution:** Approximately 20,300 people are accommodated in 69 IDP sites in Dar'a (over two-thirds in schools), while 4,200 people are sheltering in 21 collective centres in Rural Damascus. Initial reports indicate over 70 IDP hosting centres in As-Sweida.
- **Shelter preference:** Over 90% of IDPs are staying with host families rather than in collective centres or informal sites.



- **Overcrowding:** 59% of IDPs are living in overcrowded conditions (more than five people per living space).
- **Risk of eviction:** In Dar'a, 62% of collective centres are schools, putting IDPs at risk of eviction before the new school year in September. This underscores the urgent need for alternative shelter solutions.
- **Shelter upgrades:** Priority needs include partitions and lighting in selected collective centres to improve privacy and safety.
- **Geographic gaps:** Significant unmet needs remain in As-Sweida, Sayyida Zaynab (Rural Damascus), and several communities in Dar'a.
- **Operational constraints:** Humanitarian access is hindered by security incidents, fuel shortages, and limited staffing.

## Response

- **Coverage:** NFI assistance (full or partial) has been delivered in 68% of monitored sites in Dar'a.
- **Reach to date:** Over 39,000 individuals (7,718 households) have been assisted, with 99% of support provided through NFI distributions.
- **Kit completeness:** 64% of NFI kits distributed were complete; the remainder were partial. Partners are working to top up missing items from available stocks.
- **Responding:** Nineteen organisations have actively contributed to the shelter/NFI response, while four organisations are currently planning interventions. The response has been led by UNHCR (53%), Mercy Without Limits (20%), and the Aga Khan Foundation (6%), with the remaining support provided by other partners.
- **Geographic distribution:** Assistance is concentrated in Dar'a (82%), followed by As-Sweida (13%) and Rural Damascus (5%).
- **Collective centre support:** To date, only five collective centres have received assistance — Action for Humanity has installed solar lighting in four sites, and NRC has supported one site. Partners are currently assessing additional centres to plan for shelter improvements.
- **Coordination:** Close collaboration with the sector, SARC and OCHA continues to be essential for convoy access, delivery scheduling, and preventing duplication of efforts.

## Responding Organisations

- Action For Humanity (AFH)
- Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- Emirates Red Crescent
- 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 (PRCS)
- 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)