

Shelter/NFI Sector Snapshot

As-Sweida Emergency Response

Update as of 31 July 2025



Photo Credit SARC (Syrian Arab Red Crescent): Distribution of core non-food items (NFIs) by SARC in partnership with UNHCR, supporting newly displaced families with essential relief supplies including mattresses, blankets, and cooking items:

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

As of 28 July 2025, nearly 191,700 internal displacements have been recorded following the escalation in As-Sweida. Approximately 90% of displaced individuals are hosted within local communities, while the remainder are sheltering in collective sites.

Priority needs include shelter and non-food items (NFIs)—such as mattresses, blankets, and cooking supplies—along with WASH services, health-care, and food assistance.

Urgent NFI needs include blankets, mattresses, plastic sheets, solar lamps, jerry cans, and kitchen sets. These items are especially critical for IDPs currently sheltering in overcrowded public buildings such as schools and religious facilities, where access to basic services remains severely limited.

Needs Overview

There is a critical need for Core Non-Food Items (NFIs) including: Blankets, mattresses, plastic sheets, solar lamps, jerry cans, and kitchen sets

In addition, due to limited access to water, sanitation, and electricity, and in anticipation of prolonged displacement, there is a growing need to:

- Upgrade collective shelters: WASH facilities, lighting, privacy, safety improvements
- Rehabilitate conflict-damaged homes to support dignified, voluntary returns

Response Summary

As of 30 July 2025, Shelter/NFI partners have delivered:

- 3,748 Core NFI kits
- Reaching approximately 19,227 individuals
- Across more than 30 locations in Dar'a and Rural Damascus

This includes:

- Both complete NFI kits (full package of standard items) and
- Partial kits (e.g. blankets, mattresses), based on stock availability and local gaps

Additional Shelter/NFI Interventions

- Solar energy systems (batteries, LED lights, control panels, solar panels) installed in schools functioning as collective shelters in Eastern Maliha (by Action for Humanity)
- Cash assistance for NFIs in three collective centers in Izra' District (by NRC)
- Light collective center improvements underway to improve safety, comfort, and access

Geographic Coverage

Response activities have reached:

Busra Esh-Sham, Moraba, Hrak, Izra', Mseifra, Sayda, Sahwa, Smad, Simej, Ghasm, Karak, Khrbet Ghazaleh, Alma, Mahjeh, Nahta, Rakhim, Sura, Western and Eastern Maliha, Masmiiyeh, Kherbet Elsheyab, Jbab, Neimeh, Da'el, Khebab, Nashabiyeh, Sayyeda Zeinab, and surrounding rural areas.

Next Steps

- Additional NFI kits are planned for distribution, including support from IOM in partnership with IYD
- Partners will:
 - Scale up coverage in under-served areas
 - Continue coordination with OCHA and local authorities
 - Advance preparedness through shelter damage assessments and repositioning of stocks
- Continue coordination with other sectors, OCHA and local authorities.

Organizations Responding

1. Action For Humanity (AFH)
2. Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
3. Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East (GOPA)
4. International Association for Relief and Development (ONSUR)
5. International Humanitarian Relief Association (IYD)
6. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
7. Islamic Relief Syria (IRS)
8. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
9. SKT Organization (SKT)
10. St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC)
11. Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC)
12. Takaful Al Sham Charity Organization
13. UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
14. Violet Organization