

WINTERIZATION ADVOCACY NOTE

SEASON 2025 - 2026



5.1M People in Need



2.02M People Targeted



\$112M Funding Appeal

Overview

The Shelter & Non-Food Items (SNFI) Sector estimates that 5.14 million people across Syria will face heightened vulnerability during the 2025-2026 winter season due to inadequate shelter conditions, limited access to heating fuel, and insufficient essential NFIs. The sector aims to reach 2.02 million individuals with prioritized winter assistance. However, the current funding outlook remains critically low — leaving millions at risk of exposure to freezing temperatures, preventable illnesses, and negative coping mechanisms.

If urgent funding is not mobilized, thousands of vulnerable households — particularly in high-altitude, snow-prone, and recently displaced areas — may face life-threatening conditions this winter.

Urgent Needs

To address the escalating humanitarian risks this winter, the Shelter/NFI Sector urgently requires support for the following life-saving interventions:

- 1. Heating Fuel and Stoves:** Essential to mitigate severe cold exposure and health risks in addition to ensure safe, adequate heating for households residing in damaged, substandard, or uninsulated shelters.
- 2. Winter Clothing Kits:** Essential to protect children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities from extreme cold.
- 3. Comprehensive Winterization Kits:** Including thermal blankets, mattresses, plastic sheeting, and carpets to enhance warmth and insulation.
- 4. Cash for Winter Assistance:** Standardized transfer value of USD 230 per household, enabling access to winter essentials through local markets.
- 5. Fuel Alternatives and Insulation Support:** Promoting biomass and pistachio shells as sustainable heating options while reinforcing shelter protection.



5.1 M

In need of winter assistance



7 M IDPs

Total IDPs in (1.4 M) and out of camps (4.8 M)

Situation Overview and Funding Update

As winter approaches, the vulnerable populations in Syria face severe challenges that threaten their survival and well-being. This advocacy note outlines the critical need for immediate and comprehensive winterization assistance to protect lives and alleviate suffering among displaced and host communities.

An estimated USD 112 million is needed to provide essential winter assistance to 2.1 million individuals and respond to winter-related emergencies.



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*Partners with confirmed funding



252K

*People that can be reached with available funds



13.7M

*Funding received

*As of Oct 28th 2025

Call to Action

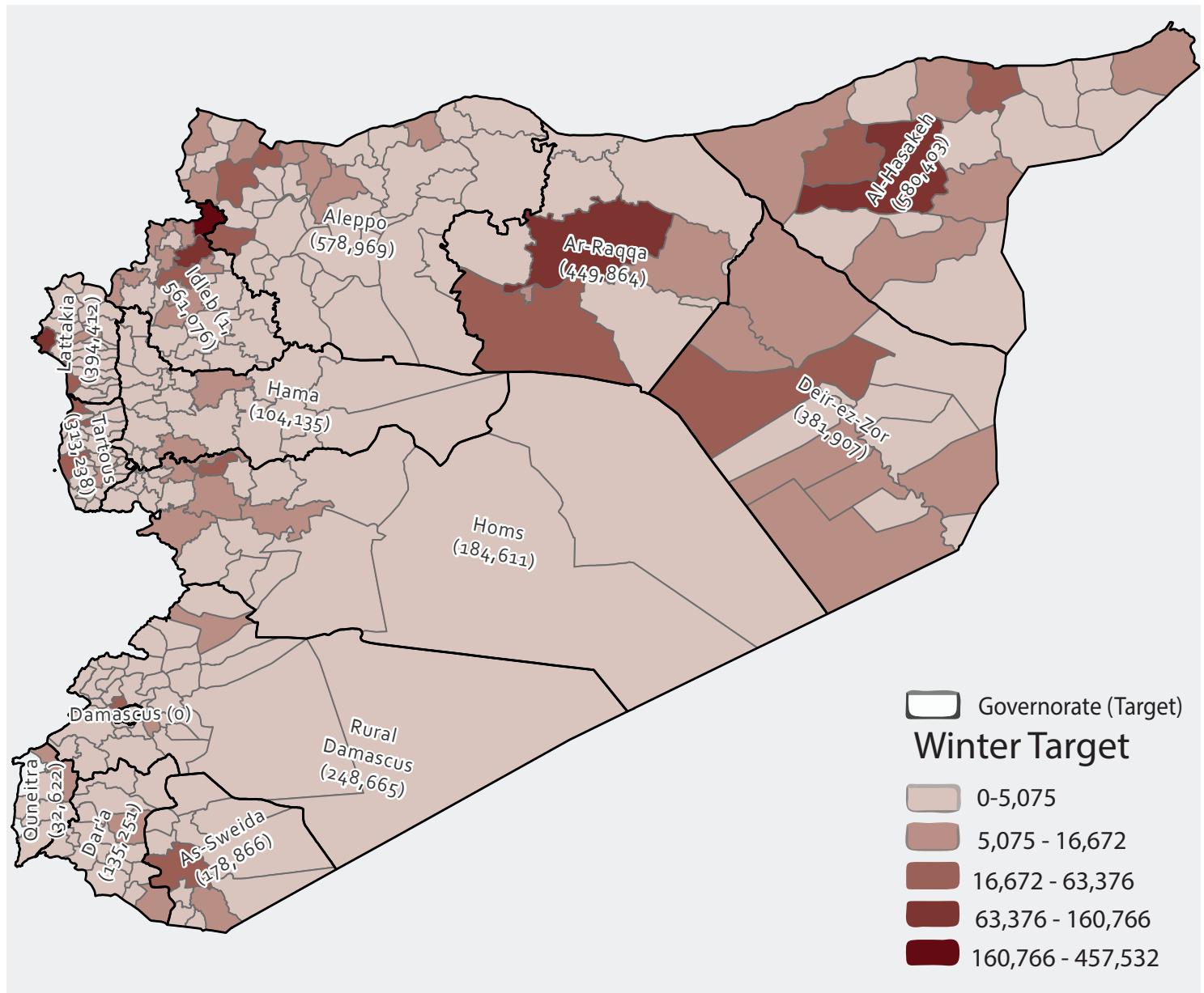
We urgently appeal to donors and the international community to:

- 1. Increase Funding:** An estimated \$112 million is needed to provide essential winter assistance and respond to 2.1 M people vulnerable to winter-related emergencies.
- 2. Prioritize Winterization:** Allocate resources to core winter assistance activities, crucial for survival during the harsh winter months.
- 3. Support Long-term Solutions:** Invest in more dignified and durable shelter options to reduce reliance on tents and makeshift structures.

Your immediate support is vital to protect the lives and dignity of vulnerable populations in Syria this winter. The approaching cold season poses a critical humanitarian challenge in the region. Swift and coordinated action is essential to shield vulnerable people from harsh winter conditions. We urge all stakeholders to prioritize winterization assistance as a life-saving intervention. Together, we can alleviate suffering and prevent unnecessary loss of life.

Winterization Response Strategy for Syria

Geographical Target Breakdown by Sub District



PiN and Target by Governorate

Governorate	Winter PiN	Winter Target
Idlib	1,561,074	711,419
Al-Hasakeh	580,402	258,047
Aleppo	578,970	173,691
Ar-Raqa	449,865	222,428
Lattakia	394,413	132,370
Deir-ez-Zor	381,906	114,572
Tartous	313,235	103,491
Rural Damascus	248,665	74,599
Homs	184,609	84,608
As-Sweida	178,865	53,660
Dar'a	135,252	40,576
Hama	104,134	40,866
Quneitra	32,621	10,612
Grand Total	5,144,011	2,020,940

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Winterization Dashboard



Guidance Note on Winterization for Syria

