

## IOM TURKEY

Cross-border Emergency Response Programme for Syria

# RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM

6 MONTH REVIEW (DEC 2020 – JUNE 2021)

### INTRODUCTION

The Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) is IOM's flagship instrument for delivering emergency shelter and non-food assistance to displaced populations in northwest Syria. Six months after the launch of the RRM in December 2020, the mechanism has reached over 180,000 people with 14,600 NFI kits, 9,200 tents, 10,690 cash transfers, 20,000 blankets and 11,200 tarpaulins in Aleppo and Idlib governorates.

The RRM is designed as a first line response to fill the gaps in the overall cluster response, and has responded to conflict-related displacements, flooding, wind and fire incidents, and emergency winterisation needs. The RRM uses a combination of cash and in-kind modalities.

### AT A GLANCE

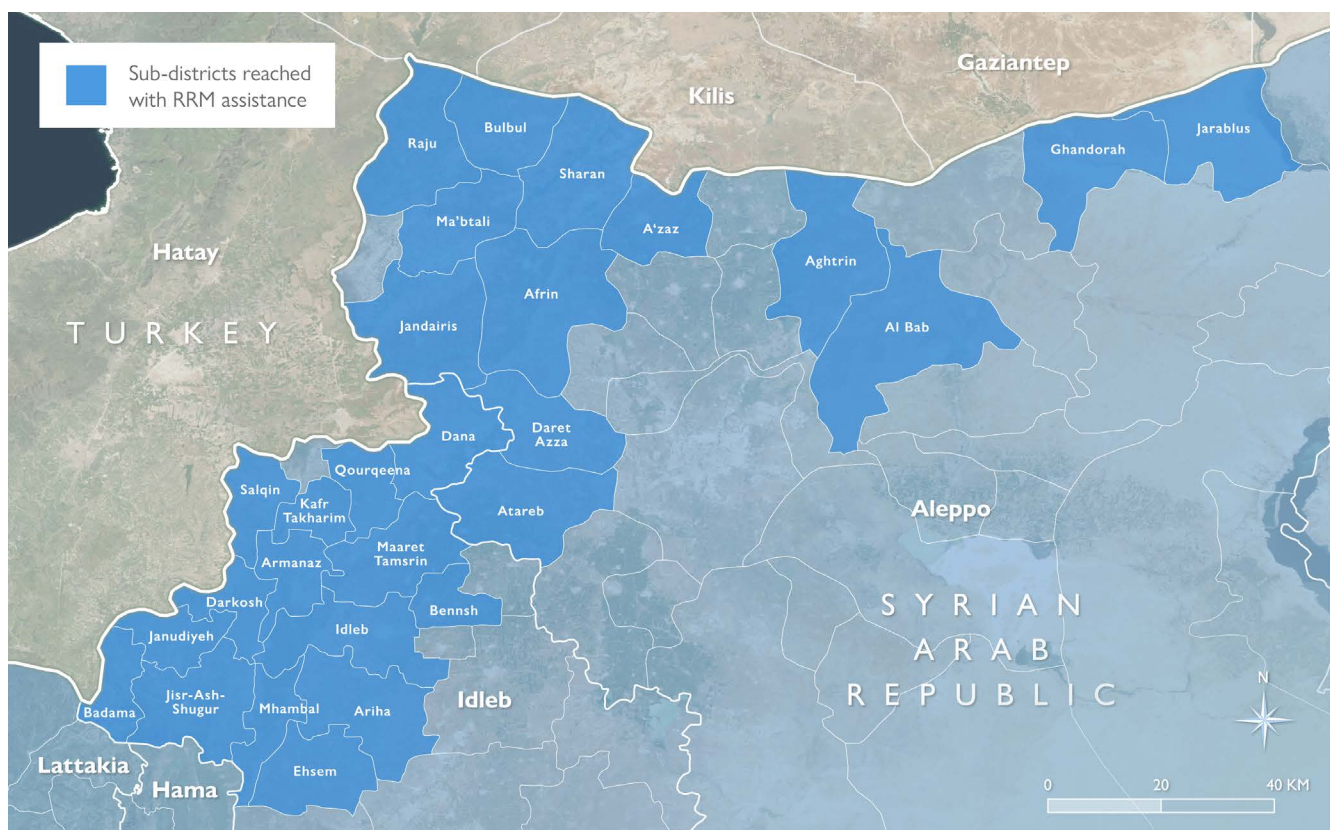
**181,000** People Reached

**14,600** NFIs Distributed

**9,200** Tents Installed

**10,690** Cash Transfers

**148** Truck Transshipments



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PROCESS

IOM operates the RRM through 11 pre-selected partners, ensuring quick responses across northwest Syria. In small-scale responses the response time is typically within 24 hours. Activities are monitored by TPMs and IOM tracks all distributions through its state-of-the-art commodity tracking system. Additionally, all cash beneficiaries are verified and vetted prior to distribution.

To ensure continuous programme improvement, in this first six months, IOM has built partners' capacity in data collection, supported them in establishing roster systems for staffing, and improved response times.



**IOM'S CASH PROGRAMME**

IOM's cash programming is the largest of any UN agency in northwest Syria, and cash is a significant component of the assistance provided through the RRM. To date, IOM has distributed nearly 1.4 million USD to 55,000 people with emergency needs.

IOM has also been at the forefront of building the knowledgebase for current and future cash programmes. RRM cash pilots demonstrated the utility and feasibility of cash for emergency response activities in northwest Syria, and recent research by IOM has shown the positive effects of RRM cash activities for the wider economy, and in building longer-term resilience. In the coming months, the RRM will continue to expand its cash activities, in addition to continuing in-kind distributions.