

Major Developments in North-West Syria

Over 2.8 million IDPs are living in north-west Syria, including 960,000 people who have been newly displaced since December as a consequence of the latest escalation in conflict. People are massing in overcrowded areas close to the Turkey-Syria border, particularly Dana, Maaret Tamsrin and Armanaz in Idleb Governorate, and A'zaz and Afrin in Aleppo Governorate. It is estimated that 81% of the displaced are women and children and many IDPs are persons with specific needs.

Shelter availability is extremely limited: Some 100 communities that hosted IDPs in the past now are abandoned; IDPs are left with very few shelter options in areas where there are three times more IDPs than residents. Even humanitarian workers are affected by the displacement, struggling to find shelters for themselves and their families. Finding land and obtaining authorization to extend or establish new camps is one of the main challenges that humanitarian actors face in the current situation.

The spread of COVID-19 is adding more challenges and risks to the 4 million people living in north-west Syria. Overcrowded shelters such as tents and collective centres greatly increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Response

Shelter/Non-Food Item (SNFI) Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs in north-west Syria. Around 400,000 individuals, both IDPs and host community members, were assisted with NFI and/or shelter in February. In coordination with the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster, SNFI Cluster members are attempting to identify more land in order to extend the perimeter of existing camps. According to the plans shared by SNFI Cluster members, the shelter response will increase in March, thanks to additional SCHF and CERF funding received.

In February, almost 230,000 individuals received NFI kits, which contain kitchen set, mattresses and blankets, as well as winter items.

Shelter needs of around 170,400 people were addressed over the course of the month with activities including emergency/seasonal shelter assistance and shelter rehabilitation. Of those, more than 140,000 individuals were assisted with provision of emergency shelter, which includes family tents or shelter kits.

Between October 2019 and February 2020, SNFI Cluster members reached over 768,000 IDPs with winterization activities.

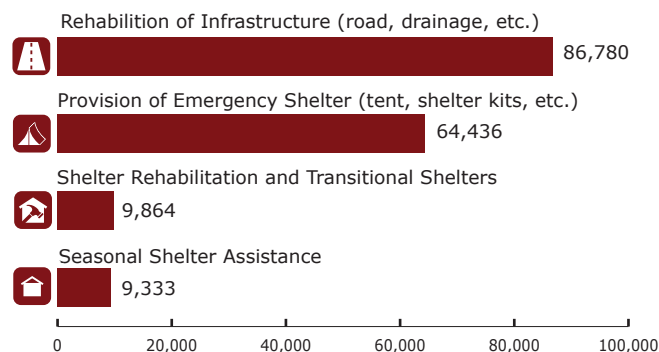
The SNFI Cluster has created a site planning support group to improve the capacity of the cluster members that are setting up new camps.

In March, CARE International started supporting the SNFI Cluster, seconding a Co-Chair to the Cluster Coordination Team.

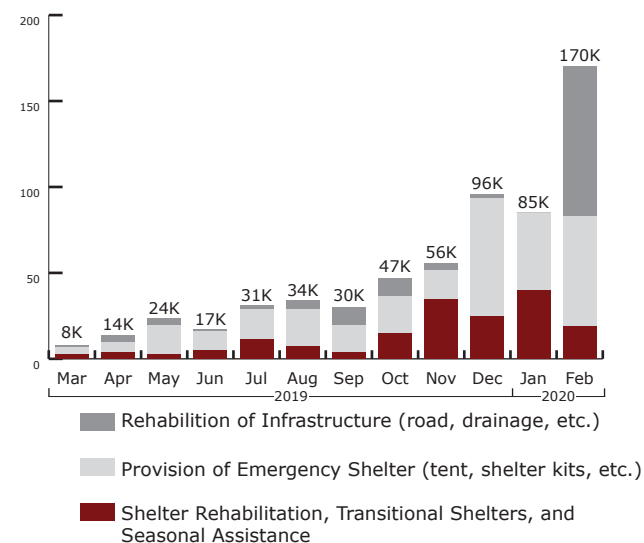
Shelter Response



People reached in February by sub-activity



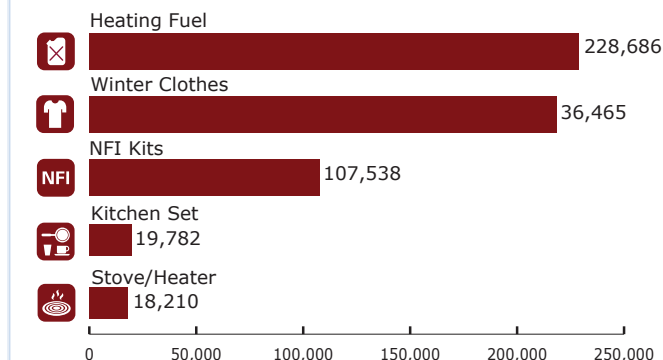
People reached in the past 12 months by activity



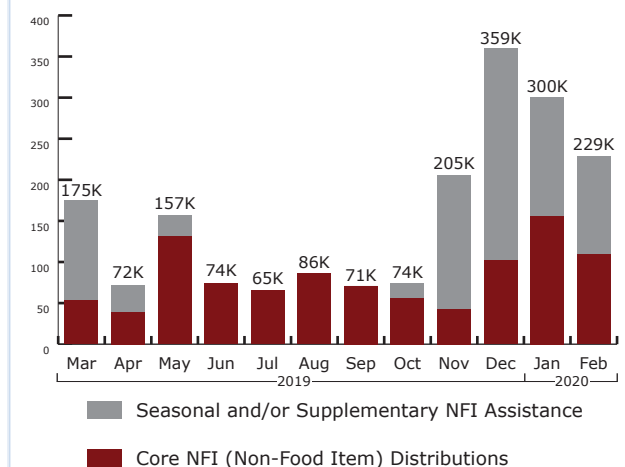
NFI Response



People reached in February by modality (top 5 modalities)



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



Covid-19: Recommendations for SNFI activities

As part of the response to the **COVID-19 outbreak**, the SNFI Cluster is coordinating with other clusters, including WASH, CCCM and Health. **The SNFI and WASH Clusters recommend including soap in the NFI Kits.**

The SNFI Cluster has published recommendations for Shelter/NFI activities in the context of COVID-19 for cluster members, staff, IDPs, host communities as well as for donors. The guidance includes recommendation on how to:

- Provide assistance to the affected population through specific mitigation measures.
- Mitigate the risk of transmission in overcrowded shelters, collective centres, and tents.
- Coordinate with the Health and WASH Cluster.
- Participate in awareness campaigns to reduce the transmission of the virus.

Information, Communication, and Education Materials from WHO and UNICEF have been shared and the Cluster will not create new ones to avoid confusion.

Recommendations to address the needs in and outside of camps

- Creation of shelter capacity through **camp extension or establishment of new camps** to host the new IDPs.
- **Provision of tents** for self-established and overcrowded IDP settlements. Other services such as latrines and safe water are provided by the WASH Cluster.
- **Tent replacement** as many IDPs are living in extremely damaged tents.
- **Scale-up of shelter rehabilitation** for IDPs living in damaged or unfinished buildings, including provision of sealing-off kits and quick fixing.
- **Pilot of new shelter solutions** such as Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) or locally made shelters.
- **Scale up of cash-based interventions** in areas with access to local markets - which can have a positive impact in communities that have received a large and sudden influx of new IDP arrivals.

Infrastructure in camps

In February, SNFI Cluster members have rehabilitated roads and drainage in 52 different IDP sites in mainly Dana, Maaret Tamsrin, Badama and Janudiyeh sub-districts. These infrastructure upgrades will improve the living conditions of 86,760 IDPs.



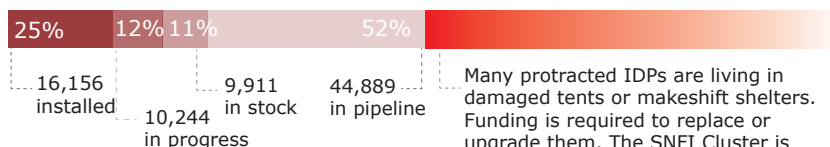
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Activities in progress, stock and gaps as of mid-March 2020

Tents

434,866
people targeted

81,200
tents planned for



Many protracted IDPs are living in damaged tents or makeshift shelters. Funding is required to replace or upgrade them. The SNFI Cluster is coordinating with HNAP to estimate the number of protracted IDPs who need shelter support in camps.

Shelter Rehabilitation (out of camp response)

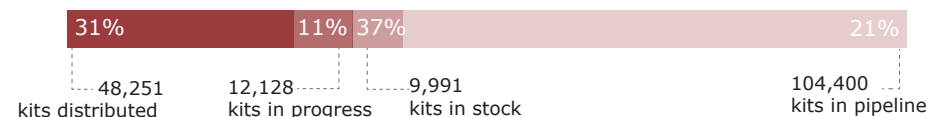
157,000
people targeted



NFI Kits

873,850
people targeted

174,770
household NFI kits required

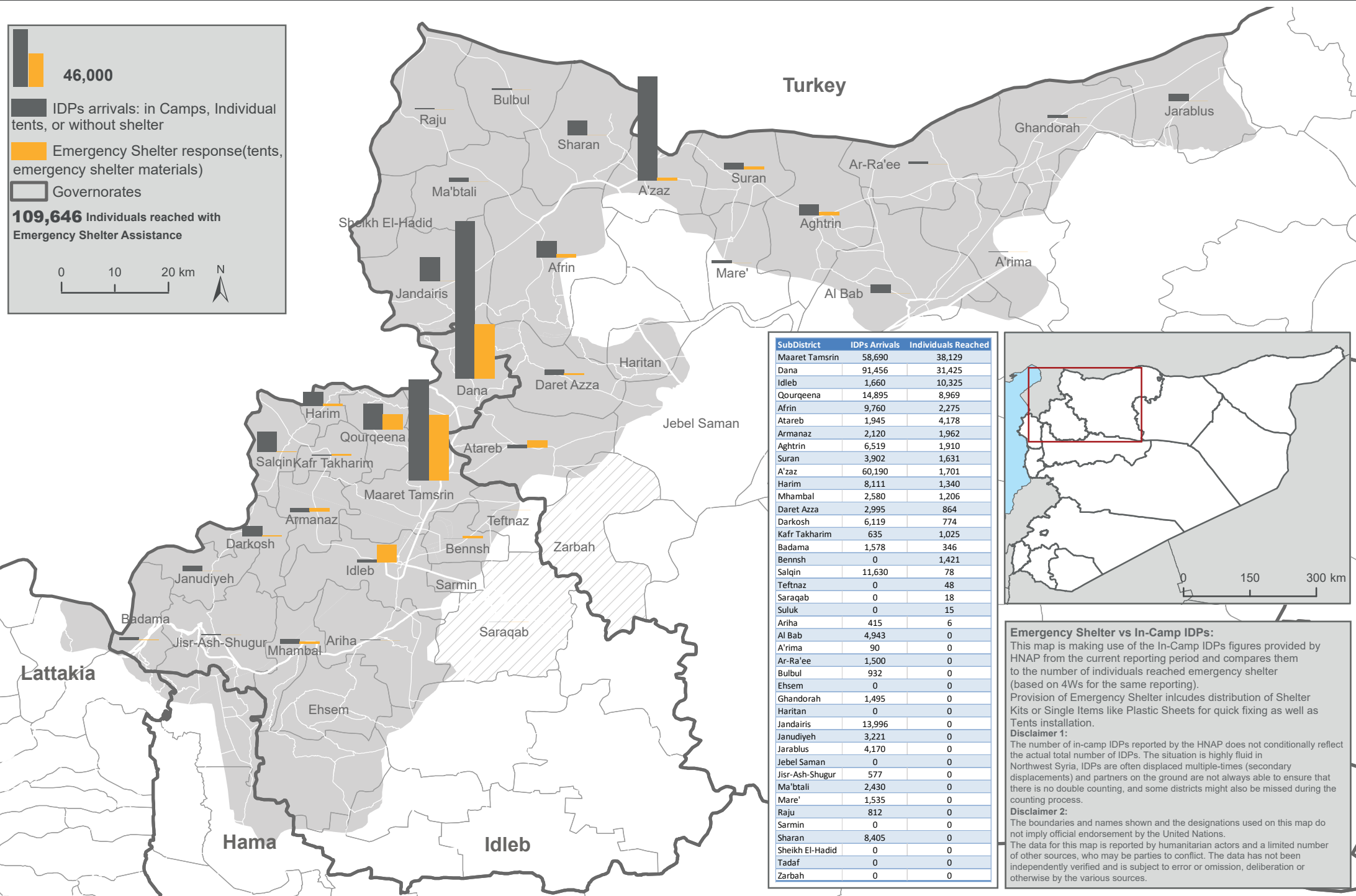
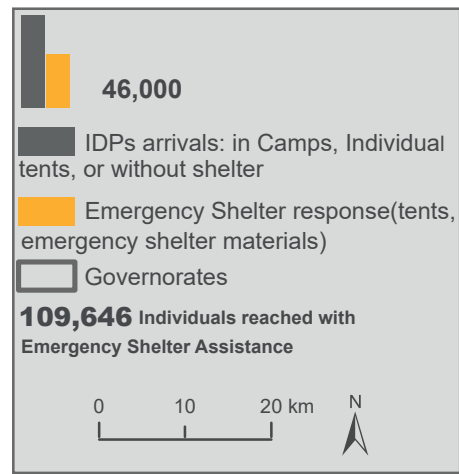


Winterization

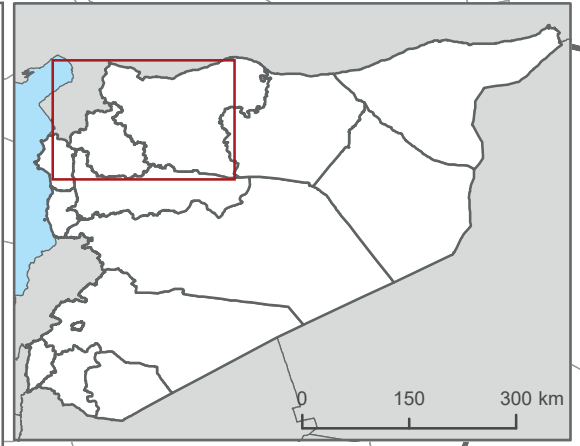
955,000
people targeted (with secured funding)

955,000
Individuals Targeted with Secured Funding





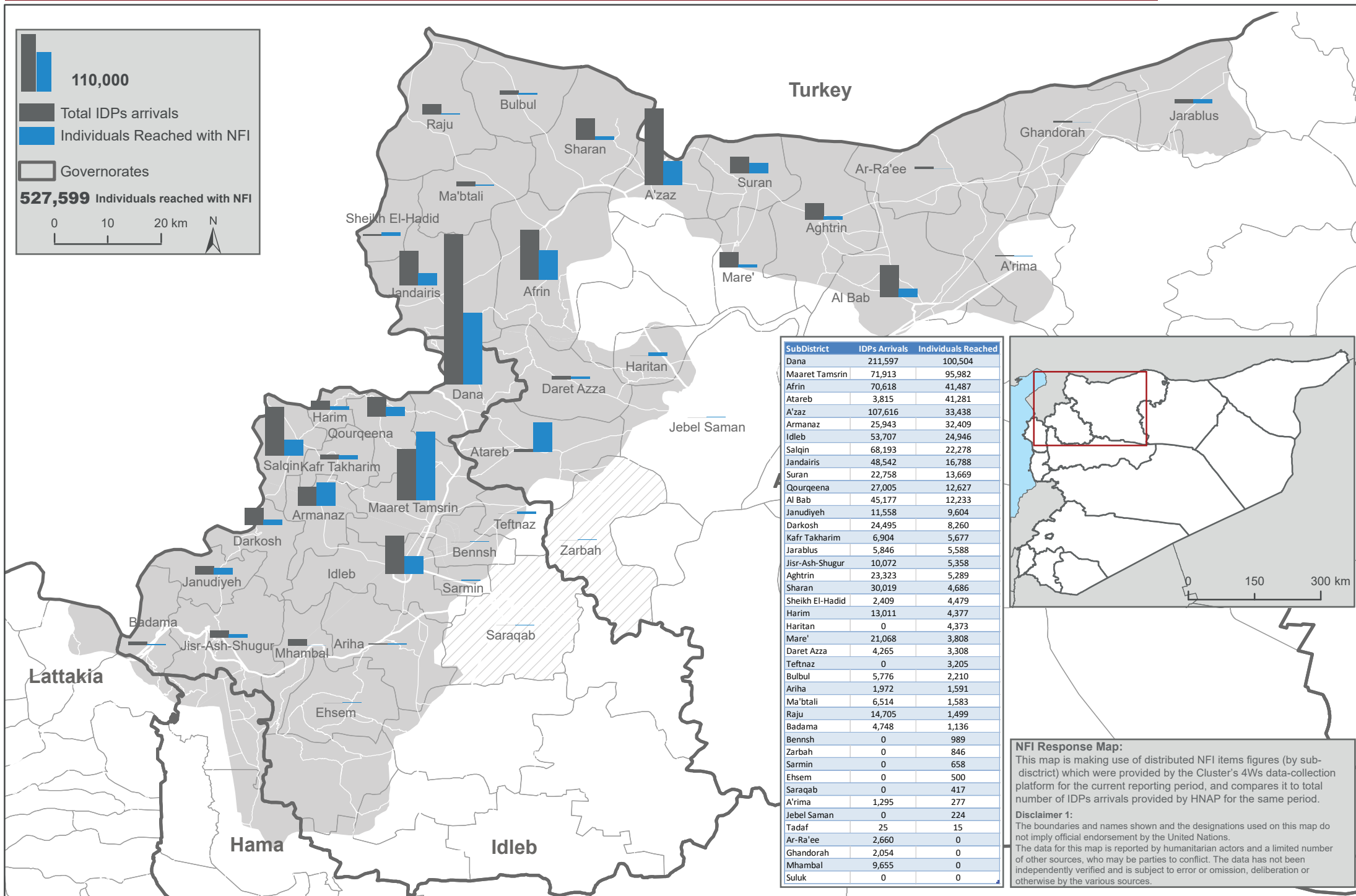
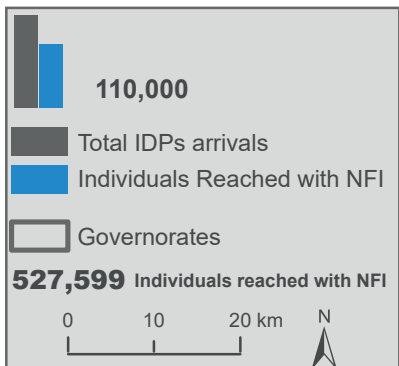
SubDistrict	IDPs Arrivals	Individuals Reached
Maaret Tamsrin	58,690	38,129
Dana	91,456	31,425
Idlib	1,660	10,325
Qourqeena	14,895	8,969
Afrin	9,760	2,275
Atareb	1,945	4,178
Armanaz	2,120	1,962
Aghtrin	6,519	1,910
Suran	3,902	1,631
A'zaz	60,190	1,701
Harim	8,111	1,340
Mhambal	2,580	1,206
Daret Azza	2,995	864
Darkosh	6,119	774
Kafr Takharim	635	1,025
Badama	1,578	346
Bennsh	0	1,421
Salqin	11,630	78
Teftnaz	0	48
Saraqab	0	18
Suluk	0	15
Ariha	415	6
Al Bab	4,943	0
A'rima	90	0
Ar-Ra'ee	1,500	0
Bulbul	932	0
Ehsem	0	0
Ghandorah	1,495	0
Haritan	0	0
Jandairis	13,996	0
Janudiyeh	3,221	0
Jarabulus	4,170	0
Jebel Saman	0	0
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	577	0
Ma'btali	2,430	0
Mare'	1,535	0
Raju	812	0
Sarmin	0	0
Sharan	8,405	0
Sheikh El-Hadid	0	0
Tadaf	0	0
Zarbah	0	0



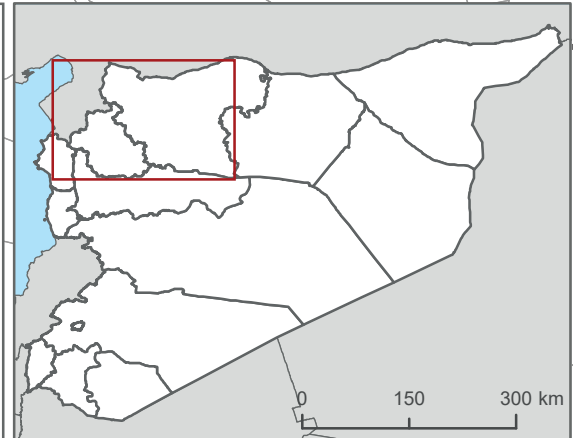
Emergency Shelter vs In-Camp IDPs:
This map is making use of the In-Camp IDPs figures provided by HNAP from the current reporting period and compares them to the number of individuals reached emergency shelter (based on 4Ws for the same reporting). Provision of Emergency Shelter includes distribution of Shelter Kits or Single Items like Plastic Sheets for quick fixing as well as Tents installation.

Disclaimer 1:
The number of in-camp IDPs reported by the HNAP does not conditionally reflect the actual total number of IDPs. The situation is highly fluid in Northwest Syria, IDPs are often displaced multiple-times (secondary displacements) and partners on the ground are not always able to ensure that there is no double counting, and some districts might also be missed during the counting process.

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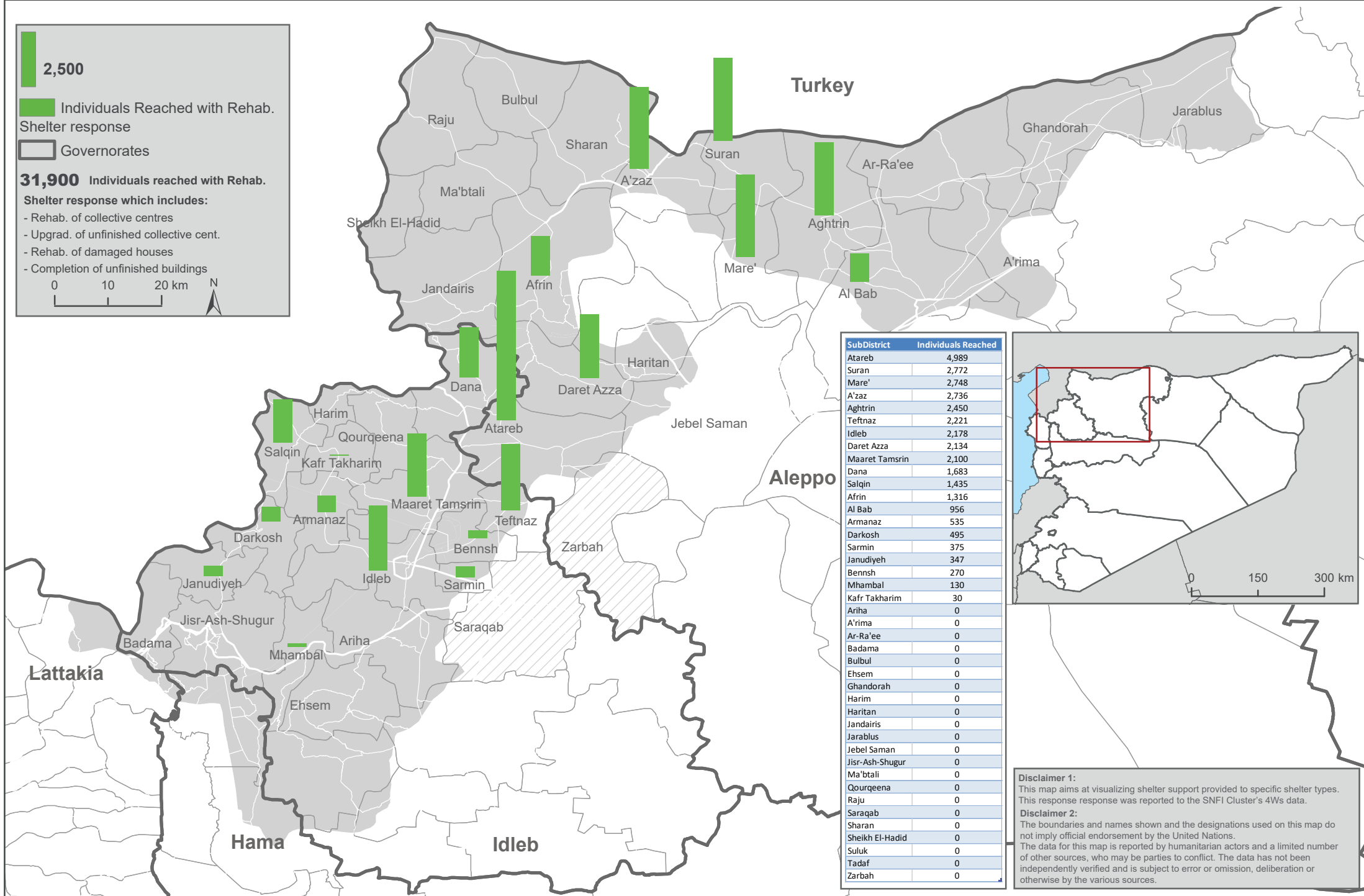
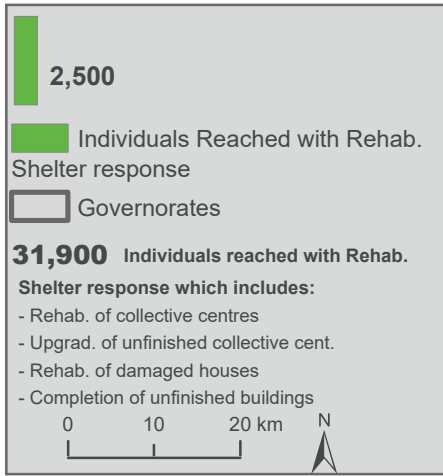


SubDistrict	IDPs Arrivals	Individuals Reached
Dana	211,597	100,504
Maaret Tamsrin	71,913	95,982
Afrin	70,618	41,487
Atareb	3,815	41,281
A'zaz	107,616	33,438
Armanaz	25,943	32,409
Idlib	53,707	24,946
Salqin	68,193	22,278
Jandairis	48,542	16,788
Suran	22,758	13,669
Qourqeena	27,005	12,627
Al Bab	45,177	12,233
Janudiyeh	11,558	9,604
Darkosh	24,495	8,260
Kafr Takharim	6,904	5,677
Jarablus	5,846	5,588
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	10,072	5,358
Aghtrin	23,323	5,289
Sharan	30,019	4,686
Sheikh El-Hadid	2,409	4,479
Harim	13,011	4,377
Haritan	0	4,373
Mare'	21,068	3,808
Daret Azza	4,265	3,308
Teftnaz	0	3,205
Bulbul	5,776	2,210
Ariha	1,972	1,591
Ma'btali	6,514	1,583
Raju	14,705	1,499
Badama	4,748	1,136
Bennsh	0	989
Zarbah	0	846
Sarmin	0	658
Ehsem	0	500
Saraqab	0	417
A'rma	1,295	277
Jebel Saman	0	224
Tadaf	25	15
Ar-Ra'ee	2,660	0
Ghandorah	2,054	0
Mhambal	9,655	0
Suluk	0	0

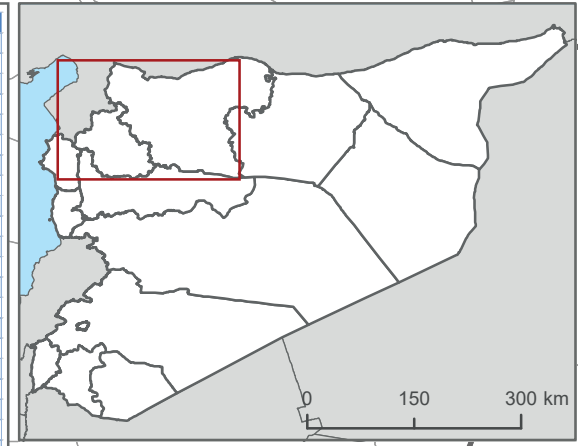


NFI Response Map:
This map is making use of distributed NFI items figures (by sub-district) which were provided by the Cluster's 4Ws data-collection platform for the current reporting period, and compares it to total number of IDPs arrivals provided by HNAP for the same period.

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SubDistrict	Individuals Reached
Atareb	4,989
Suran	2,772
Mare'	2,748
A'zaz	2,736
Aghtrin	2,450
Teftnaz	2,221
Idlib	2,178
Daret Azza	2,134
Maaret Tamsrin	2,100
Dana	1,683
Salqin	1,435
Afrin	1,316
Al Bab	956
Armanaz	535
Darkosh	495
Sarmin	375
Janudiyeh	347
Bennsh	270
Mhambal	130
Kafr Takharim	30
Ariha	0
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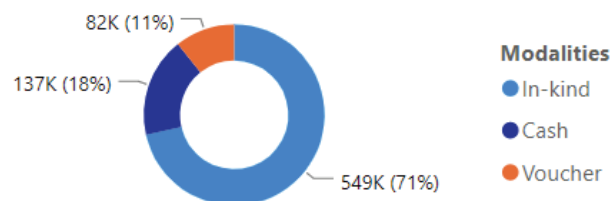
769K
Total People Reached

52
Reporting Partners

701K
People Reached with NFI

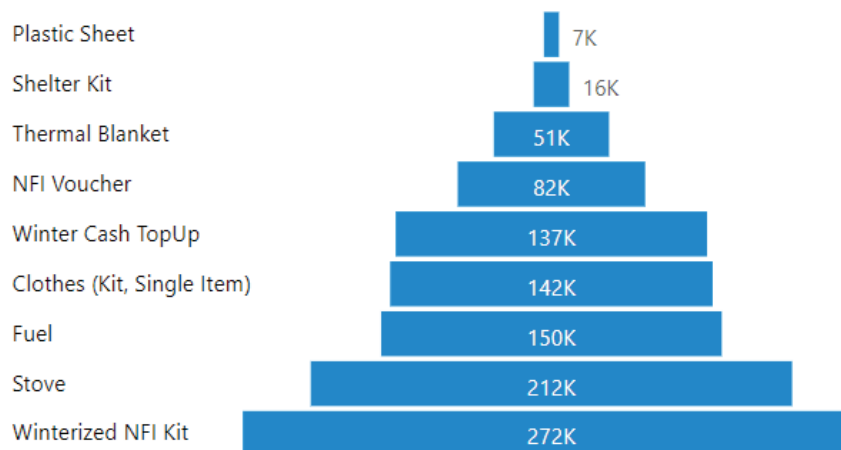
67K
People Reached with Shelter

People Reached by Modality by Modalities

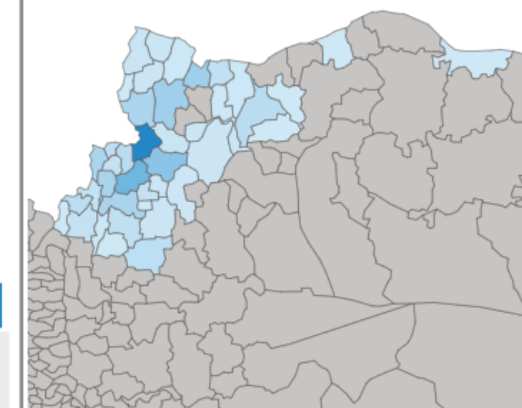


- Plastic Sheet
- Shelter Kit
- Thermal Blanket
- NFI Voucher
- Winter Cash TopUp
- Clothes (Kit, Single Item)
- Fuel
- Stove
- Winterized NFI Kit

Individual Reached

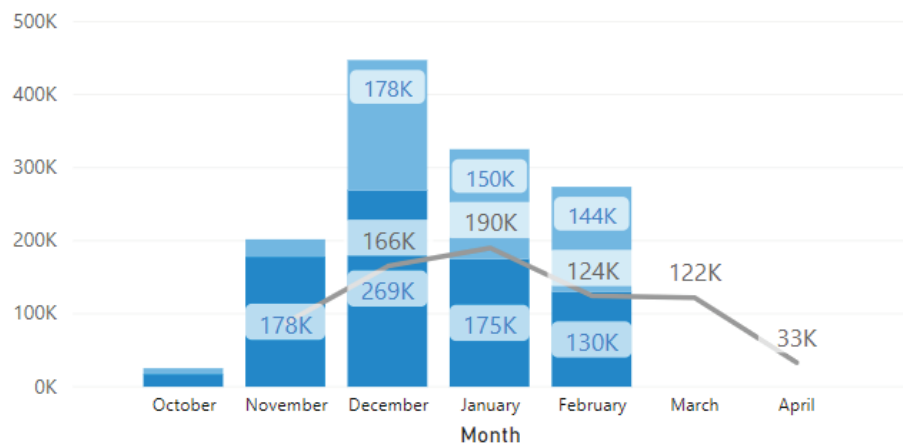


Individuals Reached by Sub District



Disclaimer
NFI Vouchers and Winter cash topup can be used for Fuel, Clothes, or other NFI items.

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Individual Reached by Community

District	Sub_District	Community	People_Reached_Calculated	NFI_Kits	Winter_NFI_Kit	Full_S
Afrin	Afrin	Abin - Efrin	4170	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Afrin (Afrin)	30690	10	1	
Afrin	Afrin	Bablit	156	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Baee	645	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Basufan	757	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Basuta	75	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Burj Abdallah	55	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Ein Dara	145	0	0	
Total			768776	7137	38144	

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