

North-west Syria

January 2019

8,620

Households assisted through UNHCR with core relief items and shelter material in 2019

43,220

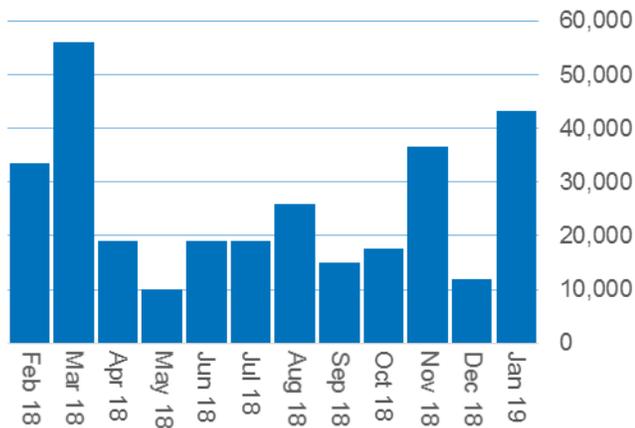
Beneficiaries reached through UNHCR with core relief items and shelter material in 2019

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Trucks with UNHCR humanitarian supplies sent across the border in 2019

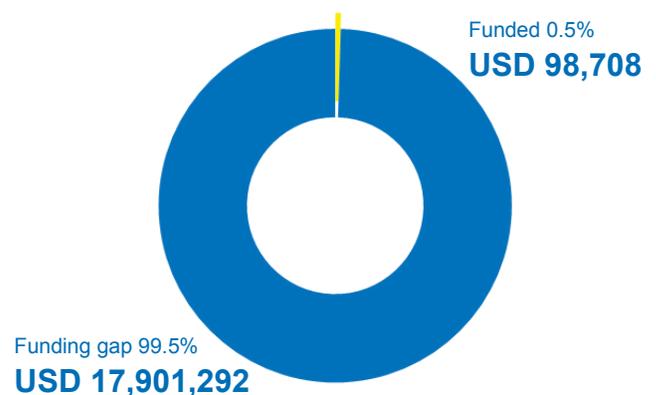
13,013

Beneficiaries reached with protection activities by UNHCR and partners in 2019



Number of **individuals reached** per month by UNHCR programme partners with core relief items and shelter material

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Main objectives

1. Support the coordination of the cross-border humanitarian response through the Cluster system
2. Identify protection risks and protection and assistance needs and inform the overall response

3. Provide protection services and emergency assistance with core relief items and shelter material.
4. Build capacity of (local) humanitarian organizations
5. Fill critical gaps in the basic needs of IDPs where required and feasible

Major developments

In 2018, major developments took place in north-west Syria in regard to inter-factional conflicts and shifting frontlines, military and political control and local agreements on formerly opposition-held enclaves (e.g. eastern Ghouta, northern Homs). As a result, more than 688,000 people were newly displaced within non-state armed group controlled areas in north-west Syria in 2018. People continued to be displaced in January 2019.

In January 2019, intense hostilities between non-state armed groups affected thousands of people, including IDPs, in Idlib. The situation was further aggravated by heavy rains and floods in northern Syria at the end of December and beginning of January.

A Readiness and Response Plan for north-west Syria is still in play and outlines the planned response to the cross-border team in Turkey.

Background

Following the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2165, UNHCR established its cross-border activities from southern Turkey in July 2014. In 2019, through its own programme, UNHCR has partnerships with six organizations - IRC, ACTED-REACH, WATAN, Bir Dunya Çocuk Dernegi (Children of One World), SHAFAK and NRC - to assist displaced people by providing core relief items (CRIs), shelter support, and protection services. In addition, UNHCR is leading the Protection, Shelter/NFI (SNFI) and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Clusters. All Clusters closely follow the humanitarian developments in the conflict areas in north-west Syria and contribute to emergency preparedness plans accordingly.

UNHCR Programme

In early January, Idleb Governorate witnessed an increase in clashes between armed opposition groups. Due to security concerns, in early January, all of the UNHCR's partners had to temporarily suspend their activities. Also, at least 23,000 people lost their belongings to the heavy rains and floods that affected IDP sites in northern Syria.

Flood Response

Upon the CCCM Cluster's request for urgent support, UNHCR's partner identified the needs of people who had to move from those sites and carried out physical verification of the locations indicated by the CCCM Cluster. In total **27,637 flood-affected people** were assisted with basic needs items and protection services, such as psychosocial first aid and referral to essential services. Additionally, UNHCR's protection partners visited locations in Idleb and Aleppo Governorates, where flood-affected people have temporarily settled, to identify specific protection risks and concerns.

Basic needs

UNHCR and its partners continued to provide basic assistance to IDPs and conflict-affected vulnerable host community members: 24,145 individuals received **4,829 winter and emergency kits** and 492 individuals received 82 tents in Idleb and Aleppo Governorates. Four trans-shipments took place through Reyhanli-Bab Al Hawa border crossing carrying 4,000 winterized NFI kits, 2,500 emergency NFI kits and 120 tents

Protection interventions

In January, 7,869 people were assisted with information sessions and legal counselling on housing, land and property (HLP) and civil status documentation (CSD) and 5,144 people were reached with community-based protection interventions by UNHCR's protection partners in north-west Syria.



Distribution of winter NFI kits in north-west Syria © SHAFAK and WATAN



Shelter/NFI Cluster

The SNFI Cluster is led by UNHCR, coordinating the efforts of **51 active member organizations** in the cross-border operation. The Cluster addresses emergency shelter and NFI needs by providing in-kind assistance as well as cash or voucher assistance. It promotes household and community resilience. The Cluster also raises awareness and provides technical guidance on housing, land and property rights relevant for humanitarian shelter activities.

In January, **254,094 individuals** were assisted (NFI: 238,824; Shelter: 15,270) in three Governorates (13 districts and 41 sub-districts). The Cluster has also been working on the winterization planning since July 2018, advocating for more funding and access. So far, the winterization plan has secured funding up to USD 25,732,685 and should reach through 38 Cluster members 644,660 individuals within 37 sub-districts (239 communities). By the end of the year, 455,451 individuals were assisted with winterization support (70.6 per cent of the target). Winterization activities continued in January 2019.



CCCM Cluster

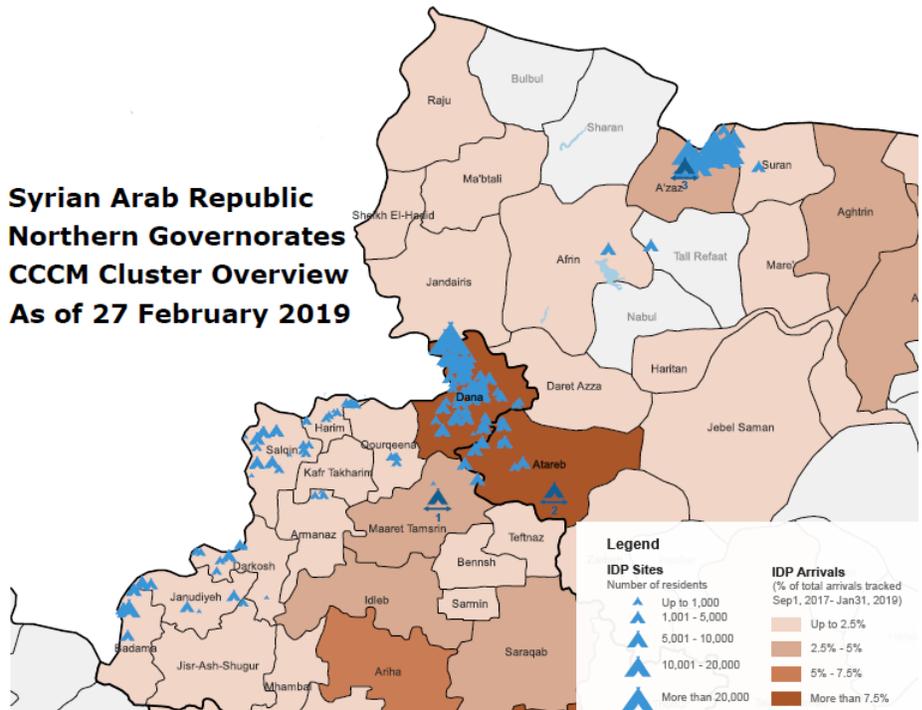
The Cluster coordinates the efforts of **71 active member organizations** providing cross-border assistance in north-west Syria. Activities focus on informing humanitarian partners on the needs in the settlements, tracking IDP movements and coordinating the provision of multi-sectorial assistance in IDP settlements.

Cluster tracked **31,458 displacements** from Aleppo (46 per cent), Idlib (45 per cent) and Hama (8 per cent) Governorates, marking a 75 per cent increase from the previous month due to airstrikes and clashes arising from conflict among different actors on the ground.

Heavy rains and floods caused major damages in several IDP sites in late December: by mid-January, this affected 6,218 IDP families and destroyed or damaged 4,983 tents. The Cluster and its member agencies distributed **25,799 different items** and services in 128 IDPs sites.

The Cluster finalized and shared the ISIMM for the month of December 2018: the number of IDPs in sites was **464,509 individuals or 85,834 households**. The Cluster coordinated multi-sectorial life-saving assistance for **446,159 IDPs** residing in **325 IDP sites** across northern Syria; per sector, coverage was: water (87 per cent covered), waste removal (86 per cent), sanitation (84 per cent), shelter (66 per cent), food (65 per cent) and NFI (62 per cent).

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External and Donor Relations

The humanitarian response in north-west Syria is supported by country-based pooled funds.