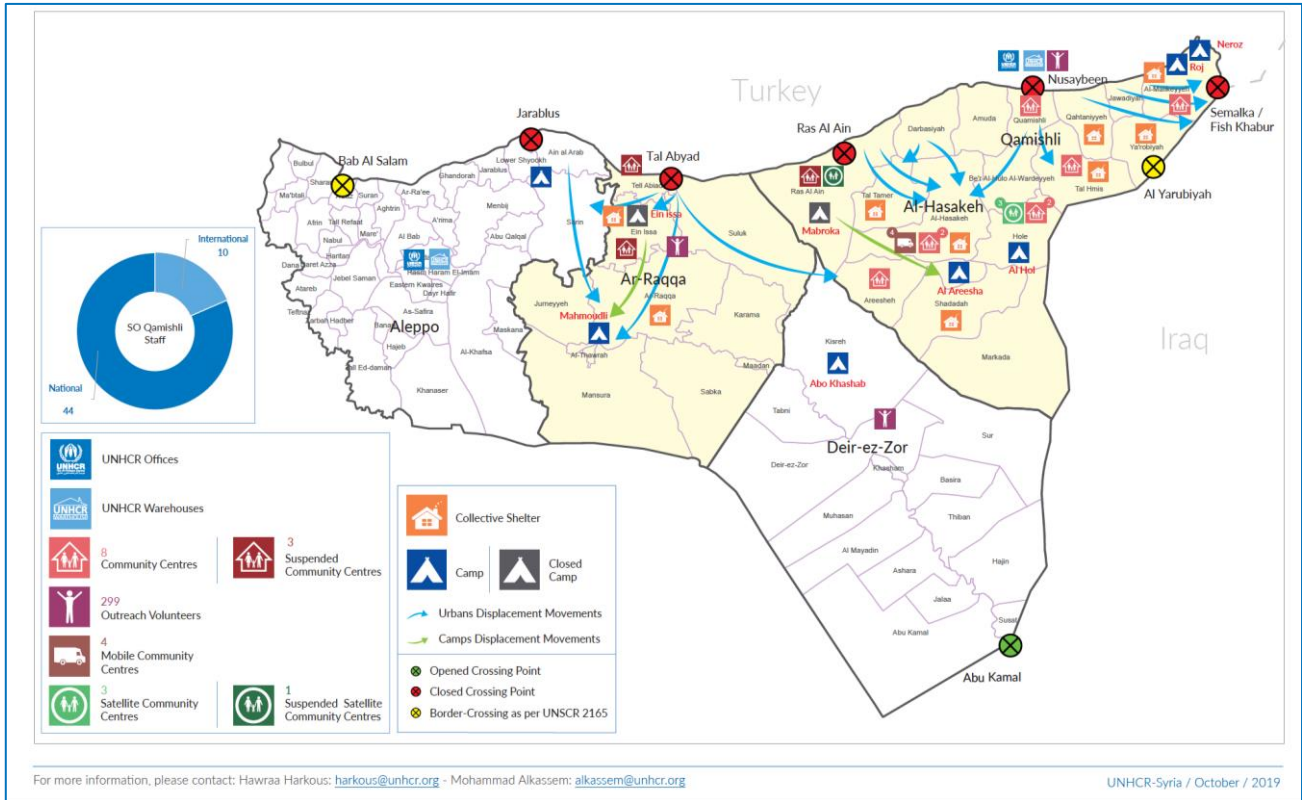


UNHCR SYRIA SITUATION REPORT FOR THE NORTH EAST SYRIA HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

As of 17 October 2019

- An estimated 166,000¹ people have recently been displaced since the beginning of the crisis on 9 October, fleeing military advances and hostilities. Many have displaced multiple times from one area to another. Exacerbated an already pre-existing camp population of over 92,000 people with 18,000 secondarily displaced following the sudden closure of two camps; Ein Issa and Mabrouka camps.
- Reports of 3,340 families (approx. 16,700 people) have been displaced from seven communities in northern Aleppo towards Menbij town and its surrounding areas.
- According to the scenario of full scale military operations in the UN inter-agency contingency plan, 400,000 civilians may require assistance and protection in the coming period (up from an initial estimate of 100,000 people). To date, most displacements took place from Ras al-Ain (Al-Hassakeh governorate) and Tell Abiad (Ar-Raqqa governorate) on the border with Turkey, with some families being displaced multiple times. The full humanitarian impact of the current military operation remains difficult to ascertain given the volatile situation.
- UNHCR with 54 staff continues to operate out of Qamishly and plans to scale up its operation. UNHCR is responding to the needs of the affected population through the provision of emergency items and community-based protection in camps, collective shelters and host communities. These activities are implemented in close coordination with four of UNHCR's local partners including; Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (GOPA), St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC), Syrian Society for Social Development, and Syria Al Yamama Association.
- In partnership with these national NGOs, UNHCR has during this emergency eight operational community centres in Al-Hasakeh, including two in Al-Hol camp, as well as three satellite centres in Al-Hasakeh. These static facilities are also supported by four mobile units in Al-Hasakeh as well as 248 outreach volunteers in Al-Hasakeh and 25 outreach volunteers in Ar-Raqqa and nine in Deir-ez-Zor.

¹ According to OCHA



Emergency response update



Protection concerns and response

- The protection situation of IDPs and the civilian population remains a critical concern given the evolving situation and continued displacement. There are immediate concerns for the civilian population remaining in Tel Abyad, Ain Eissa, Tal Tamer, Ras al Ein and Malikiyah. It is imperative that civilians are protected from direct attacks and the effects of hostilities, allowed to move in safety and voluntarily to safe places, with special protection afforded to children.
- In Mabrouka Camp the remaining 14 families (83 individuals) are still awaiting evacuation to Areesha.
- In Raqqa, advocacy for unimpeded access and solutions is ongoing for the 27 unaccompanied children in an interim center managed by local authorities.
- Protection partners continue to advocate for the return of confiscated personal identification documentation and freedom of movement out of camps to locations of choice. This includes the 58 families in Mahmoudli (displaced from Ein Issa Camp) wanting to leave.
- Overcrowding in Areesha camp and lack of privacy continue to exacerbate protection risks and pose challenges for protection partners to implement protection activities such as case management, PSS, awareness sessions etc.
- Protection assessments, advocacy and response are ongoing, including assistance, referrals and case management for the most vulnerable identified so far following the initial rapid assessments including women at risk, unaccompanied elderly in need of support, persons with disabilities, persons with serious medical conditions and children at risk.
- Protection partners are planning to commence more comprehensive protection assessments in the coming days, starting with the 34 collective shelters in Hassakeh.



UNHCR is on the ground meeting with newly displaced children that are at a school, being used as collective shelter in Hassakeh.



NFI and shelter response

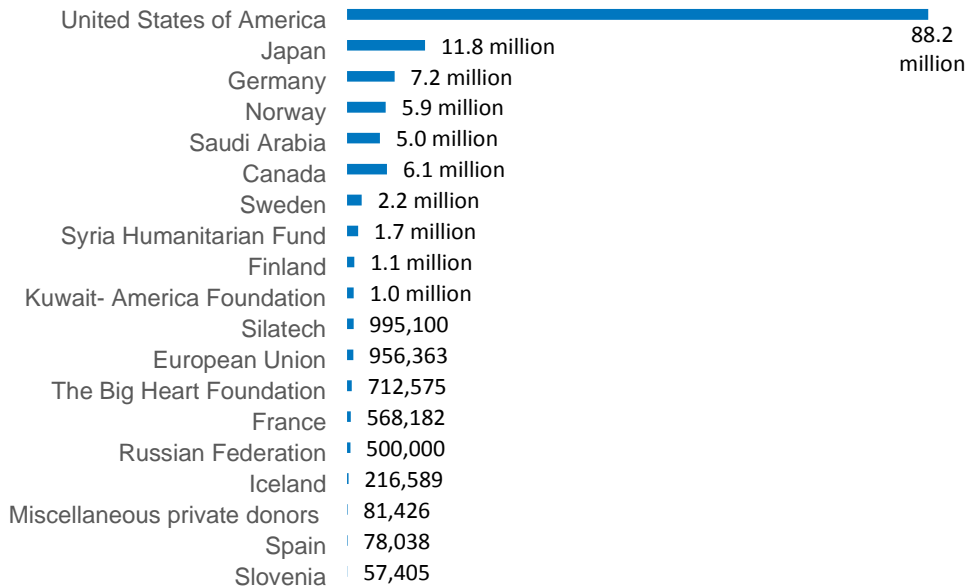
- As of 17 October nearly 60,000 people have been reached with core relief and winter items in collective shelters, urban areas and camps.
- NFI distributions is ongoing in urban areas and collective shelters in Hassakeh city, Mabada in Hassakaeh governorate and distributions are expected to restart in Tal Tamer.
- Winter distributions have already been completed in Roj and Mahmoudli; distributions are underway in Al Hol and will start in Areesha next Monday. They are expected to go on for the rest of the week and aim to cover new arrivals and camp residents – an estimated 90,500 individuals.
- 21 collective shelters in Hassakeh have been assessed for shelter repairs including water network repairs, basic maintenance. UNHCR has committed to repairing 11 shelters and has already started in seven locations and will assist nearly 300 households/1500 individuals.

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