

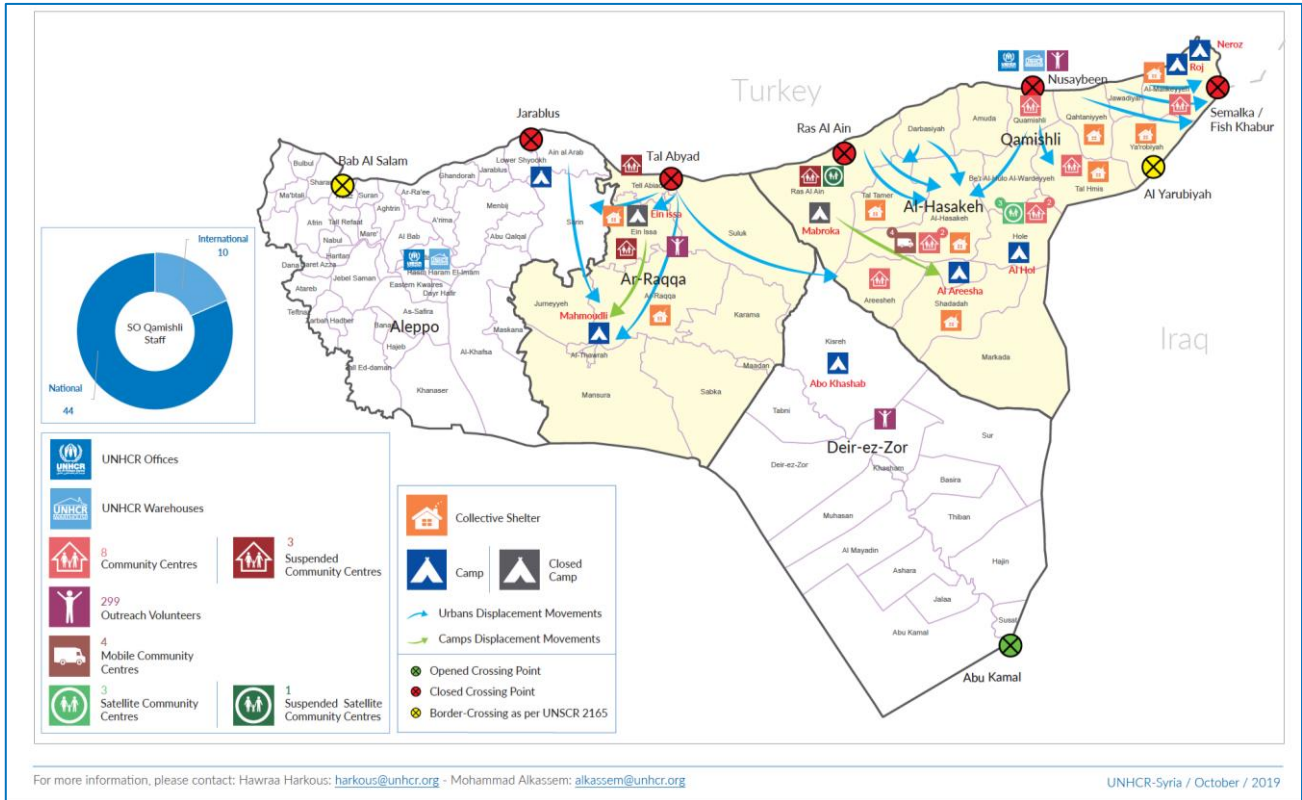
UNHCR SYRIA SITUATION REPORT FOR THE NORTH EAST SYRIA HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

As of 18 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.
- A pause in fighting for 5 days (till 22 Oct) was announced in a joint statement between the US and Turkey. The YPG-backed forces are expected to withdraw 20 miles (30km) south away from the border. On 17 October, shelling and gun fire in Ras Al Ain was reported. It is difficult to predict how it will be implemented and its impact on further displacement at this juncture.

The protection situation of IDPs and the civilian population remains a critical concern and a permanent end to hostilities is needed. There are immediate concerns for the civilian population remaining in Tel Abyad, Ain Eissa, Tal Tamer, Ras al Ein and Malikiyah. It remains imperative that civilians are protected from direct attacks and the effects of hostilities, allowed to move in safely and voluntarily to safe places, with special protection afforded to children. Syrian army forces are deployed in Ain Al-Arab along the border with Turkey and further east in Malikiya.

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.
- 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's NFI distribution in Hassakeh



NFI and shelter response

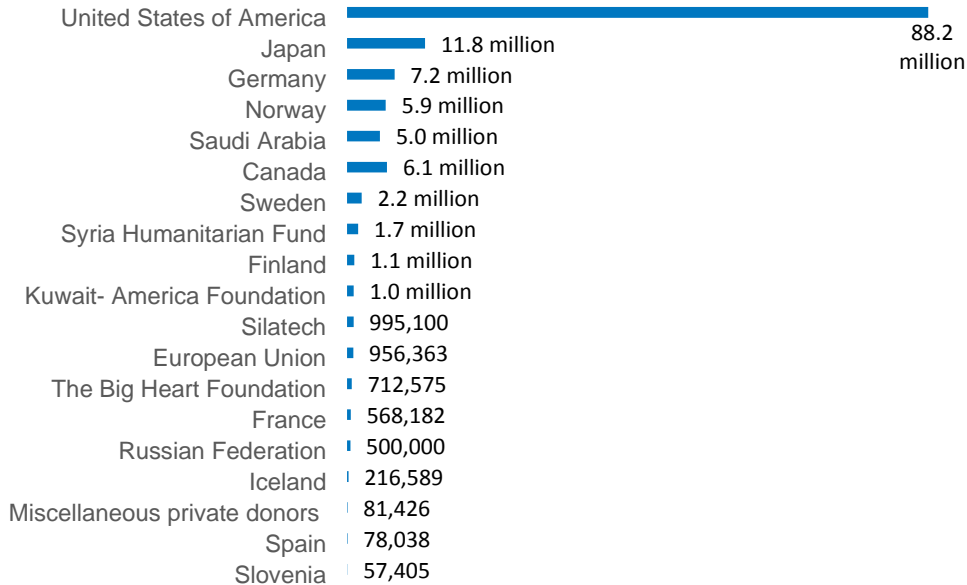
- Some 60,000 people have been reached with core relief and winter items in collective shelters, urban areas and camps.
- NFI distributions is ongoing in urban areas and collective shelters in Hassakeh city, Mabada in Hassakaeh governorate and distributions are expected to restart in Tal Tamer.
- Winter 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. UNHCR completed assessments for four collective shelters in Tal Tamer.
- NFIs are in stock or *en route* to Qamishli sufficient to cover nearly 17,000 HHs or estimated 85,000 individuals.

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