CONTEX
On 27 September 2020 clashes broke out in the Nagorno-Karabakh region with a population of 150,932 people. The intensification of conflict has led to large displacement to Armenia.

The displacement situation is further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and approaching winter. Thousands of displaced people are likely in need of immediate assistance but information gaps hamper the humanitarian response. To help fill these information gaps, People in Need (PIN) and REACH conducted a rapid needs assessment aiming to provide key information on the demographics, intentions, and priority needs of displaced populations. A zoom-in assessment in Goris, located close to the border, was also conducted to provide insight into the situation of displaced populations accommodated in collective centres.

METHODOLOGY
Between 10 October and 20 October, 160 displaced households from Nagorno-Karabakh were purposively sampled for interviews across four marzes. In addition, 8 collective centre sites were assessed out of 27 in Goris, Syunik through 4 site key-informant (KI) interviews and 39 purposively-selected household interviews to provide an indicative situation overview of sites. Data collection was led by REACH and PIN, and analysis conducted by REACH. Results should be considered indicative only.

DEMOGRAPHICS

**Demographics of assessed household (HH) members**

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<th>Female (62%)</th>
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<td>11% Elderly (65+)</td>
<td>88% Women and Children</td>
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<td>50% Children (&lt;18)</td>
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**Current source of HH income:**

- No source of income: 41%
- Pensions: 29%
- Formal employment: 16%
- Support from friends or family: 5%
- Social protection: 3%

**Type of accommodation:**

- Hosted in collective centres: 38%
- Staying in hotels or hostels: 31%
- Staying in kindergartens: 11%

**Region of origin:**

- Stepanakert: 15%
- Martakert: 20%
- Martuni: 13%
- Shusha: 4%

**Length of stay in current accommodation:**

- Two weeks or more: 54%
- Between 1 and 2 weeks: 32%
- A few days: 11%

- 94% of HHs reported they do not intend to move and will stay in their current location until they can safely return home.

- 12% of HHs were unsure or reported not being currently registered with local municipal authorities.

PRIORITY NEEDS

**Top priority needs:**

- Clothes: 23%
- Food: 10%
- Medicines: 10%
- Hygiene/Menstrual Products: 8%
- Cash/cash for rent: 10%
- Shelter: 11%

**Water and hygiene needs:**

- Washing powder (for clothes): 61%
- Soap: 63%
- Shampoo: 65%
- Toothpaste: 50%
- Toothbrush: 40%
- Clean taps (for houses): 40%
- Sanitary pads: 35%

**Non-food items needs:**

- Winter clothes: 70%
- Winter shoes: 40%
- Mattresses (mattress, pillow): 32%
- Mattresses/Blankets/ Matt: 23%
- Cooking utensils: 11%
- Heating fuel: 9%

**Received assistance:**

- Food: 87%
- Shelter: 60%
- Clothes: 24%
- Mattresses: 28%
- Hygiene/Menstrual Products: 19%
- Sleeping Materials: 12%
- Baby items: 10%

1. Nagorno-Karabakh officials report that the violence has displaced up to half of the region’s population, some 70,000 people (BBC 08/10/20)
2. 2015 Census Statistical Service of Nagorno-Karabakh
SITE INFO

- Site Typologies: Hotels/Hostels, Kindergartens
- Regions of Origin: Askhen, Hadzat, Kashahag, Martakert, Martuni, Shushi, Stepanakert
- Registration: 93% of HHs in sites reported being registered with local authorities
- Length in current accommodation: 67% of HHs in sites reported being in accommodation for 2 or more weeks
- Vulnerable Groups present:
  - Pregnant and lactating women (PLW)
  - Elderly (65+)
  - Single parents or caregivers were reported to be vulnerable groups present in sites

SITE COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Site Community Representative: No site KIs reported the presence of a community representative from the displaced population
- Feedback or Complaint Mechanism: No site KIs reported that feedback or complaint mechanisms were available
- Access to services in host community: All site KIs reported site population having access to services within the host community
- Access to Information: Top reported information needs were how to access assistance and how to enroll children into school
- Access to food distribution: Food distribution was reported by all site KIs as the main source of access to food, followed by family and friends
- Major shelter concerns of site: 3 of the 4 KIs interviewed reported lack of heating at the site as the major concern
- Concern around COVID-19: COVID-19 was reported as a topic of concern for the displaced population by 2 of the 4 KIs
- Mitigation measures in place at sites: Only hand sanitizer distribution was reported as as current mitigation measures in place by 3 of the 4 KIs

SITE PRIORITY NEEDS REPORTED

- Priority needs reported by HHs in assessed sites (% of HHs)
  1. Clothes (74%)
  2. Sanitation and hygiene products (64%)
  3. Food (23%)
  4. Medicine (21%)
  5. Shelter (15%)
  6. Cash (13%)

- Top 3 NFI needs reported by HHs in assessed sites
  1. Winter clothes, boots, blankets, and heating fuel were the most commonly reported needs
  2. Mattresses and bedding items were the second most commonly reported needs
  3. Cooking utensils were the third most commonly reported needs

- Top 3 healthcare needs reported by site KIs
  1. Treatment for chronic disease (diabetes, blood pressure, heart problems, kidney problems)
  2. Psychiatric care
  3. None

- Top 3 WASH needs reported by HHs in assessed sites
  1. Soap, shampoo, and washing powder for clothes were the most commonly reported needs
  2. Toothpaste and toothbrushes were reported as the second most commonly reported needs
  3. Sanitary pads and disposable diapers were reported as the third most commonly reported needs