



Abdullah had a happy life. He was a construction worker and had his own house where he raised his four sons and two daughters. They were the great joy of his life. Later, the birth of his grandchildren made his life even more fulfilled and he couldn't wish for more. When the war broke out, his life as he knew it was gone. Militants invaded the area and attacked people and bombardments made the family feel unsafe and scared. "We didn't even dare go out to get food, it was too dangerous", Abdullah said. Eventually, the family decided to leave their village behind but during their escape, Abdullah's son Ibrahim was shot by a sniper. The nearest medical care available was in Turkey, so the family rushed across the border to try and save Ibrahim, but they were too late. Two children were left without a father and Abdullah was broken hearted. Abdullah, his wife, sister, daughter, daughter-in-law and grandchildren were now in Turkey with no money and no income. They stayed in a small car garage for four months with no food, until eventually the local community realized the seriousness of their situation and began donating clothes and furniture to help them. Abdullah's sons then also crossed the border and the family was finally able to rent a small apartment and build an additional room on the roof. Abdullah's sons could only find seasonal work, the proceedings of which only just covered the rent and basic food. During winter, Abdullah and his sons felt helpless watching the children of the family struggle with the cold. Coal was too expensive for their budget. Luckily, the family found out about the winterization programme offered in their area to refugees. The family was provided with a card that allowed them to buy what they needed to see them through the winter. They could now afford to buy coal, mattresses, blankets and winter clothes, and winter became more bearable. "When we used the card, it was a relief. We weren't as restricted as we had been and could buy more than just a minimal food supply". The children fell ill less often, their attendance at school improved and they could play outside for longer in their new warm clothes. Abdullah says that he hopes his family might settle to give his grandchildren the chance to continue their education. "I just want them to have a good future and to build a new life in the place of the one we lost".

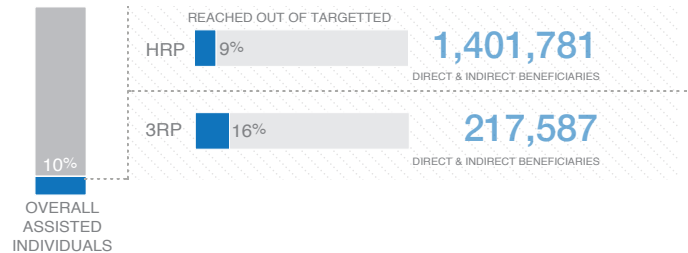
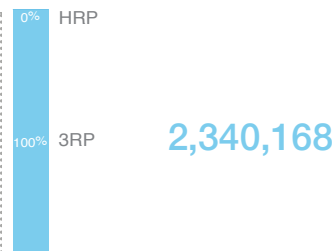
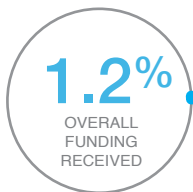
Abdullah was one of the 8,000 refugees in Gaziantep who received cash assistance for the winterization programme. (Photo: © IOM Turkey 2018)

USD 2.3 M

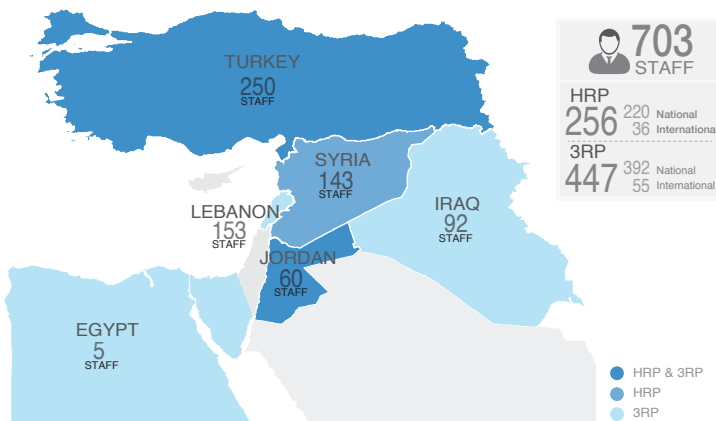
Funding received of USD 193 M required

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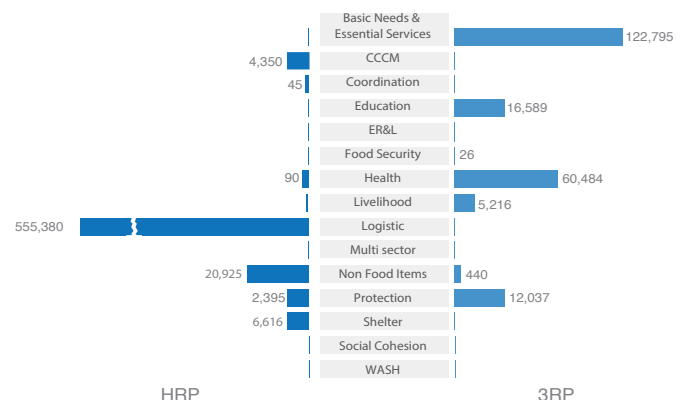
Assisted individuals of 16.4 M targeted



IOM PRESENCE



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



IOM WHOLE OF SYRIA RESPONSE (HRP) - AT A GLANCE

HRP - RESPONSE



Camp Coordination and Camp Management:

In February, IOM provided over 5,600 IDPs with access to temporary shelter and life-sustaining services, including water, medical and nutritional screening and cooked meals in three Reception Centres. During this time, the centres received 3,320 new arrivals, including 886 women and 2,177 children.

Moreover, in the month of February, thermal insulation material was installed in more than 3,100 tents. Additionally 3,170 tents were weatherproofed, 380 tents were replaced, and 2,500 tents were raised using a brick and gravel base layer. Additionally more than 200 tents were provided to new arrivals in camps from the ongoing displacements into Idlib.

Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA):

IOM continues to provide coordination support for the Inter-Agency Whole of Syria PSEA initiative. In February, a comprehensive workplan and a unified code of conduct was signed by humanitarian actors active in northern Syria. A Network of PSEA focal point meets every month, and dedicated trainings continue to be providing to all partners including local Syrian NGOs. Similar inter-agency efforts are being initiated in the other hubs.

Winterisation Assistance:

3,000 vulnerable households have been supported through the provision of Winter NFI kits as part of IOM's winter

ization assistance programme. This includes immediate support of winter clothes and a core NFI kit to respond to the needs of the households exposed to harsh winter conditions residing in informal tented settlements in Quneitra and Dar'a, as well as IDP-hosting communities in Dar'a. Moreover, installation of 1,500 shelter kits is ongoing to ensure that extensive damages in temporary settlements following the windstorm in Dar'a and Quneitra during February 2018 are repaired.

Logistical Support to Humanitarian Partners:

To ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches the people most in need through the most direct route, seven convoys comprising of 124 trucks have been organized during February 2018 to transport food rations, agricultural inputs and educational kits into Syria.



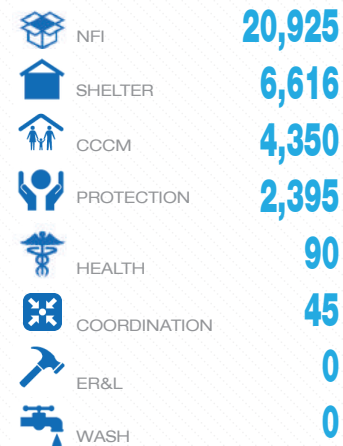
Winterised Tents. (Photo: © IOM Turkey 2018) © IOM Syria 2017

OVERVIEW

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

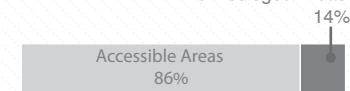


REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



Through Their Eyes

"My father raised me to love the land and I was proud of the house and land I came to own, more so because of him." Abdulhamid lived with his wife Hanaa in their quiet village in Hama province, where they raised their family and set down their roots. They grew crops in the summer and had a small chicken farm to see them through the winter. For the first few years of the civil war, their area was not dramatically affected by the fighting, but in 2015 militant groups began fighting close and artillery bombardments began. "At that point, I lost my land", Abdulhamid told us. The family fled, moving around Hama province and eventually found refuge in an IDP settlement. The tent they were provided with was hardly enough to shield the family from the cold in winter and it leaked when it rained. In the summer, the family experienced the unbearable temperatures with little reprieve and such extreme conditions were affecting their health. When IOM's tent insulation project reached the family, their situation regarding shelter solutions improved considerably. Abdulhamid's tent has specially designed insulation material that protects the family from extreme temperatures and a high visibility outer layer that also keeps the tent dry in wet weather. While life is still extremely difficult for the family, the improved situation for the tent has offered some reprieve to Abdulhamid and his family. "I feel better after this project. I do not fear for my children's health like I used to in the past. It is a temporary solution until the war is over."

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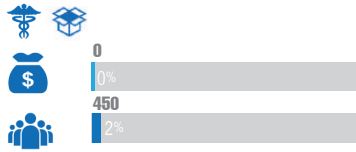


ABBREVIATIONS USED

- CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management
- CTA - Community Technology Access
- DOT - Directly Observed Treatment
- ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods
- HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan
- IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
- NFI - Non-Food Items
- NTP - National Tuberculosis Programme
- PHC - Primary Healthcare Centres
- TB - Tuberculosis
- SRP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

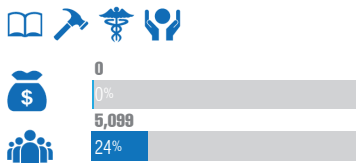
IOM SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE (3RP) - AT A GLANCE

EGYPT



Health Assistance: Two 'Health Days' were conducted in Alexandria on 9 and 10 February during which health awareness sessions were conducted for 120 Syrian refugee and migrant women at the Syrian Women Community. The women were briefed on the Nutrition and Basic health hygiene procedures. Furthermore, IOM funded surgical operations for eight Syrian women in Cairo and Alexandria governorates. During the 'Health Days' organised in February, IOM distributed NFIs to families and children. The NFI kits included blankets, clothing items, and hygiene/ dignity items such as shampoo, toothpaste, sanitary pads, nails clippers and soap.

IRAQ

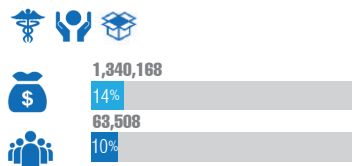


Common Services: Refugees in camps continue to have access to internet and technological resources through IOM's CTA centres in Dohuk (Domiz camp) and Erbil (Darashakran, Kawergosik, Qushtapa and Basirma camps). Each CTA centre consists

of two caravans (one for males and another for females). In February, 1,899 beneficiaries (886 females and 1,013 males) benefited from CTA services in Dohuk (129) and Erbil (1,770).

Job Referral Mechanism: IOM is organising job placement opportunities for Syrian refugees in Erbil, Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah. This process includes mapping employment opportunities and partners who can help IOM beneficiaries gain skills or find work. IOM also provides sessions in CV development and interviewing skills. In Erbil, IOM has identified a company working in delivery service, and is preparing the beneficiaries for the interviews. In Sulaymaniyah, two vacancies were filled, and in Dohuk IOM is working on finding service providers.

JORDAN



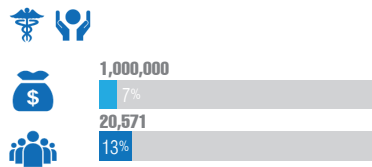
Distribution of Snacks to Syrian Students in Azraq Camp: Since 11 February, IOM has been providing healthy snacks to children who attend extra-curricular activities in the three Makani centres managed by UNICEF in Village 5. So far, IOM has provided 2,750 cold food packages daily to the centres. The snack box contains one package of almonds, raisins, salty crackers, one cupcake, one apple and one

juice. The centres open from Saturday to Thursday in complementary shifts to the schools. The healthy snacks aim to complement the food distributed by WFP and UNICEF inside the formal schools.

School Transportation in Azraq Camp:

The second semester of the school year began on 7 February in Azraq camp. Registration for school transportation for students for this semester occurred in coordination with CARE during January and February 2018. This registration covered new students, and previously registered students were also able to replace damaged cards during registration.

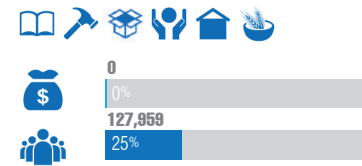
LEBANON



Medical Health Support: IOM, in collaboration with NTP, conducted a workshop on 16 February for 35 PHC staff (15 women and 20 men) in Bekaa. The purpose of this activity was to: 1) Share national guidelines and updates on medical treatment and DOT strategy; 2) Improve TB case detection in primary healthcare settings and ensure organized referrals process to NTP; and 3) Introduce PHC physicians to nearby NTP facilities, and diagnostic and treatment services with the purpose of improved cooperation between PHCs and NTP centres.

In collaboration with Aamel Association, IOM conducted two TB awareness sessions for Aamel Association's beneficiaries and staff at Aamel centres in South Lebanon (Bazourieh and Tyre) on 6 and 7 February.

TURKEY



Rehabilitation of Public Spaces:

IOM continues its quick impact projects to support local governments and promote social cohesion through rehabilitation of public spaces for the use of both refugee and host communities. After rehabilitating the gym in Harran, Sanliurfa, by providing brand new equipment for the Health Life Centre and installing new doors and windows, the opening ceremony was attended by local municipality mayor and representatives together with IOM's head of Office. The second opening ceremony was at Siverek, Sanliurfa, after IOM had rehabilitated the launderette and provided new machines. In addition to host community members and Syrian refugees, the mayor and deputy mayor attended the event. Additionally, another launderette rehabilitation commenced in February in Suruc, Sanliurfa, which is expected to be finalized within upcoming months.



IOM is providing healthy snacks to children in UNICEF Makani centres. (Photo: © IOM Jordan 2018)

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