

REPORTING PERIOD • March



Khalaf and his wife and children are originally from Ar Raqqa, Syria. When the war began, the family had to leave their town for four months due to ensuing violence. After returning home, other militant groups once again entered the area and took control. The family lived in a highly restricted environment and Khalaf constantly worried for his wife and children. Eventually, in 2016, Khalaf made the decision to leave their home in Syria behind and they escaped to Turkey. The move was a big adjustment for the family. The language barrier made it harder to meet people and made it more difficult for Khalaf to find work to support his children. It was a big challenge to find good rental accommodation that was affordable for a family with no income, relying on sporadic aid. Families like Khalaf's also struggled to find accommodation that was stable and secure. Their rights as tenants were non-existent and the family was forced to move eight times in two years for varying reasons, making extreme compromises just to keep a roof over their heads. In their current accommodation, the doors were old and draughty, the house was damp and electricity was intermittent. Dangerous cables were exposed, making the house extremely unsafe for children. IOM was able to support Khalaf and his family. An assessment was made and new doors, water pipes and electric cables were installed. The walls were also painted and the house looked brighter and more like a home. In return for improving the landlord's properties free of charge, a binding agreement was made on behalf of the tenants that the families were able to stay for at least one year. Rental prices were also fixed so that beneficiaries didn't have to worry about fluctuations in prices. "I feel much more secure", Khalaf said. "The fact that the landlord is tied into the contract gives me the stability I need to make my family feel safe and settled – and to start thinking about the future." Khalaf hopes to go back to Syria one day to see his children grow up in their home town.

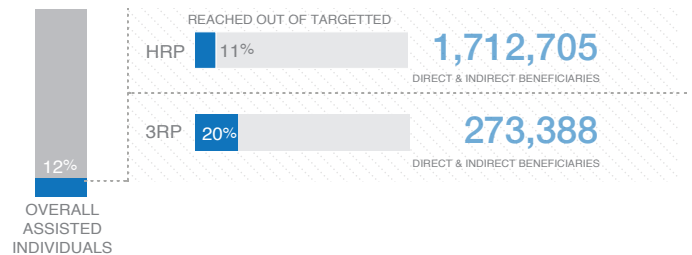
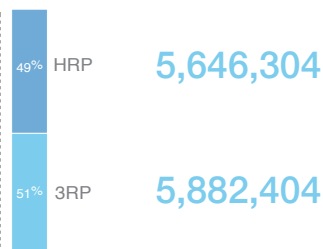
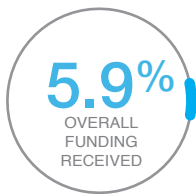
Khalaf's family in their newly refurbished living room. (Photo: © IOM Turkey 2018)
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USD 11.5 M

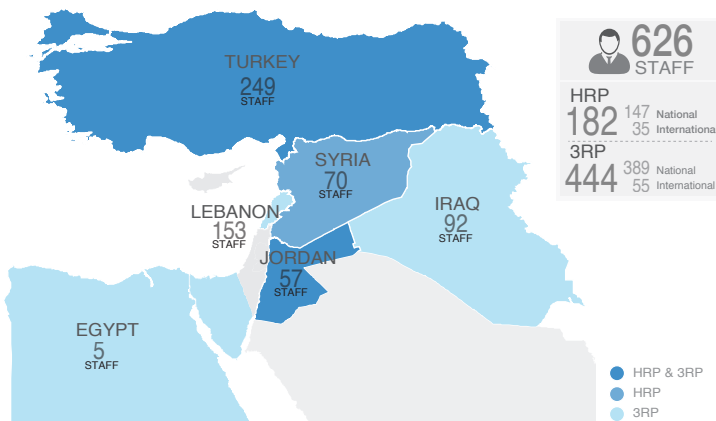
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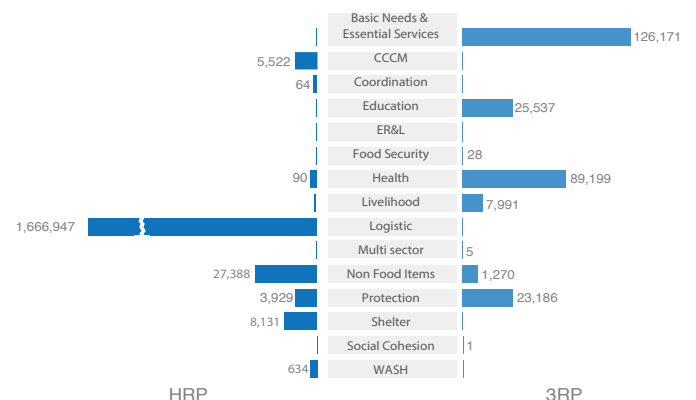
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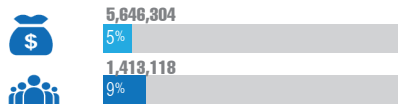


NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



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

HRP - RESPONSE



Fighting continued throughout Northern Syria during the reporting period. While temperatures began to rise and the worst of the winter is thought to be over, fighting intensified on a number of fronts resulting in significant new IDPs and an urgent and continuing need for support with shelter, access to food and NFIs, and protection concerns.

Over 80,000 people have fled eastern Ghouta since 9 March, with some 47,000 people currently hosted in eight collective shelters in Rural Damascus. Towards mid-March, a Russian brokered deal was reached between rebel groups in Eastern Ghouta and the Syrian government to evacuate fighters and civilians in the besieged area to opposition-controlled parts of Idleb. Of the 49,000 IDPs that entered Idleb, 6,501 were offered temporary shelter in Mizanaz and Maaret Elekhwani. The Reception Center in Mizanaz, Atareb received 3,594 IDPs (923 families) from Eastern Ghouta. In response to the new arrivals, IOM coordinated the multi-sectoral support through previously arranged service providers and with the various Clusters to provide surge capacity.

CCCM: Across northern Syria, IOM provided over 6,000 IDPs with access to temporary shelter in reception centers and life-sustaining services including water, medical and nutritional screening, and cooked meals in March. IDPs from Eastern Ghouta, and other displaced families in the site, benefitted from temporary shelter and bedding

(mattresses, blankets, pillows), cooked meals, clean drinking water, adequate and safe sex-segregated WASH facilities, hygiene kits, dignity kits, access to protection services, child friendly spaces, mobile health clinics, nutrition screening and response (RUTFs), and clothing items for adults and children.

Winterisation Assistance: As shelter winterization activities begin to wind down, thermal insulation material was installed in over 1,100 tents; almost 2,000 tents were provided with plastic sheets, 160 tents were replaced, and almost 800 tents were raised using the

brick and gravel base layer. In March, over 1,800 displaced families benefited from IOM's winterization programming in reception centres and camps.

Logistical support to humanitarian partners:

To ensure that humanitarian assistance reach the people most in need through the most direct route, 8 convoys comprising of 140 trucks have been organized during March 2018 to transport food rations, agricultural inputs and educational kits into South Syria.



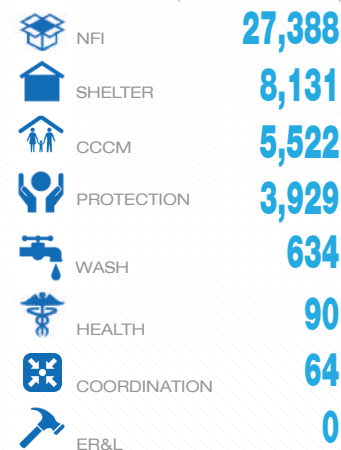
MHPSS sessions are provided for IDPs of different ages to give them emotional support, Al Bab. (Photo: © IOM Turkey 2018)

OVERVIEW

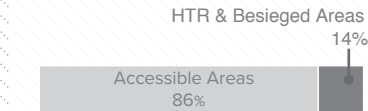
BENEFICIARIES REACHED



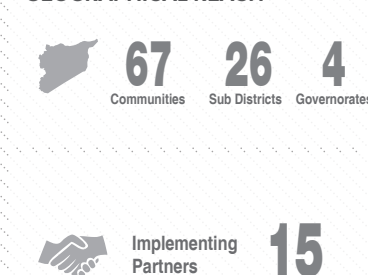
REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



REACH BY ACCESS STATUS



GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



Through Their Eyes

Insaf is from Hama. Her husband was a freelancer and they were homeowners. When the war started, her husband was killed and it was no longer safe for her family to stay in her town. She left with her children and her aging parents. She moved around a lot, staying alone or with relatives and both solutions were difficult. People complained about the noise the children made and there was little she could do but try to stay quiet to keep a roof over her head. She was also suffering from a back injury and struggled to get the support she needed. All of these things had a big impact on her mental health. She was fighting to find a way to keep positive for the sake of her family. After another move, her family was struggling to find accommodation and they sought refuge in a Al Bab Reception Centre.

The temporary reception centre in Al Bab was offering psychosocial first aid and psychosocial support sessions and Insaf decided to take part. The sessions offered a place she could go to express herself and discuss her worries and concerns. The sessions gave her the psychological tools she needed to confront the challenges she was facing and gave her the belief that her family could move forward.

"I can now see a future for us," explains Insaf. "I would like to find a small house for me and my children and look into training opportunities to find a way to make a living. Planning for the future has given me fresh hope for my whole family."

SECTOR ICONS

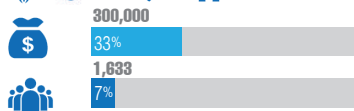


ABBREVIATIONS USED

BEF - Bynaa el Ensan for Future	IMC - International Medical Corps	SAT - Swedish Academy for Training
CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management	IKG - In-Kind Grants	TB - Tuberculosis
CTU - Counter-Trafficking Unit	JOHUD - Jordanian Hashemite Development Fund	3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan
ECM - Emergency Case Management	MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support	
ECH - Egyptian Export Council for Handicrafts	NFI - Non-Food Items	
ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods	NGO - Non-Governmental Organization	
HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan	NTP - National Tuberculosis Programme	
IDP - Internally Displaced Persons	RUTF - Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food	

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

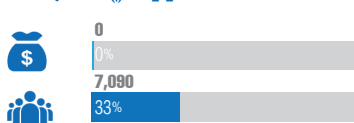
EGYPT



Education: To improve access for women to education services, IOM is supporting two community schools for refugees in 6th of October city. IOM provided sporting equipment and sportswear for 110 girls attending Fard Foundation Community School. IOM is providing educational and recreational materials to Watan Community School and transportation incentives for 113 school girls to encourage school enrolment

Livelihoods: To improve access for Syrian refugees and their host communities to better and more sustainable livelihood opportunities. IOM has contracted EECH, an NGO providing support to a hand-craft initiative called Nilfurat. 27 women are developing their skills in techniques such as silkscreen printing, block printing, dyeing, stencil printing and embroidery.

IRAQ

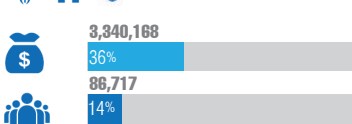


Vocational Training: In Erbil, four training sessions (English, computer, mobile phone maintenance,

and small engine repair) are being provided in cooperation with SAT. In March, 40 refugees, IDPs, and host community members (32 women and 8 men) in Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk, and Qushtapa camps started English courses, and 110 beneficiaries attended English, computer, small engine repair, and mobile phone repair training sessions.

Health Assistance: IOM's emergency health team is conducting health awareness-raising sessions for Syrian refugees in camps and surrounding areas. Topics discussed include general personal hygiene, as well as signs and symptoms, modes of transmission, treatment and preventive measures of communicable diseases. Community leaders and focal points are also selected to transfer key health messages to camp populations. In March, IOM reached 111 individuals (60 females and 51 males) in Ninewa and Dohuk.

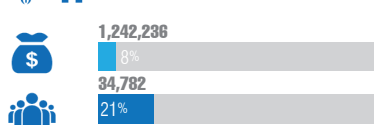
JORDAN



Counter-trafficking Awareness-Raising Sessions: In March, 301 participants (170 females and 131 males), benefitted from awareness-raising sessions on human trafficking provided by IOM in collaboration with the Jordanian

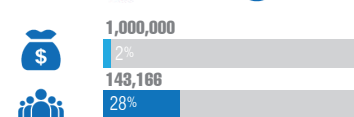
CTU and JOHUD. The sessions took place throughout Jordan (Sahab, Madaba, Altafilah, Ma'an, and Aqaba) and were held in Princess Basma Centres which are part of JOHUD. In each centre, one session was held for adults and one session for children. All sessions included information on the CTU and their hotline which is open to the public. Awareness-raising items with the CTU hotline on them were distributed to all participants. In addition, a short story produced by IOM on human trafficking was distributed to children. Meals were provided for all participants in every session.

LEBANON



Medical Health Support: IOM in collaboration with NTP and IMC conducted four TB awareness sessions for IMC community volunteers operating in the South, Bekaa, the North, Beirut and Mount Lebanon regions at IMC premises. The purpose of this activity was to: 1) deliver an awareness session on TB to community volunteers, and 2) Improve TB case detection and ensure prompt and organized referral process to NTP. A total of 102 individuals (81 volunteers and 21 IMC staff) attended.

TURKEY



In March, IOM's outreach team delivered materials to beneficiaries in Bozova, Suruc, and city centre under ECM in Sanliurfa, held three MHPSS sessions in Hatay and Sanliurfa, organized cooking classes in Sanliurfa and Hatay, and also organized Sanliurfa Museum and Hatay Archaeological Museum visits. In total, the outreach team reached out to 159 people, with 60% of the beneficiaries coming from Syria.

Livelihood Support: IOM's Livelihood team completed the distribution of 108 IKG kits in Hatay during March, and is currently conducting post distribution monitoring exercises of beneficiaries in Sanliurfa, Hatay, and Gaziantep beneficiaries who had already received their Livelihood kits. In addition, all beneficiaries received training on how to use the kits, how to contact IOM, and how to register their business and get the proper working permits.



Small engine repair training course, Erbil. (Photo: © IOM Iraq 2018)

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