



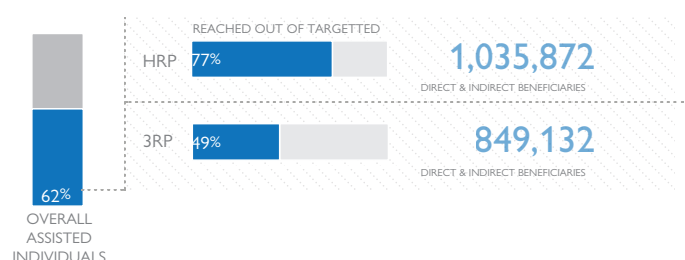
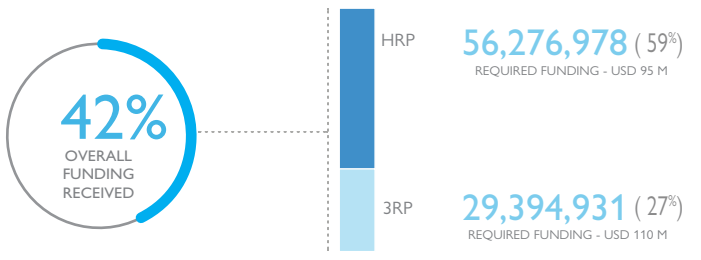
A boy drinks clean water from a water tank in an IOM supported reception center in Syria. Years of conflict have resulted in insufficient infrastructure and limited access to clean water for IDPs.

# USD 85.7 M

Funding received of USD 205 M required

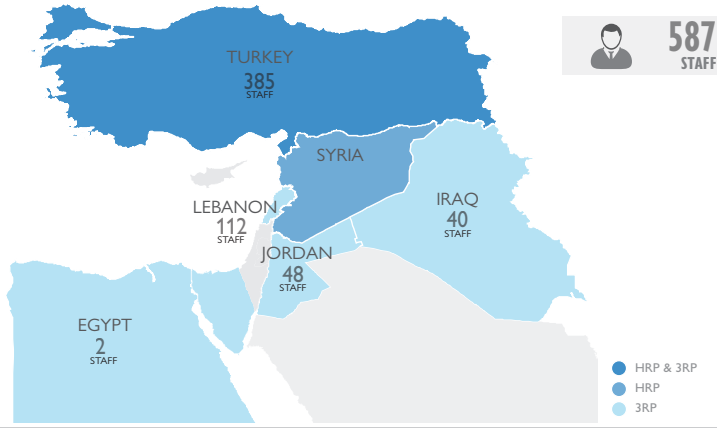
# 1,885,004

Assisted individuals of 3 M targeted

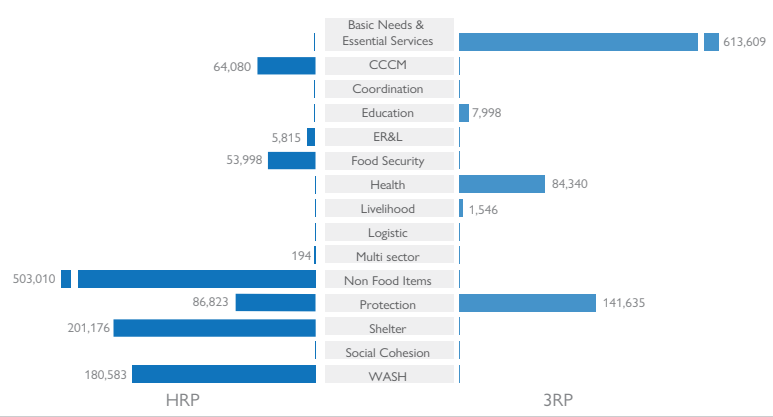


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### IOM PRESENCE



### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



# SITUATION OVERVIEW

## Inside Syria

At the end of December 2020, there were over 6.5 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Syria, of which over 2.7 million were in northwest Syria (NWS). Shelter conditions for IDPs remain poor, which is of great concern especially during the harsh winter months from December to February. Only 35 percent of IDPs reside in adequate shelters, a full 30 percent less than in November 2020. 55 percent of IDPs are in emergency shelters, an increase of over 25 percent since November 2020. Additionally, more than half of the 24,000+ newly displaced persons in NWS in December 2020 reported a lack of access to basic services as a primary motivating factor in their decision to leave their previous location.

Security and humanitarian access in NWS remained a constant concern. Hostilities in Idlib governorate during the reporting period disrupted daily operations of IOM partner organizations, as airstrikes hit areas near IOM-supported reception centers (RCs) and planned camps. IOM and its partners continue to assess security conditions daily, and adjust operations as necessary to better protect both humanitarian staff and affected populations.

IOM's cross-border programming has continued to expand COVID-19 mitigation measures to reduce the risks of

transmission of the virus during the delivery of humanitarian assistance. IOM's partners increased the number of distribution points to avoid overcrowding, ensured physical distancing at distribution sites, and provided door-to-door distributions to avoid contact with large groups. Partner staff wore masks and maintained physical distancing where possible when interacting with beneficiaries and remain committed to WHO recommend safety guidelines.

In the final quarter of 2020, IOM partners reached over 100,000 individuals in NWS with initiatives to improve their protection against COVID-19. This included water trucking, distribution of additional water tanks and COVID-19 designed hygiene kits, and provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks and gloves. IOM partners have also provided awareness-raising sessions, disinfected reception centers and IOM-supported camps regularly, conducted screening for people entering the sites, and taken rapid measures for suspected COVID-19 cases. In the Maaret Elkhwan Planned Camp, an isolation center was established with medical beds, oxygen cylinders, and other medical equipment. The isolation center mitigated the spread of COVID-19 in the camp, including isolating 42 beneficiaries with symptoms and referring nine to a nearby health center.



An internally displaced person in Syria carries a non-food item kit provided by IOM with the support of IPs to his family.

## COVID-19: Across the Region

**Across the region,** COVID-19 has stretched local resources and capacities, increasing barriers to livelihoods and basic essentials for refugee populations. International support is urgently needed to ensure the resilience of Syrian refugee communities and their local hosts.

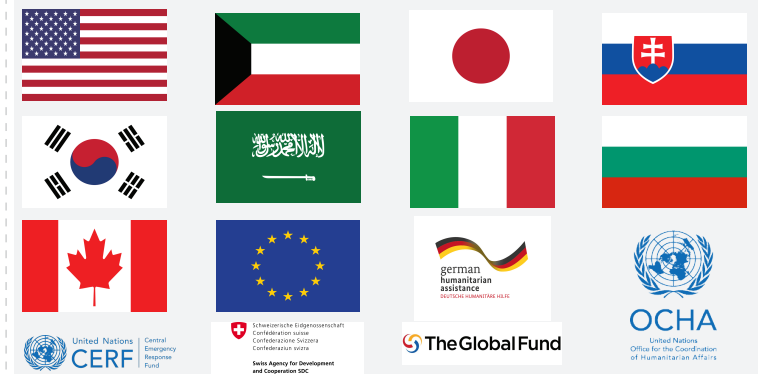
To help protect refugee and host communities in **Turkey** from the spread of COVID-19, as well as the local institutions which serve them, in the final quarter of 2020 IOM provided hygiene kits benefiting over 191,000 individuals and PPE items to local institutions supporting over 900,000 individuals. IOM also provided emergency cash assistance through E-transfers to help nearly 90,000 Syrian refugees meet their basic needs during the COVID-19 economic shock.

In **Lebanon**, IOM continues to support the Lebanese Health System combating COVID-19, providing material supplies to an isolation centre which has recently established intensive care capacity. IOM's Health division has provided training and supplies to points of entry in Lebanon to enhance disease control and prevention.

In **Jordan**, IOM deployed Community Health Volunteers to refugee host communities to raise awareness and provide information on COVID-19 and risk mitigation measures, as well as non-communicable diseases and access to health services. IOM also deployed Mobile Medical Clinics to underserved and hard-to-reach refugee communities, where they provided primary health care services and medical consultations, as well as referrals to secondary/tertiary care.

In **Iraq**, IOM continued to raise awareness among Syrian refugees in and around camps regarding the COVID-19 virus and measures to mitigate transmission.

## IOM'S REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS IN 2020 IS SUPPORTED BY:





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

## HRP - RESPONSE



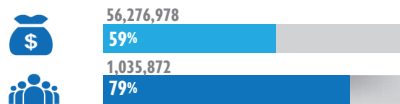
Between October and December of 2020, IOM supported the following activities inside Syria.

**CCCM:** IOM supported the coordination of multisectoral humanitarian services, including shelter, water-trucking, and protection activities for 3,732 individuals at Maaret Elkhwan Planned Camp, and 4,716 individuals at two reception centers (RCs) in Aleppo governorate. Construction of a new RC in Idlib governorate was completed on 14 December 2020.

An IOM supported Site Monitoring Team monitored the conditions of 1,407 IDP sites in the final quarter of 2020. 918 reports were produced to address data gaps and improve coordination of humanitarian assistance. Additionally, 694 individuals from 35 informal IDP sites were trained on fire safety, first aid disaster risk reduction, community participation, and more.

**NFI and Cash:** During the fourth quarter of 2020, IOM partners distributed 4,819 emergency NFI kits to 23,657 individuals and 2,276 tents to 11,678 individuals. Additionally, 2,927 cash grants were distributed to 14,267 individuals. IOM procured, stored, and transhipped the 212 truckloads of in-kind emergency supplies from its hub in Gaziantep, Turkey, to partners on the ground in northwest Syria.

**Shelter:** IOM partners provided 41,679 IDPs with winterization support in the form of tent insulation (internal, external, and ground insulation) in 81 sites across Idlib governorate. Additionally, by December 2020, construction of 10 new camps



was complete and nearly 20,000 individuals were relocated to the new sites. IOM's partners will provide multi-sectoral services, winterization assistance, and lo PPE in the new camps, and IOM will continue to support camp infrastructure upgrades in informal camps.

**WASH:** IOM partners reached 111,798 individuals in northwest Syria with emergency WASH activities (water trucking, communal water points, desludging, solid waste management, distribution of hygiene kits, construction of latrines, and hygiene awareness sessions), a COVID-19 response (water trucking, distribution of additional water tanks and COVID-19 designed hygiene kits, and masks), and the rehabilitation and construction of drainage and sanitation systems. The activities focused on collective centers, RCs, informal settlements, and camps in Idlib and Aleppo governorates. Additionally, IOM supported the health cluster in covering key PPE gaps in its COVID-19 response.

**Transition, Recovery, and Food Security:** IOM supported its first cash for food distribution, assisting 11,216 individuals. The cash was distributed with bars of soap to mitigate COVID-19 risks. Also, IOM through its partners conducted a business development support training for 170 small to medium size enterprise (SME) owners in Afrin district. This livelihoods effort was coupled with the provision of business grants for 51 SME owners working in PPE production. Also, as part of a newly established labor referral system in Afrin district, IOM supported 319 individuals with cash for work opportunities. IOM also supported

completion of a public sanitization campaign through 408 cash for work beneficiaries in Afrin and Azaz districts.

**Protection:** IOM supported the expansion of specialized protection services including case management and individual protection assistance in RCs and planned camps, supporting a total of 14,356 beneficiaries. Its partners provided child protection case management, psychosocial support, protection monitoring and legal assistance to 3,273 beneficiaries in Aleppo governorate. In 21 communities across NWS, legal information sessions and counselling were provided through four mobile legal teams and two legal clinics. In 20 IDP sites in Idlib governorate, monthly service mapping, referrals to specialized services, and protection awareness raising were provided to camp management committees, including to 777 site residents.

**Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA):** The PSEA Network, now with 140 member organizations across three hubs, continues to provide technical and operational support to its Network members to prevent, prepare for and respond to SEA incidents. Mandatory focal point trainings, training for trainers and customized sectorial trainings were delivered to partners in northeast and northwest Syria. Considering a recent increase in reported SEA cases, the PSEA program conducted an analysis of SEA cases which confirmed the need to expand PSEA programming to include non-traditional humanitarian actors such as local authorities and community leaders

## OVERVIEW

### BENEFICIARIES REACHED



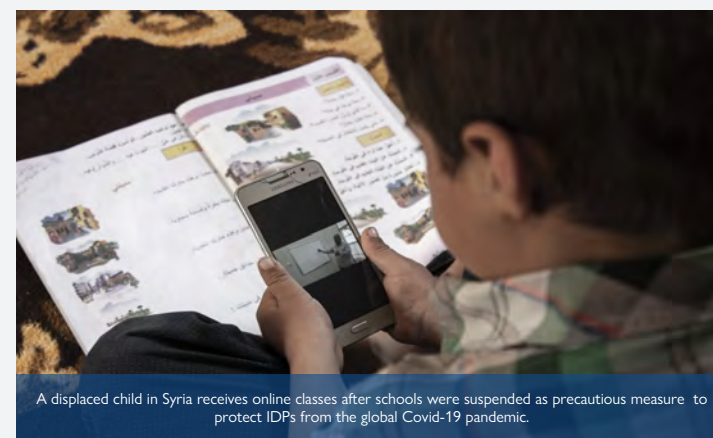
### REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



### GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



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A displaced child in Syria receives online classes after schools were suspended as a precautionary measure to protect IDPs from the global Covid-19 pandemic.

### SECTOR ICONS



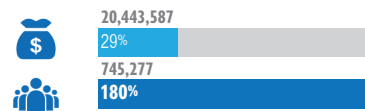
### ABBREVIATIONS USED

CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management  
ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods  
GBV - Gender-based Violence  
HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan  
IDP - Internally Displaced Persons

MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support  
SNFI - Shelter and Non-Food Items  
PSEA - Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse  
WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene  
3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

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

## TURKEY



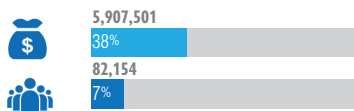
As reported above, IOM provided extensive PPE and cash-based support to help refugee and host communities in Turkey in mitigating the further spread and impact of COVID-19.

IOM also supported over 21,000 individuals through three municipal infrastructure rehabilitation projects in refugee hosting districts. The organization continued to provide refugees and host community families with household shelter and WASH rehabilitations. IOM rehabilitated parks and community spaces in refugee hosting districts benefiting over 5,000 individuals, and continued to facilitate access to special education for refugee and host community children with learning disabilities.

IOM's mobile psychosocial support teams reached nearly 300 individuals through virtual group sessions and direct assistance tailored to their needs.

Lastly, IOM continued to support local municipalities in establishing and operating Municipal Migrant and Community Centres, which in the final quarter of 2020 provided over 16,500 unique services to migrants and refugees.

## JORDAN

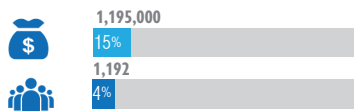


In the final quarter of 2020, IOM enrolled and assisted 1,232 vulnerable refugee households with multi-purpose cash assistance to help them cover their basic needs. These and other families were also provided with one-time winter cash assistance as part of the Winterization Task Force initiative to help refugees cover increased household expenditures during the winter months.

IOM continued to provide transportation assistance between refugee camps for family reunification, civil documentation and referrals.

As part of IOM's health response, 3,446 refugees were reached through Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities. IOM Mobile Medical Clinics provided 850 refugees (of which 555 were Syrian) with Primary Healthcare, and 59 refugees were referred to Secondary Healthcare – including 10 for surgical interventions.

## IRAQ

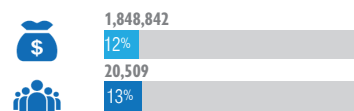


IOM continued to prioritize assistance to vulnerable individuals directly impacted by the pandemic through Business Development Support services such as advising and counselling, vocational trainings, and on-the-job trainings, and Business Support Packages designed to promote income generation at the household-level by supporting the set-up and/or expansion of micro-businesses. In the final quarter of 2020, 375 individuals were selected for participation in this program.

IOM emergency health teams continued to provide awareness sessions for Syrian refugees in camps and surrounding areas on health topics including COVID-19, personal hygiene, tuberculosis (TB), diarrhea, respiratory and skin diseases. These educate individuals on disease signs and symptoms, modes of transmission, treatment and preventive measures. During the final quarter of 2020, IOM conducted 48 such awareness sessions.

Student transportation activities remained on hold in the final months of 2020, as schools were suspended due to COVID-19.

## LEBANON

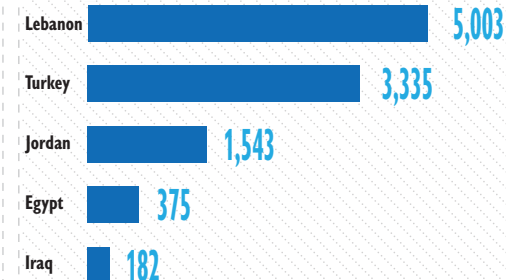


In addition to the support mentioned above to fight the spread of COVID-19, IOM continues to work alongside UNHCR to facilitate the resettlement of refugees in Lebanon. IOM's Health division provides vital pre-departure health assessments and support to refugees.

IOM livelihoods programs continue to target both Syrian refugee and host communities with activities geared to catalyze local markets and foster community dialogue and interdependence. These programs are complemented with work opportunities and community-based psychosocial support sessions.

IOM's Protection and Counter Trafficking Unit continues to register and screen migrants and refer them to both IOM and partner assistance providers for services such as multipurpose cash assistance and specialty health support. This service is especially critical now as reports of irregular migration, smuggling, and trafficking are on the rise following deteriorating conditions in Lebanon.

## SYRIAN REFUGEES RESETTLED BY MISSION (DEPARTURE) IN 2020



## BENEFICIARIES REACHED



## REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



Hussam received a machinery for his furniture business as part of IOM Turkey's quick impact grants project.