

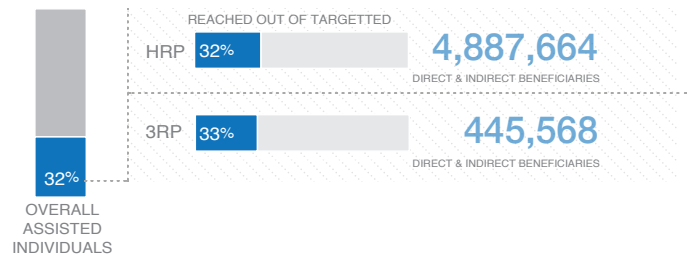
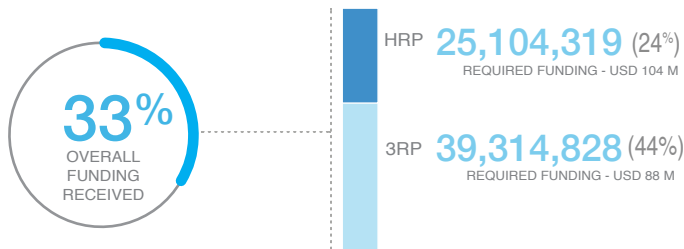


Mohammad has been passionate about music since he was a child, but it was only in his late teens that he finally picked up a microphone and started to sing. Encouraged by everyone around him, he began classes alongside his studies in dentistry. After graduating in 2012, he opened his clinic in Aleppo but always continued to sing. When clashes reached Aleppo in 2012, it became harder and harder for daily life to continue. Eventually, Mohammed feared for his safety. He decided to leave and come to Turkey. At first, it was hard for Mohammed to adjust; he'd already taken Turkish language classes in Syria, but struggled to find stable accommodation and work opportunities were extremely limited. Although he had his dentistry degree, he couldn't get recertified in Turkey at that time and he didn't have citizenship. Mohammed decided to engage in his passion for singing. He joined a music class in an art centre and that's where he met Berevan. Berevan was his music teacher and they hit it off straight away. Several years later, they got married and although this brought Mohammed great happiness, he still felt frustrated that he couldn't work and contribute to their future. A friend told him about a job opening as an interpreter at a dental hospital and Mohammed looked into it. IOM's job placement project aims to support people like Mohammed, who have valuable skills to offer but no experience in managing the registration process for such vacancies in Turkey. With IOM's guidance, Mohammed's application was accepted, and he was granted a work permit. He could finally put some of his skills to good use and live a fuller life. Mohammed now works in the clinic as an interpreter. He has built up a good social life and is happily married. "I have many plans now. I want to get my full citizenship and work to get my degree recertified in Turkey, so I can start working as a dentist again... But I also want to work on releasing an album with the help of my wife!"

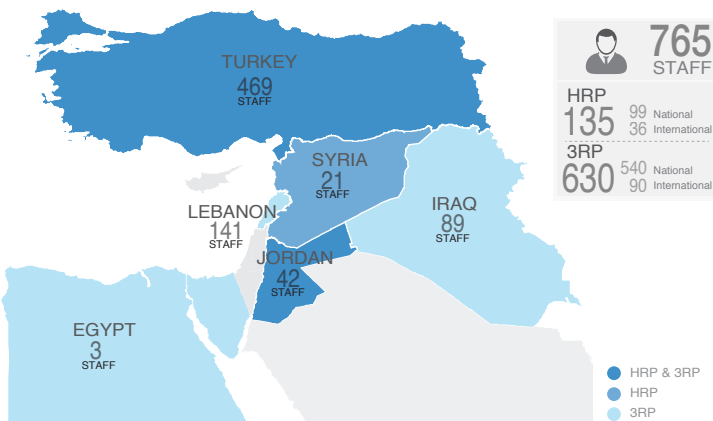
Photo: Mohammed, left, interviews a new patient before his consultation with a dentist in his new job as interpreter. © IOM 2018 (Photo: IOM Turkey)

USD 64.4 M
Funding received of USD 193 M required

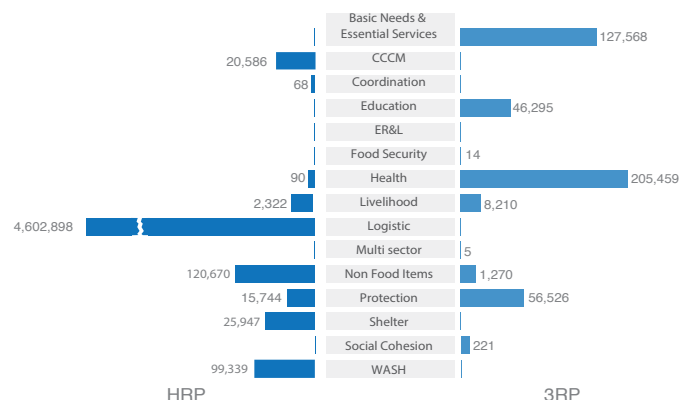
5,333,232
Assisted individuals of 16.4 M targeted



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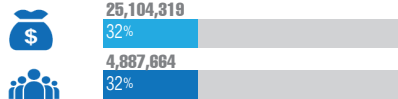


NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



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

HRP - RESPONSE



In early September, major military offensives and mass displacement were anticipated in Northern Hama and Southern Idlib. Following on the possible escalation of conflicts in Idlib, OCHA and humanitarian clusters came up with a preparedness/readiness plan that outlined the situations that could potentially occur affecting four areas in Idlib and Aleppo, and could impact humanitarian responses and needs. On 17 September, the Government of Turkey and the Government of Russia agreed on a demilitarization zone along the border of Idlib Governorate. Since then, front lines in the area have reportedly remained stable and many of the families that fled their houses after the last air strikes in Idlib in August and

early September returned to their places of origin. **CCCM:** In September, IOM started to winterize 1,800 shelters in IDP sites in Idlib. Construction materials (e.g. tent insulation material, tents, plastic sheets) to insulate about a half of the targeted 1,800 shelters were delivered to the IP's warehouse in Syria. Construction activities started on 16 September and by the end of the month, about 300 shelters received a comprehensive package of tent winterization, which include raising tents from the ground, internal insulation, and external weatherproofing. **Protection:** IOM's protection team in Aleppo concluded the provision of integrated protection services in reception centres, reaching a total of 16,345

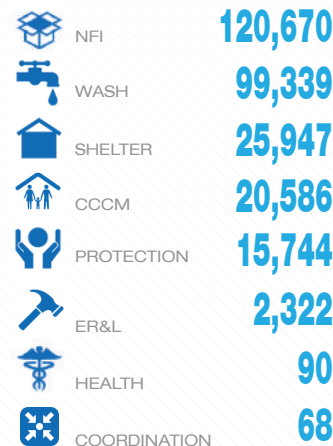
beneficiaries with protection monitoring, child protection and psychosocial activities, GBV case management services and awareness sessions, and family tracing and reunification support. Furthermore, 65 wheelchairs, 500 canes and 250 walkers were purchased and delivered to individuals needing this assistance. **NFI:** During the reporting period, IOM started the procurement of 9,200 winter NFI Kits and 55,000 winter clothing kits. This project will target around 9,200 households for winterization and around 5,000 households for emergency response under the CCCM-Shelter/NFI Contingency stocks mechanism.

OVERVIEW

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

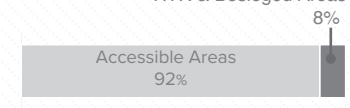


REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



Graveling of camp sites in Idlib. © IOM 2018

Through Their Eyes

Eight-year-old Taiba is from Deir-ez-Zor. After years of oppression, the family fled after her father was killed during an air raid, leaving behind Taiba, her sister Merah and her brothers Mustafa and Ahmed, along with their mother Fatima.

Smugglers took them across the country on a long and harrowing journey, avoiding mines and patrols in search of safety. Nine months ago, Taiba's family made it to a camp in Aleppo and they are settled there for now. The MHPSS team at the Camp have designed a programme that helps children to recover. As part of the routine, MHPSS activities offer an opportunity for children to deal with the traumas they have been through. The children are supported to communicate to the team and to their classmates about what they have experienced and to find ways to move on.

SECTOR ICONS

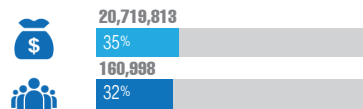


ABBREVIATIONS USED

- CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management
- ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods
- HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan
- IBC - International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation
- IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
- MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
- NFI - Non-Food Items
- WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- 3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

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

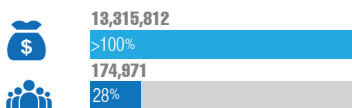
TURKEY



School Transportation: The first semester of the 2018-2019 school year began on 17 September. In line with the protocol between IOM and the Ministry of National Education, IOM will continue providing a school transportation service to support over 7,700 students in four provinces (Adana, Mersin, Sakarya and Yalova).

Social Support Services: During the reporting period, IBC provided Turkish and English Language courses to 57 Syrian refugees (22 females, 35 males). IBC also provided legal awareness and information dissemination sessions for 396 individuals (194 females, 202 males) and MHPSS activities, such as group and individual counselling, to 376 beneficiaries (173 females, 203 males).

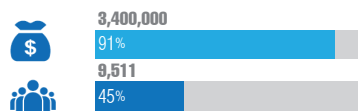
JORDAN



Transportation Assistance: Between 1 and 30 September, 236 Syrian refugees benefited from transportation assistance from Raba'a AlSarhan Transit Centre to Azraq (225) and Zatar (2) camps,

and to King Abdullah Park (9). As of 30 September 2018, IOM has transported a total of 504,875 Syrian refugees from Raba'a AlSarhan Transit Centre to camps since transport operations began in July 2012.

IRAQ

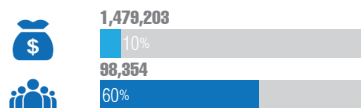


Livelihoods: In September, IOM carried out the first series of phone call interviews to 1,558 former beneficiaries who received livelihoods assistance under previous 3RP projects. After the first pre-selection, IOM also conducted field-visits to assess and select those who will receive business enhancement assistance and advance business trainings under the new phase of the 3RP project.

Health Awareness Sessions: IOM's emergency health team continues to conduct health awareness-raising sessions for Syrian refugees. Topics discussed include general personal hygiene, as well as signs and symptoms of communicable diseases, modes of transmission, treatment and preventive measures. Community leaders and focal points are also selected to relay key health messages to camp populations. During the reporting period, IOM's health team reached 56 individuals (31 females and 25 males) in Ninewa (Akre and areas

close to Syrian refugees' schools) and Dohuk (Domiz camp and surrounding areas).

LEBANON



MHPSS: In September 2018, IOM provided psychosocial support services to both Syrian refugees and Lebanese hosting communities in two Counselling and Recreational Centres established by IOM: Dari Centre in Baalbek (Beqaa) and Al Multaqa Centre in Bissariyeh (South), as well as in several informal tented settlements (ITS). The MHPSS teams have assisted a total of 418 individuals (340 Syrian refugees and 78 Lebanese host community members) of which 62 are women, 14 men, 191 girls and 151 boys. The beneficiaries were provided with various psychosocial support services such as individual and group counselling, focus-group discussions, awareness raising sessions, storytelling, educational and recreational activities, and art-mediation activities.



Health awareness activity in Domiz camp.
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