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When Jamil first arrived in Istanbul in 2014, everything was new, different and intimidating. As a fourteen-year-old, it was a struggle to adjust and find ways to connect with people, so he spent a lot of time alone and in his room. His family worried, but weren't sure how to help their homesick teenager. Back in Aleppo, Jamil was outgoing and had a large social circle, including extended family and his school friends. When the conflict broke out, the family feared for their safety, so fleeing to Istanbul and leaving everything behind seemed like one of few reasonable options they had left. In 2015, the IBC Community Centre funded by IOM opened near Jamil's house. His mother managed to encourage Jamil to give it a try. The Centre offers a range of activities for refugees and locals including handicrafts, cultural visits, theatre activities and art classes. One day, Jamil tried out the art class and began drawing. He'd never really spent much time on art before, but at the end of the session he didn't want to leave. He grabbed brush after brush and pencil after pencil to finish his pieces. For the first time for as long as he could remember, he wasn't thinking of anything else apart from the piece of paper he had in front of him and how he could add more shading, more colour and more brush strokes. He found people in his art class that he could talk to and a shared interest to bond over. He became more outgoing and confident as people admired his work and he had found something that helped him relate to his new city. "I feel happy when I draw", he said. "I just enjoy drawing lines and shadows and putting a picture together. It relaxes me and makes me feel happy". Jamil talks about being an Architect in the future and of turning his passion into a career.

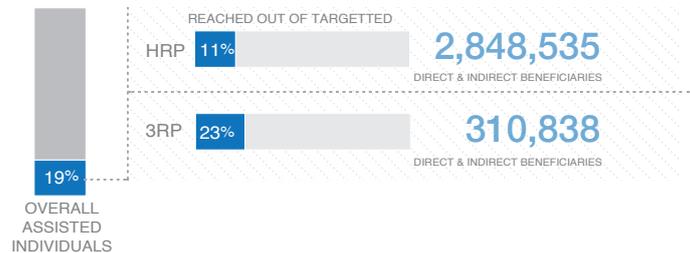
Jamil hopes to use his new-found talent to become an Architect in the future.  
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## USD 14.8 M

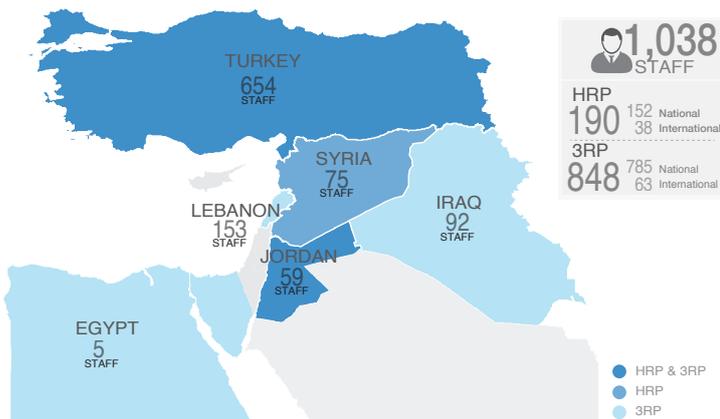
Funding received of USD 193 M required

## 3,159,373

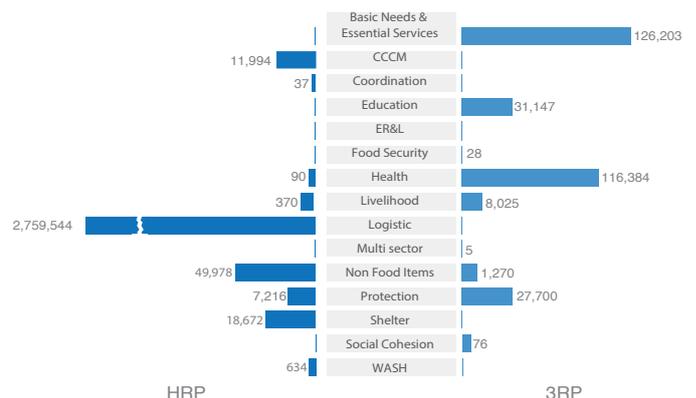
Assisted individuals of 16.4 M targeted



### IOM PRESENCE

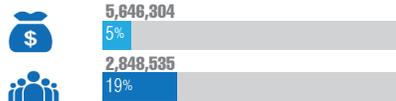


### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



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

## HRP - RESPONSE



While March saw heavy movements of evacuees into Idlib, in April, civilians and some combatants were evacuated and transported to a zero point in Al Bab District, Aleppo Governorate. From there, other national organizations facilitated transport to various villages, and to reception centres serving displacements in the Euphrates Shield area, and other IDP sites. As of 17 April 2018, the CCCM Cluster has tracked 65,202 arrivals from Eastern Ghouta into north-west Syria.

The UN released a new estimate of people in besieged and hard-to-reach areas, with 2.05 million people in need in hard-to-reach locations, inclusive of 11,100 people in besieged locations. This is compared to 2.9 million people in hard-to-reach areas at the start of the year, inclusive of 417,566 in besieged areas. Notably, Eastern Ghouta is no longer considered besieged but hard-to-reach following recent military operations.

**Emergency Shelter and NFI:** In April, over 21,000 individuals were targeted with emergency shelter and NFI assistance in Northern Syria. This has included the distribution of 6,770 NFI and new arrival kits, 454 tents, 9,020 hygiene kits, 1,720 cooking kits, 4,625 clothing kits. These items were distributed by 18 implementing partners, and reached 26 communities in Aleppo and Idlib.

**CCCM:** In April, IOM provided over 7,000 IDPs hosted in reception centers with access to temporary shelter and life-sustaining services, including water,

medical and nutritional screening, and cooked meals. The 3 reception centers received more than 5,400 new arrivals since April, including evacuees from areas of Eastern Ghouta and Damascus. During the reporting period, 3,200 beneficiaries received integrated protection services, including psychosocial support, child protection, GBV, and family tracing and reunification assistance. Furthermore, between 16 and 22 April, IOM and its implementing partner provided a dedicated six-day MHPSS training to 22 protection staff, including a focus on family tracing and reunification.

**Resettlement Assistance:** During the reporting period, IOM assisted total of 26 individuals of which 6 were children to travel through Beirut to be resettled. Further, IOM also provided family reunification assistance to Syrian cases on their way to the UK. Since the beginning of 2018, IOM has provided resettlement support to 158 individuals.



In 2018, IOM-supported reception centres have hosted over 15,000 displaced people in Northern Syria. (Photo: © IOM Turkey 2018)

## OVERVIEW

### BENEFICIARIES REACHED



### REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



### REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



### GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



### Through Their Eyes

*Faiz was a shepherd before the war and made a good living. When bombardments began in his village, he insisted on staying. The village was after all his home and where his livelihood was, but one day he was hit. He lost part of his left leg during the attack and spent all of his savings to buy an artificial limb so he could walk again. He thought about leaving in search of safety after everything that had happened to him, but a siege imposed on his area left him no choice but to stay put. Extreme poverty and food shortages in the area led to long days of hunger. One day, in a moment of desperation, he took the chance to leave when the siege was lifted for a short time. He made it to a reception centre supported by IOM in Idlib. The centres were established to provide immediate support for the newly displaced until more permanent solutions can be arranged. Aside from accommodation, the centres provide food and medical support to meet the urgent needs of people in extreme situations like Faiz.*

“ The staff at the centre have been doing all they can to help me, which I am extremely thankful for. I’m also getting support to find further treatment for my leg, which could help me find work in the future and live life more fully. ”

### SECTOR ICONS

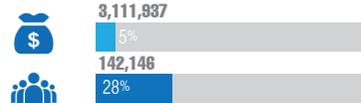


### ABBREVIATIONS USED

- CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management
- ECM - Emergency Case Management
- ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods
- GBV - Gender-based Violence
- HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan
- IBC - International Blue Crescent
- IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
- MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
- NFI - Non-Food Items
- UK - United Kingdom
- 3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

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

## TURKEY

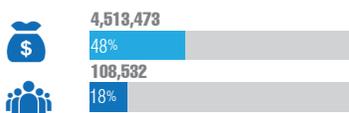


**Emergency Case Management (ECM):** IOM continues to provide individual assistance to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. In April, IOM responded to 86 cases supporting a total of 102 beneficiaries. This figure represents a gradual increase of assisted individuals from the previous two months. During the reporting period, the ECM team provided assistance in 11 provinces, with largest number of individuals assisted (29) registered in Gaziantep. In most of the cases, reason for intervention was for covering cost of life-saving/life-altering assistance (74).

**Promoting Social Cohesion:** To strengthen integration between refugee and host communities, Ensar Centre continues to implement Turkish courses for migrants and refugees, and Arabic courses for host community members through support provided by IOM. These courses aim to establish communication channels between migrants, refugees and host community and encourage integration. Additionally, on 21 April, painting courses, mosaic courses, and Math and TOMER (Turkish Language Certificate Programs) classes were held. During the reporting period, sports

classes (football, basketball, handball, taekwondo) and aerobics sessions were attended by adults from all communities. In addition, special classes are regularly conducted for persons with disabilities.

## JORDAN



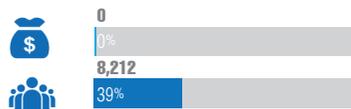
**Visit to Counter Trafficking Facilities in Jordan:** From 24 to 26 April, a Kenyan delegation accompanied by two staff from IOM Kenya visited Amman to discuss the challenges and benefits from best practices in combating trafficking in persons in Jordan. Representatives from different units working on counter trafficking from the Kenyan government, had been meeting with relevant authorities and a variety of civil society organizations during the three-day study visit.

Dar Karama, a shelter for victims of trafficking in Amman, was provided as an example of best practices. The shelter was established in 2015 under the Ministry of Social Development in response to an article in the anti-trafficking law of 2009, to provide shelter services for victims of trafficking and ensure their well-being. The delegation was provided with information on the physical, psychological and social recovery programs imple-

mented in Dar Karama. Another best practice materialized through the National Anti-Trafficking Committee led by the Jordanian Ministry of Justice, whom the Kenyan Delegation met to discuss various topics, including the Jordanian anti-trafficking law and its recent amendment, the framework applied by the anti-trafficking national committee and the national strategy. On the other hand, the Kenyan delegation presented their model of a “trust fund” and national assistance provided for victims of trafficking in Kenya.

The delegation also met with the Jordanian Counter Trafficking Unit to discuss the structure of the unit and the existing coordination mechanism among all partners. As one of the civil society organizations working to combat trafficking in persons, the Jordanian Women’s Union also received the delegation and presented on their work and their own shelter within their organization.

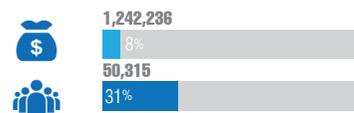
## IRAQ



**Livelihood Support:** Under the social cohesion component, IOM has an agreement with Five One Labs to organize entrepreneurship trainings to promote development of innovative business ideas

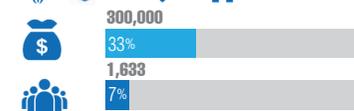
among young innovators, entrepreneurs and software developers from displaced, refugee and host communities and assist them to develop their businesses. In April, 75 individuals participated in entrepreneurship workshops.

## LEBANON



**Medical Health Support:** During April 2018, IOM’s multidisciplinary psychosocial team organized sessions reaching 1,003 men, women, children and youth, and implemented various psychosocial support activities (storytelling, recreational activities, and artistic mediation activities for women, children and youth; and support group sessions for men and women). The psychosocial activities were organized at Dari Recreational and Counselling Centre in Baalback, Bekaa, and through outreach mobile teams in Bekaa and South of Lebanon.

## EGYPT



IOM organized picnics to promote integration in Sanliurfa. © IOM 2018 (Photo: Nadine Allaham)

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