



Fatos is from Gaziantep and a trained mosaic specialist. When she talks about the art form her passion is visible. As she goes through the different techniques and shows us the work of her current students, she explains that she just can't understand why it isn't more popular around the world. 'Gaziantep is a special place for mosaic, it's part of our history'. Some of the pieces are over a metre square in size, which are impressive in their detail. Coming from a creative background, Fatos has a long history of working with mosaics, the famous art form of her city dating back to Roman times, when whole houses were often decorated with mosaic art. As the Syrian conflict worsened and the city saw an influx of refugees cross over the border, Fatos found the situation extremely upsetting and wanted to find a way to support them. She heard about IOM-funded Ensar Community Centre in Gaziantep and decided to sign up as a volunteer. She planned classes at the Centre to bring new arrivals to the city together with new friends through mosaics. It also gives students a chance to practice their Turkish with Fatos and their Turkish classmates. The classes fit into an extremely busy schedule of activities designed to work with the surrounding community based on their needs and interests. There are extra-curricular classes for school-age children to offer academic support, sports classes, Turkish language classes for adults and lots of creative workshops. The Centre also works to mark special days, such as Syrian mother's day, Turkish mother's day and Ramadan events, which are open to everyone in the community to encourage understanding and to bond over common traditions. The mosaic students have now progressed to even bigger murals and have been attracting a lot of local attention. 'I love my time at Ensar and I love my students. After such a difficult journey, centres like these are so important to help the community adjust and I'm glad to be part of that project.'

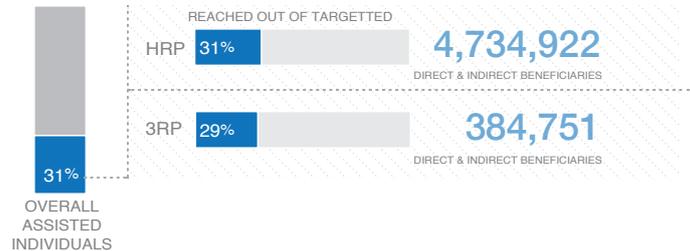
Fatos with her students at Ensar Community Centre in Gaziantep.
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USD 26.2 M

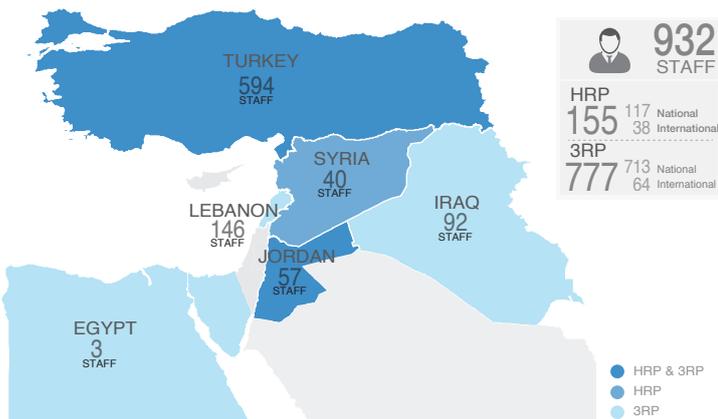
Funding received of USD 193 M required

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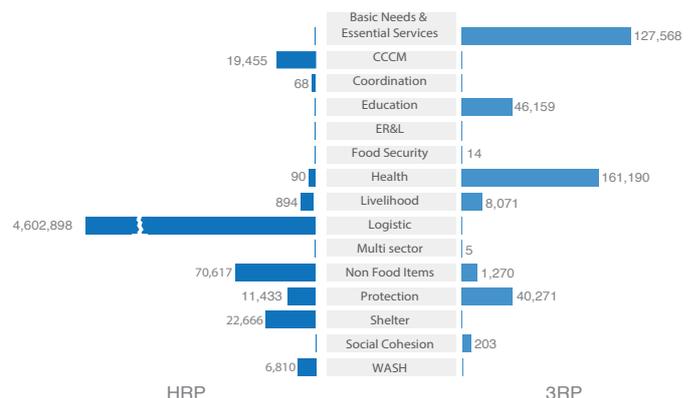
Assisted individuals of 16.4 M targeted



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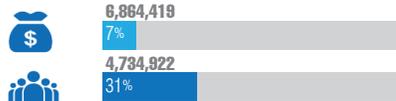


NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



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

HRP - RESPONSE



additional 800 IDPs.

NFI Distributions: IOM supported the distribution of over 600 NFI Kits to assist more than 3,000 vulnerable IDPs and 500 soaps to 351 individuals in different locations. IOM continues to manage the NFI Cluster's contingency stock.

Logistical Support to Humanitarian Partners: In June, IOM's programme assisted over 1 million indirect beneficiaries through the provision of logistical support to humanitarian partners. A total of seven convoys comprising of 119 trucks were organised in the South of Syria carrying vital goods like food rations, medical supplies, educational

materials and NFIs. Due to the recent escalation in South Syria starting on 18 June 2018, convoy movements faced challenges and delays given the security concerns and intensified conflict in the area.

Government of Syria-led offensives on opposition-held southern Syria in June led to large scale displacements. An estimated 150,000 individuals have been displaced by escalating hostilities in south-west Syria, with the majority displaced within eastern Dara'a Governorate to areas near the border with Jordan. In the northwest, the first half of June witnessed an escalation of aerial bombardments focused on central Idlib governorate, following a renewed wave of attacks by armed opposition. In parallel, Daret Azza, in western Aleppo governorate, witnessed heavy aerial bombardments for the first time since late 2017.

As of late June, the UN estimates that there are over 1.5 million people in need in hard-to-reach areas, including more than 8,000 people in besieged locations in Idlib. While this is a significant decrease in the number of people living in besieged areas since February, following the besiegement of eastern Ghouta, it still represents a significant number of people in need of lifesaving humanitarian assistance.

CCCM: On 5 June, IOM and Syrian partners completed the expansion of a reception centre in Aleppo Governorate to increase the capacity of hosting IDPs by an additional 480 individuals. The works included set up of reception tents (with concrete bases), construction of additional WASH facilities (e.g. latrines, shower, and water points), installation of solar lighting, fencing for the expanded areas, and provision of NFIs (i.e. mattresses, blankets). The expansion of two more reception centres is planned in July and August, aiming to host an



Raed with his children outside his cousin's house. © IOM 2018

OVERVIEW

BENEFICIARIES REACHED



REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



Through Their Eyes

Raed is 23 years old from Eastern Ghouta. He grew up with a large family in a farming community, where he found work as a teenager along with his brothers. In 2015, the situation in Eastern Ghouta began to deteriorate as the ongoing conflict became more widespread. The area was besieged and over time, resources became more and more scarce. Moving around was extremely dangerous. "No one expected this would happen to us, that's why people didn't think to take long term precautions," explained Raed. Limited supplies slowly dwindled down to nothing and days passed without food. In 2018, clashes became even more severe and bombing and shelling campaigns were substantial.

By the time the siege broke in March 2018, Raed and his family had little left but the clothes on their backs. Their route to safety took them to the governorate of Idlib. After a short period in a collective shelter, the family moved into a room in his cousin's house. When the family arrived, IOM's partners provided them with an NFI kit containing blankets, sleeping mats, household utensils and a solar energy lamp, amongst other items. Despite everything that has happened, Raed's attitude about the future is still positive. He says he worries in terms of where the family will be safe more permanently, but says that he finds support through his community ties. "What makes things easier is that we're all living together and we have family around us. We eat and drink together and support each other."

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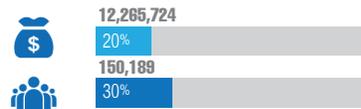


ABBREVIATIONS USED

- 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
- UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- 3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

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

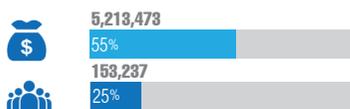
TURKEY



Social Support Services: IOM is supporting its implementing partner (IBC) manage a community centre in Sultanbeyli, Istanbul to improve access to information for services available to refugees, and build capacities of both refugee and host communities. IBC is contributing by conducting non-formal education services/vocational trainings, providing MHPSS, and legal assistance and information dissemination through group and one-to-one information dissemination sessions.

Between 1 and 30 June, 500 individuals (299 females, 201 males) benefitted from MHPSS activities, and 906 (527 females, 379 males) beneficiaries benefitted from information dissemination and legal assistance sessions.

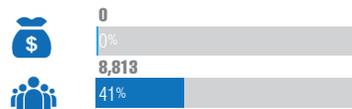
JORDAN



Transportation Assistance: As another academic year comes to an end, school transportation buses funded by UNICEF served more than 7,000 students since February 2017.

Students enrolled in primary and secondary education in Azraq camp benefited from free transportation services from their villages to their schools, which addressed some of their challenges regarding the lack of free and regular transportation services inside the camp. In addition, various protection issues were addressed throughout the project. The transportation services provided by IOM have contributed to facilitating access to education for students enrolled in formal schools in Azraq camp.

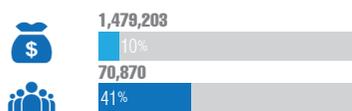
IRAQ



Livelihood Support: IOM, in coordination with UNIDO, have set up a production workshop that will engage female refugees in Basirma camp, Erbil in income generating activities through food processing. Ten female beneficiaries underwent a training on hygiene and food safety and are working in the workshop, producing local sweets which will be sold in stores and provide the women with an income.

School Transportation Assistance: In response to critical needs expressed by the Department of Education of Dohuk governorate, school management, parents, and UNHCR to ensure uninterrupted and safe access to formal education for Syrian refugee students, IOM provided daily transportation assistance to schools for 99 Syrian refugee students (57 females, 42 males) during the reporting period.

LEBANON

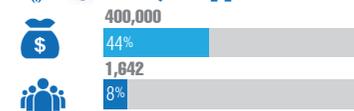


Medical Health Support: IOM, with the support from the Embassy of

Slovakia in Lebanon, launched a project to strengthen health services in two public facilities in Bar Elias and Majdal Aanjar in the Bekaa. The project supported the rehabilitation of public clinics, and benefited 35 displaced Syrian and vulnerable Lebanese individuals who implemented the rehabilitation works as an income generating activity.

The project also supported the provision of basic medical tools and equipment that were identified based on a needs assessment and were delivered to the health facilities in June 2018.

EGYPT



Training of Community Health Volunteers: During the reporting period, IOM conducted a training in Alexandria to equip social workers from Syrian migrant communities on various topics on migration and health. The training included an introduction of IOM direct assistance services and identification of the most vulnerable groups among migrants, health impacts, and the role of health practitioners. It also covered some topics on health and preventive measures (such as communicable diseases, malnutrition and dehydration, non-communicable diseases and living standards).



School transportation in Azraq camp. © IOM 2018 (Photo: IOM Jordan)

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Food processing business, Basirma camp, Erbil. © IOM 2018 (Photo: IOM Iraq)