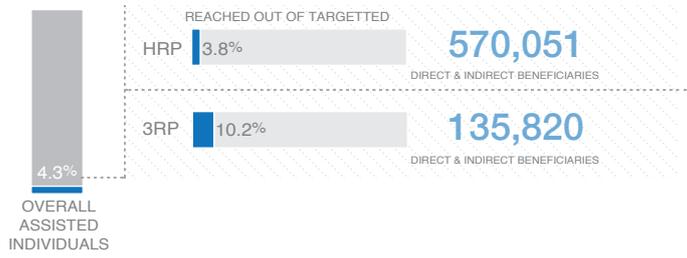


Muhammad is a father of five living in Zarqa, a city close to Amman. Muhammad has a medical condition that prevents him from working and therefore he relies on the assistance provided by UN agencies and NGOs to pay rent, ensure the education of his children and bring food home every month. "Life is difficult here because of the living cost, and these coupons come in the right time" he told us after thanking IOM and the other organizations that provide direct assistance to refugees. The cash assistance distributed by IOM and NICCOD with the funds of the Government of Japan is a complement to regular assistance, and has the aim of helping extremely vulnerable families to overcome the hardship of winter. "With the coupons I will buy milk for my smallest children. Also, I will buy things for the house. The cash assistance of other organizations is meant to be used just for food. Other organizations give complementary assistance for children. But still, there are a lot of gaps to cover by the end of the month. With these coupons, we will have extra money that will help us."

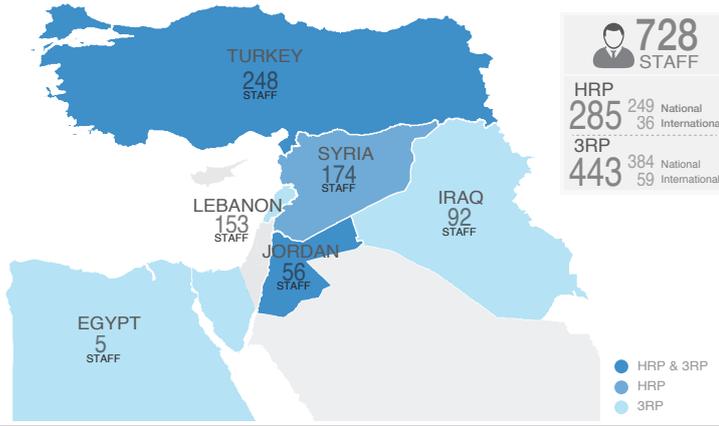
Muhammad came to pick up his cash assistance voucher distributed by IOM and NICCOD. (Photo: © IOM Jordan 2018)

USD 1.3 M
Funding received of USD 193 M required

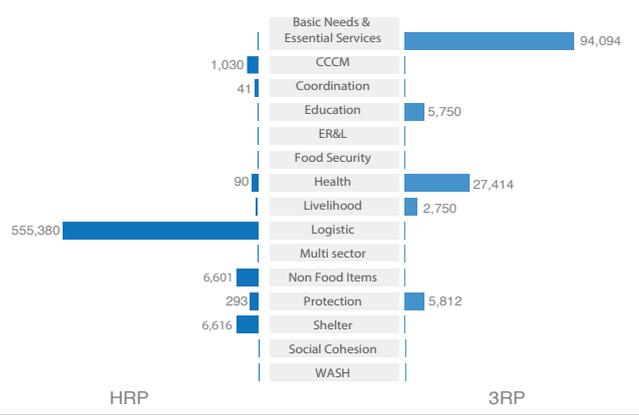
705,871
Assisted individuals of 16.4 M targeted



IOM PRESENCE



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



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

HRP - RESPONSE



Fighting continued throughout Northern Syria. Specifically, January 2018 saw continued fighting between the Government of Syria and opposition forces in northern and eastern rural areas of Hama, southern rural areas of Aleppo and rural areas of Idlib. Over 270,000 people reportedly have been displaced, mostly in the governorate of Idlib.

Of the newly displaced in North-western Syria, it is reported that most families are sharing tents or shelter with other families and relying mainly on assistance provided by host communities which is reported to be insufficient. There is an urgent need to double humanitarian efforts, including shelter, food and NFI



assistance, to this region of Syria.

NFI Distributions:

During the reporting period, IOM shipped over 12,000 NFI kits into Northern Syria, including full and emergency NFI kits, kitchen kits, tent insulation kits, winter clothing and hygiene kits. With these items, IOM supported 11 NGO partners in the implementation of their winterization and NFI response to vulnerable families, which will reach over 70,000 people. In coordination with clusters and implementing partners, IOM also responded to the new displacement in Idlib, northern Syria by repositioning relief assistance in partners' warehouses.

Winterization Assistance:

4,500 households are being supported through the provision of Shelter and WinterNFI kits as part of IOM's winterization assistance programme for southern Syria. This includes immediate support for households residing in informal/temporary settlements that sustained extensive damages to their shelters following the windstorm in Dar'a and Quneitra in January. The Winter NFI and Shelter assistance will reach communities in Breiqa sub-district of Quneitra and Mzeireb, As Sanamyn and Ghabagheb sub districts of Dar'a.

OVERVIEW

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

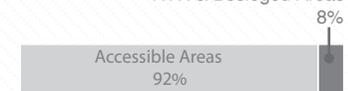


REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



NFIs being packed for transport and distribution. (Photo: © IOM Jordan 2018)

Through Their Eyes -

Yousef, a 38-year-old man from Hama in Syria, used to live a simple life with his wife and seven children. He herded his sheep peacefully on his own land as he enjoyed the warm sun and the fresh breeze while his children went to school. Their situation started to deteriorate when militants and gangs controlled their area and began intimidating everyone. The family's movement became more restricted and their income decreased as their circumstances worsened when the area came under siege during winter of 2014.

Yousef took the first chance when the siege was lifted for a day to escape with his family carrying only very little money to survive. They arrived at the first village they could reach in Idlib and found a small camp for displaced people and stayed in a tent. Still, the thin material which their tent was made of could not protect them from the harsh winter.

Their situation was very dire until they received the full NFI and winterization kits from IOM. The kits contained hygiene materials, kitchen items, mattresses, bed covers, tent insulation material, a solar lamp and winter clothes for the whole family. "I cannot describe my feeling when I saw those items", Yousef said. "Especially when I saw the insulation materials because they would help protect us from the rain, plus the clothes and the mattresses would keep us warm until the war is over and we can go back to our home and see our families and friends".

SECTOR ICONS



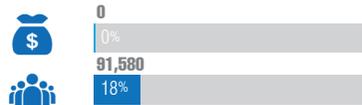
ABBREVIATIONS USED

CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management
 ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods
 FDG - Focus Group Discussions
 HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan
 IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
 IKG - In-kind Grant

MoLSA - Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
 NFI - Non-Food Items
 NICCDD - Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development
 SAT - Swedish Academy for Training
 SOPs - Standard Operating Procedures
 3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

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

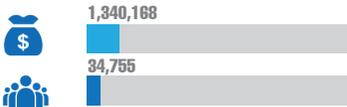
TURKEY



Livelihood Support: After finalizing data analysis of the second IKG assessment (business development plan), the livelihood team selected beneficiaries for IKG kits in Hatay and Sanliurfa. In January, the team distributed 230 kits in Sanliurfa. In Hatay, 110 kits were distributed during the reporting period.

Protection: IOM Turkey's Senior Protection Assistant facilitated a one-day training on Case Management Principles for 16 IOM staff working at the Sanliurfa Municipality Centre. The staff were from the legal, education, and health units as well as counsellors and translators who assist Syrian refugees daily. Furthermore, from 16 to 17 January, a Protection Mainstreaming Training was delivered to 20 drivers who are in charge of transporting children to and from school as part of IOM's School Transportation programme.

JORDAN



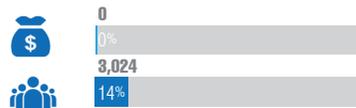
Distribution of Humanitarian Aid at Ruqban: Between 8 and 12 January, the UN implemented a one-off crane operation to deliver life-saving winterization items and food to the Syrian population residing at Ruqban at the North-Eastern border of Jordan. IOM participated by providing 7,500 bread stoves and 200,000 loaves of fresh bread. This operation was significant as it was the first time there was a delivery of humanitarian aid at Ruqban since June 2017, helping to ensure that Syrians stranded at Ruqban received much needed life-saving assistance, particularly during

harsh winter conditions. It was reported by residents in Ruqban through the community leaders that not all households received a bread stove and loaves of fresh bread, therefore another distribution was done solely by IOM on 30 January in order to ensure that all households received bread stoves and loaves of bread. During this second round of distribution, IOM distributed 2,500 bread stoves and 198,000 loaves of bread to residents within Ruqban.



Distribution of welding kit.

IRAQ



Employability Training: Based on FGDs conducted in October and November 2017, IOM is providing vocational training for Syrian refugees and affected communities in Dohuk, Erbil, and Sulaymaniah. In Dohuk, four trainings (mobile phone maintenance, sewing, barbering,

and small engine repair) will be conducted for 100 beneficiaries. In Erbil, three trainings (English, computer, and mobile phone maintenance) will be provided in coordination with SAT to 128 beneficiaries. In Sulaymaniyah, three trainings (tailoring, women hairdressing, and computer) benefiting 80 individuals will be implemented through MoLSA training centres and one English training will be provided through training department in University of Raparin.



Children's recreational activities in Dari Centre, Bekaa. (Photo: © IOM Lebanon 2018)

LEBANON



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support: During January, IOM's multidisciplinary psychosocial team organized sessions with 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 are organized at Dari Recreational and Counselling Centre in Baalback, Bekaa, and through outreach mobile teams in Bekaa and South of Lebanon. A total of 910 individuals benefitted from these activities.



Distribution of humanitarian aid at Ruqban.

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