



Mohammad, a 25-year-old refugee from northern Syria, was preparing for his wedding when the war broke out in 2012. From that point on, his life as a carpenter changed and accessing basic necessities like food and water became a struggle. With his parents and siblings, they fled to Turkey, leaving his fiancée behind.

Safe in Turkey, Mohammad began to look for work. He found a job as a carpenter and began saving for a modest home. Eventually he put enough aside to invite his fiancée to be with him and to get married. Despite the leaky roof and the broken doors, Mohammad and his wife made the best of it as they shared the home with his parents and his sister's family.

That was about five years ago and three children later. During boiling summer days and freezing winter nights, Mohammad and his family continued to live in the house. "Our neighbours gave what they could – blankets and clothing but we were always still cold. The weather felt like it went straight through our bones," says Mohammad.

IOM's shelter rehabilitation project installed new doors and windows and insulated the roof of Mohammad's home. Additionally, the IOM provided the families with mattresses, coal, and a stove to let them and their children have a warm winter.

"Right now, I am not worried about staying warm this winter. I am now focusing on the children to provide them with what I can because they are my dreams," says Mohammad.

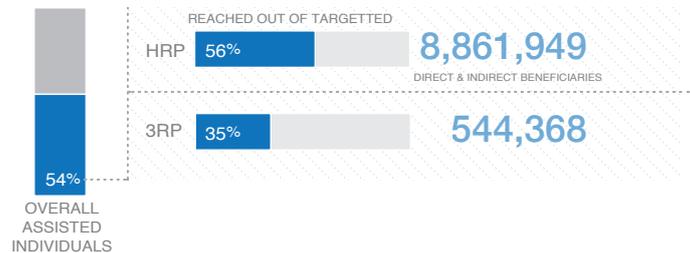
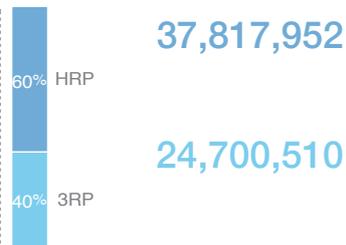
Mohammad is playing with his children and niece in their house in Sanliurfa which was rehabilitated by IOM. (Photo: © IOM Turkey 2017)

USD 62.5 M

Funding received of USD 233 M required

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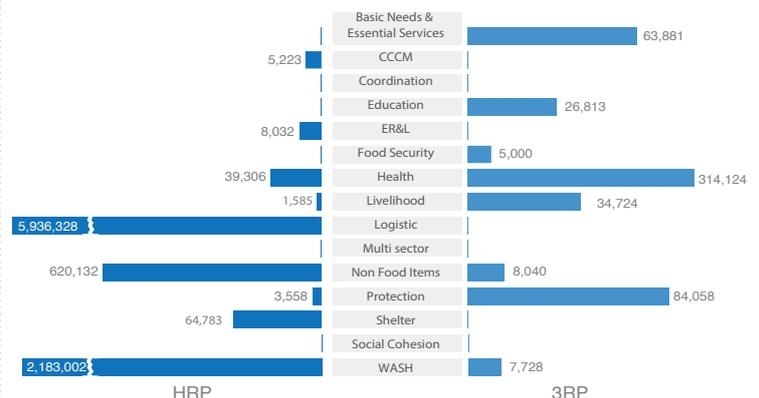
Assisted individuals of 17.3 M targeted



IOM PRESENCE



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



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

HRP - RESPONSE



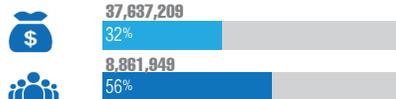
Camp Coordination and Camp Management:

As of 25 October 2017, key statistics from the Gaziantep-based CCCM Cluster indicated 1,033,873 displacements were recorded over the past 12 months from affected areas of northern Syria, including Aleppo, Idlib, Hama, Homes, Ar-Raqqa, Deir-Ez-Zor, Al-Hassakeh and Lattakia. Of this, 62,000 were displacements recorded in October 2017. Between 17 and 22 October, 40,544 individuals were displaced from inhabited areas along the Euphrates River and close to the Iraqi border.

The Miznaz Reception Centre in Atareb received an additional 160 new arrivals in October, and continued providing multi-sectoral services to 2,215 IDPs in October. The site has served 2,644 IDPs in total since its opening in August 2017. A total of 1,180 IDPs from Oqeirbat departed the site in Atareb and headed for Dana, Idlib, Khan Shakun and Ma'arat An Nu'man.

Protection and Psychosocial Support:

IOM joined the gender-based violence (GBV) prevention task force to provide technical support and continue to follow up on individual protection cases with partners in northern Syria, especially on family tracing and reunification. Furthermore, a total of 60 social workers and teachers (33 males, 27 females) received basic Psychosocial Support and Psychological First Aid training organized by IOM, to enhance their skills and knowledge in mental health and PSS considerations when implementing activities.



NFI Assistance:

To date a total of 5,303 NFI kits and 126 tents are available in IOM and partners' warehouse ready for dispatch. Working with five implementing partners, in October, 1,200 newly displaced households (6,652 individuals - 3,343 males, 3,309 females, and 3,990 children) received emergency NFIs.

Shelter Support and Rehabilitation:

During the reporting period, IOM finalized the repair of 100 damaged returnees. The repair works included reconstructing walls and closing mortars perforated roofs, plastering and painting, providing and installing doors and windows, water and sanitation works, and electrical appliances.



NFI Distributions. (Photos: © IOM Syria 2017)

OVERVIEW

BENEFICIARIES REACHED



REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



Thirty-two year old Maryam watched as one-by-one her neighbours, friends and family died during the conflict in Syria. Although physically strong, she was emotionally broken. "I cried all the time as I watched people dying around me every day," she says. After her father, pregnant sister, and beloved brother were killed. "I felt dead inside. Every day I prayed that my suffering would end. I felt so alone and that no one can understand what I was going through."

A neighbour told Maryam about an IOM-run psychosocial support session in Areha, Idlib for people who survived the Syrian conflict. She was surprised to hear that the facilitator of the session understood her feelings and what she experienced. "In the beginning, it was so difficult. I thought about the terrible things I lived through and I cried. It was part of the process for me to be able to cope," says Maryam.

She stayed strong and continued to attend the sessions. It was not immediate, but slowly Maryam started feeling ready to embrace life again. "These (psychosocial support) sessions helped to think about the actions I can take to change myself and to help those around me. I stopped thinking so much about my suffering, but wanted to help those around me," says Maryam.

Now, Maryam is a moderator for IOM's psychosocial support sessions. "I'm trying my best to help people get over their grief. I hope this dreadful war would end so people can smile again."

SECTOR ICONS



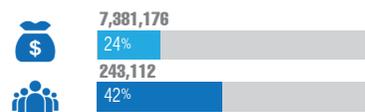
ABBREVIATIONS USED

CCCM – Camp Coordination and Camp Management
DOT – Directly Observed Treatment
ER&L – Early Recovery and Livelihoods
GBV – gender-based violence
HRP – Humanitarian Response Plan
HTR – Hard to reach
IDP – Internally Displaced Population

JOHUD – Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development
NFI – Non-Food Items
NTP – National Tuberculosis Program
PSS – Psychosocial Support
TB – Tuberculosis
WASH – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
SRP – Regional Refugee Response Plan

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

TURKEY

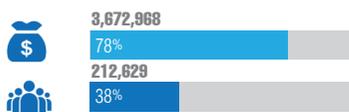


Awareness-raising sessions: IOM's Sanliurfa mobile outreach team continues its work in the field conducting various awareness-raising sessions. In October, two sessions on reproductive health were conducted in Mesopotamia Women's Cooperative Centre in Bozova following beneficiaries' requests. Sixty-three Syrian and Turkish women attended the sessions. The team also shared all contact details of health facilities in the district and encouraged the participants to approach such services. Moreover on 16 October, a session on child abuse and protection was conducted for 15 women from the host community. The participants were mainly informed about how to teach their kids to protect themselves and how to educate the children without causing more damage.

Promoting Social Cohesion between Refugees and Host Communities:

On 27 October, IOM organized a Social gathering for Syrian and Host Community women in Bozova, Sanliurfa. The event was organized at Mesopotamia Women's Cooperative Centre and 30 Syrian and Turkish women attended.

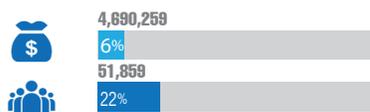
JORDAN



Awareness Raising Sessions on Human Trafficking:

IOM provided awareness-raising sessions on human trafficking to a total of 421 Syrian refugees (308) and the host community members (113). A total of nine sessions were conducted in Mafraq (3), Amman (2), Irbid (2), and Jerash (2) governorates in cooperation and coordination with Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD). Sessions provided to children under 18 were delivered through a short story developed by IOM. The aim of the story was to explain in a simple yet interesting approach, the concept of human trafficking. It focused on labour exploitation as a broader type of exploitation to which most people can relate. In addition, it introduced other types of exploitation such as early marriage, child labour and begging. The sessions provided to adults, included presentations and videos and focused on the definition of trafficking, and the different types of exploitation. Awareness-raising items were also distributed to the beneficiaries which carried the number of the hotline of the Jordanian Counter-Trafficking Unit.

LEBANON



Support for the National Tuberculosis Program (NTP):

On 26 October, IOM facilitated the first coordination meeting for NTP under the Global Funds project which is intended to ensure proper coordination and communication among the different centres under this program. The participants were NTP managers, physicians, pharmacists, as well as monitoring and evaluation officers. The topics discussed included national guidelines managing medicines for TB, Anti TB medications, and Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) manual development.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support:

During October, 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) benefitting 478 individuals. 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.

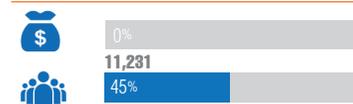
IRAQ



Promoting Social Cohesion in Erbil: IOM is organizing an art workshop at Daratu centre in Erbil to promote reconciliation, resolve and prevent tensions and strengthen social cohesion between host community members, refugees, and IDPs in Daratu community. During the reporting period, 61 individuals (42 females, 19 males) will learn handcrafting skills such as drawing on stone, and making women's accessories and other handmade products. IOM will organize a bazaar for the sale of products.

Transportation: Between 1 and 31 October, IOM resumed daily transportation assistance to schools for 380 Syrian refugee students in Dohuk. This assistance will provide the students with the possibility to continue their education and maintain a sense of normalcy.

EGYPT



Since January 2017, IOM has assisted over 11,000 individuals with medical support, health awareness sessions, NFI distributions, psychosocial support and livelihoods assistance.



Syrian refugee students receive transportation assistance to reach schools in Dohuk camp, Dohuk. (Photo: © IOM Iraq 2017)

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