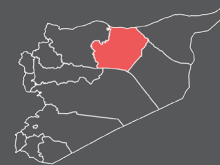




# Camp Profile: Tel Elsamen / Daham

Ar-Raqqa governorate, Syria

August 2022



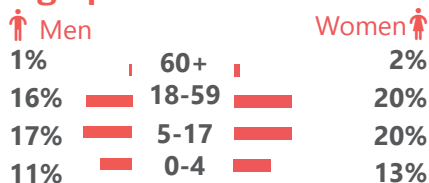
## Background and Methodology

Tel Elsamen / Daham is informal internally displaced person (IDP) camp in Ar-Raqqa governorate. This profile provides an overview of humanitarian conditions in Tel Elsamen / Daham camp. Primary data was collected between 17 and 28 August 2022 through a representative household survey. The assessment included 399 households who were randomly sampled to achieve a 95% confidence level and 10% margin of error based on population figures provided by camp management. Key informant (KI) interviews with camp managers, held in August 2022, were used to support and triangulate the household survey findings.

## Camp Overview<sup>1</sup>

**Number of individuals:** 6,567  
**Number of households:** 1,264  
**Number of shelters:** 1,387  
**First arrivals:** July 2017  
**Camp area:** 0.25 km<sup>2</sup>

## Demographics



## Location Map

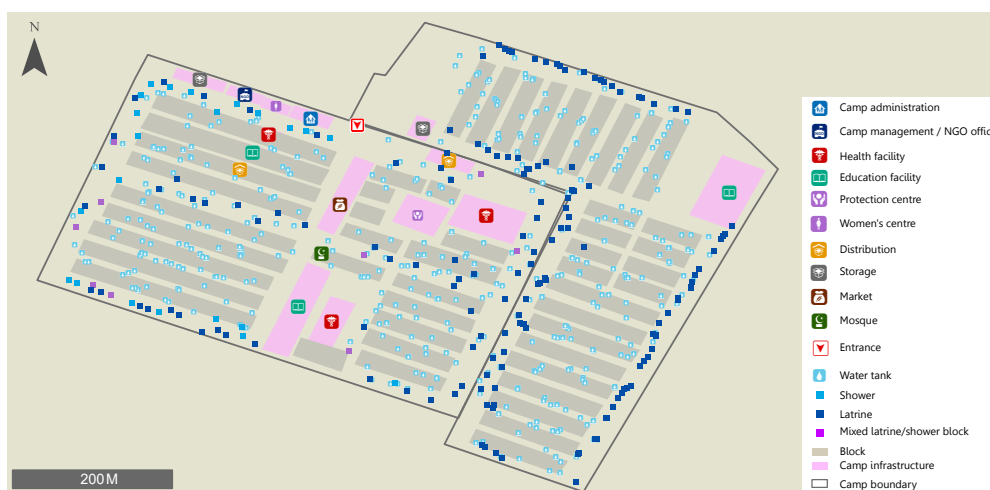


## Vulnerable groups

### Percentage of HHs by vulnerable group:<sup>4</sup>

Female-headed households	23%	Single parents/caregivers	3%
Chronically ill persons	8%	Persons with serious injury	2%
Pregnant/lactating women	5%	HH members with disability	2%

## Camp Map



Camp mapping conducted in August 2022. Detailed infrastructure map available on [REACH Resource Centre](#).

## Sectoral Minimum Standards<sup>2</sup>

		Target	Result	Achievement
<b>Shelter</b>	Average number of individuals per shelter	max 4.6	5	●
	Average covered living space per person	min 3.5 m <sup>2</sup>	5.1 m <sup>2</sup>	●
	Average camp area per person	min 45 m <sup>2</sup>	38.7 m <sup>2</sup>	●
<b>Health</b>	% of 0-5 year olds who have received polio vaccinations	100%	71%	●
	Presence of health services within the camp	Yes	2	●
<b>Protection</b>	% of households reporting safety/security issues in past two weeks	0%	51%	●
<b>Food</b>	% of households receiving assistance in the 30 days prior to data collection	100%	98%	●
	% of households with acceptable food consumption score (FCS) <sup>3</sup>	100%	55%	●
<b>Education</b>	% of children aged 6-17 accessing education services	100%	22%	●
<b>WASH</b>	Persons per latrine	max. 20	14.8	●
	Persons per shower	max. 20	4.4	●
	Frequency of solid waste disposal	min. twice weekly	Every day	●

1. As reported by the camp manager in KI interview, household demographics can be found : [https://impact-initiatives.shinyapps.io/REACH\\_SYR\\_HTML\\_NES\\_CampProfiles\\_August2022/](https://impact-initiatives.shinyapps.io/REACH_SYR_HTML_NES_CampProfiles_August2022/)

2. Targets based on Sphere and humanitarian minimum standards. ● Minimum standard met ● 50-99% of minimum standard met ● 0-49% of minimum standard met [Sphere Handbook, Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response](#), 2018 [UNHCR Emergency Handbook](#).

3. FCS measures households' current food consumption status based on the number of days per week a household is able to eat items from nine standard food groups, weighted for their nutritional value. <https://resources.vam.wfp.org/data-analysis/quantitative/food-security/food-consumption-score>

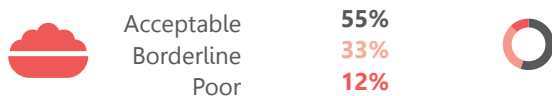
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## FOOD SECURITY

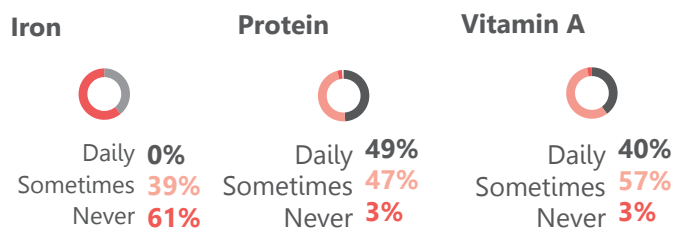
### Food consumption

Percentage of households by FCS category:<sup>1</sup>



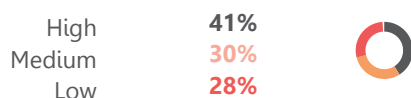
### Nutrition

Percentage of households consuming iron, protein and vitamin A-rich foods by frequency:<sup>2</sup>



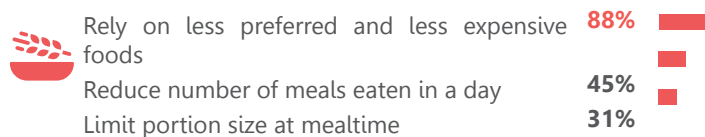
### Dietary diversity

Percentage of households by Household Dietary Diversity score level:<sup>3</sup>



### Food security

Top three reported negative consumption-based coping strategies:



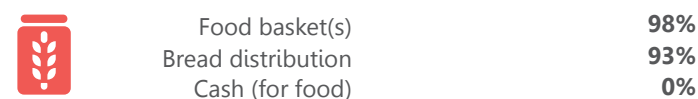
Most commonly reported main sources of food:<sup>4,5</sup>



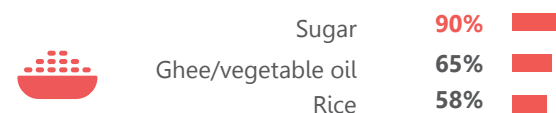
### Food distributions

98% of households had received a food basket, bread distribution, cash, or vouchers in the 30 days prior to data collection.

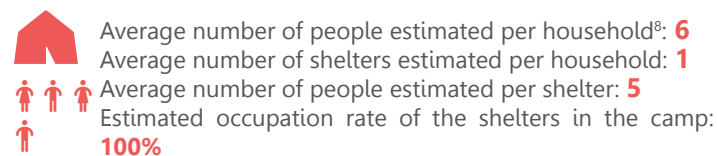
% of households by reported type of food assistance received:<sup>5</sup>



Top three food items households would like to receive more of:<sup>6</sup>



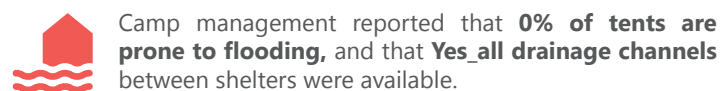
## SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)



### Tent status

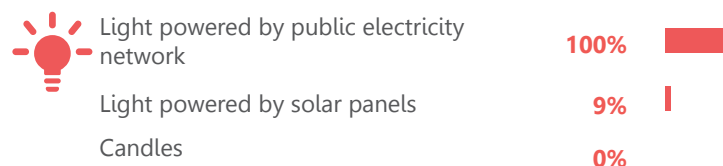
In assessed households, 33% of tents were in new condition.<sup>7</sup>

### Flood susceptibility



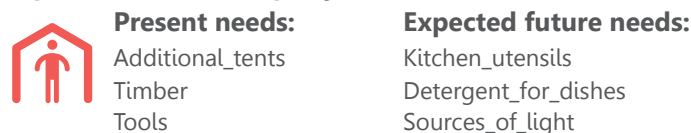
### Sources of light

Most commonly reported sources of light inside shelters:<sup>4</sup>

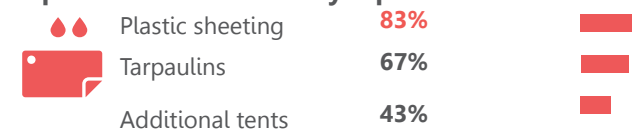


### Shelter adequacy

Reported shelter adequacy issues:<sup>8</sup>



Top three most commonly reported shelter item needs:<sup>6</sup>



0% of respondents reported they had access to a communal or private kitchen, while 100% of households used improvised cooking facilities.

Households reported hazards in their block such as uncovered pits (9%) and electricity hazards (34%).

1. FCS measures households' current food consumption status based on the number of days per week a household is able to eat items from nine standard food groups, weighted for their nutritional value.  
 2. Households were asked to report the number of days per week nutrient-rich food groups were consumed, from which nutrient consumption frequencies were derived. World Food Programme (2015) Food Consumption Score Nutritional Quality Analysis - Technical Guidance Note.  
 3. Households were asked to report the number of days per week they consume foods in different food groups, which was used to derive a Household Dietary Diversity score. UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (2011) Guidelines for Measuring Household and Individual Dietary Diversity.

4. Households could select as many options as applied, meaning the sum of percentages may exceed 100%.  
 5. In the 30 days prior to data collection.  
 6. Households could select up to three options.  
 7. Enumerators were asked to observe the state of the tent and record its condition.  
 8. As reported by the camp manager in KI interview.



## NFI needs

Top three reported anticipated NFI needs for the three months following data collection:<sup>1</sup>



Carpet/mat for the floor	60%	<div></div>
Winter blankets	37%	<div></div>
Washing powder (for clothes)	28%	<div></div>

## Fire safety



Camp management reported that **all four tents have a fire extinguisher** were available and that actors in the camp **informed** residents with **information on fire safety** in the three months prior to data collection.

**86%** of households reported that they had received information about fire safety, **4%** of which reported comprehension **difficulties** of the information received. **99%** reported knowing of a fire point in their block.

## LIVELIHOODS

### Household income

Average monthly household income:<sup>2</sup> **660,788 SYP (157 USD)<sup>3</sup>**

Top three reported primary income sources:<sup>1,4</sup>



Borrowed	84%	<div></div>
Selling assistance items received	64%	<div></div>
Employment outside of camp	36%	<div></div>

Most commonly reported employment sectors:<sup>1,2</sup>

	Inside camp	Outside camp
Employment in private business	77%	39%
Daily labour	8%	50%
Agriculture	0%	17%

### Household debt

**92%** of households reported that they **borrowed money** in the 30 days prior to data collection; on average, these households had a debt load amounting to **531,364 SYP (126 USD)<sup>3</sup>**

Top three reported reasons for taking on debt:<sup>1,5</sup>

Food	99%	<div></div>
Healthcare	68%	<div></div>
Clothing or non-food items (NFI)	44%	<div></div>

Top reported creditors:<sup>1,5</sup>

Shopkeeper	97%	<div></div>
Friends or relatives	92%	<div></div>

### Household expenditure

Average monthly household **608,955 SYP (144 USD)<sup>3</sup>** expenditure:

Top three reported expenditure categories:<sup>1,4</sup>

Food	
Transportation	85%
Communication (e.g. phone, internet)	82%

### Coping strategies

Top three reported livelihoods-related coping strategies:<sup>1,2</sup>



Borrowed money	84%	<div></div>
Sold some assistance items received	64%	<div></div>
Reduced spending on non-food expenditures, such as health or education	28%	<div></div>

64% of households reportedly sold assistance items with Food assistance followed by Other being the most commonly sold. The main reason households reported for selling assistance were I needed cash for more urgent spending(59%) and The item/assistance is useful, but not the first priority (44%).

The most commonly sold food items were **Lentils** (66%), **Chickpeas** (64%) and **Bulgur wheat** (39%).

Most commonly reported ways money from sales was used:

Spent the money on food	97%	<div></div>
Spent the money on health expenses	52%	<div></div>
Spent the money on debt repayment	13%	<div></div>

1. Households could select up to three options.

2. In the 30 days prior to data collection.

3. The effective exchange rate for Northeast Syria was reported to be 4,220 Syrian Pounds to the dollar in August 2022 (Reach Initiative, NES Marke Monitoring Exercise 22-August).

4. Percentage of households reporting income/expenditure in each category; households

could select as many options as applied

5. Findings refer to the subset of households reporting on the given information or issue.



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

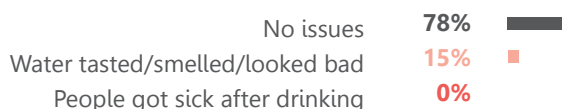
### Water



**Public tap/standpipe (e.g. from water tank), Tanker truck\_NGO** was the primary source of water at the time of data collection. The public tap/standpipe was reportedly used by 88% of households for drinking water.

**0%** of households reported they spent at least two consecutive days without access to drinking water over the two weeks prior to data collection.

#### % of households by reported drinking water issues:<sup>1</sup>



**87%** of households reported that their drinking water was treated over the two weeks prior to data collection. It was treated at the source and Household filtered the water were the most commonly used methods, accounting for 87% and 2%, respectively.

**24%** of households reportedly used negative strategies to cope with lack of water in the two weeks prior to data collection.

#### Most commonly reported negative strategies by households: <sup>1</sup>

- Relied on previously stored water (20%)
- Modified hygiene practices (bathe less, etc) (4%)
- Collected water from unprotected source (e.g. spring, stream, pond) (0%)

**7%** of households reported having at least one member suffering from diarrhoea<sup>2</sup>.

### Hygiene

**79%** of households reportedly didn't have access to a private handwashing facility.

**99%** of households reported having **hand/body soap** available at the time of data collection.

**88%** of households were able to access all assessed hygiene items in the two weeks prior to data collection.<sup>3</sup> The most commonly inaccessible items included Washing powder (1kg), and Detergent for dishes. Hygiene items were most commonly inaccessible because households Couldn't afford it.

### Latrines



**Number of communal latrines:<sup>4</sup> 443**

**Number of household latrines:<sup>4</sup> -**

#### Types of defecation facilities used:

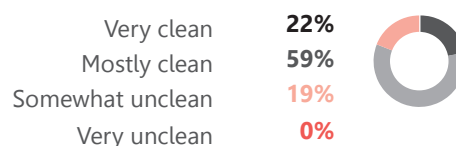
- Household: **0%**
- Communal: **100%** ■
- Open defecation: **0%**

**1%** of households reported that some members **could not access latrines**, with Persons with disabilities (1%) and Boys (0-17) (0%) being most frequently reported by households.

#### Communal latrine characteristics, by % of households reporting<sup>5</sup>



#### % of households by reported level of cleanliness in the communal latrines



### Showers



**Number of communal showers:<sup>4</sup> 119**

**Number of household showers:<sup>4</sup> 1,387**

#### Shower/bathing place usage:<sup>6</sup>

	available <sup>1</sup>	used
• Household:	0%	0%
• Communal:	13%	1%
• Bathing in shelter:	101%	98%

### Waste disposal<sup>7</sup>



**Primary waste disposal system:** Garbage\_collection\_NGO

**Disposal location:** A garbage dump located about 1.5 km away from the camp in the village of Gana

**Sewage system:** sewage\_network

The primary issue with garbage reported by households was **Insufficient number of bins/dumpsters (3% of households)**.

1. Households could select as many options as applied, meaning the sum of percentages may exceed 100%.

2. Self-reported by households and not verified through medical records.

3. The assessed hygiene items included: hand/body soap, sanitary pads, disposable diapers, washing powder, jerry cans/buckets, toothbrushes (for adults and children), toothpaste (for adults and children), shampoo (for adults and babies), cleaning liquid (for house), detergent for dishes, plastic garbage bags, washing lines, nail clippers, combs, and towels.

4. Communal latrines and showers are shared by more than one household. Household latrines and showers are used only by one household. This may be an informal designation that is not officially enforced.

5. Excluding households who answered 'not sure'.

6. A shower is defined as a designated place to shower as opposed to bathing in shelter (i.e. using a bucket).

7. As reported by the camp manager in KI interview.



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## HEALTH



**Number of healthcare facilities in camp: 2**

**Types of facilities:** Mobile\_health\_clinic, clinic

### Available services at the accessible health centres:

	In camp	Outside camp
<b>Outpatient department:</b>	NA	YES
<b>Reproductive health:</b>	NA	YES
<b>Emergency:</b>	NA	YES
<b>Minor surgery:</b>	NA	NO
<b>X-Ray:</b>	NA	NO
<b>Lab services:</b>	NA	NO

80% of households reported that health-related assistance was not meeting their minimum health needs. Households' most commonly reported health needs were Chronic diseases treatment (49%) and Child health and nutrition (including malnutrition) (48%).<sup>1</sup>

Of the 77% of households who required treatment in the 30 days prior to data collection, 93% reportedly faced barriers to accessing medical care.

Most commonly reported barriers to accessing medical care:<sup>2</sup>

- Unaffordability of health services (93%)
- Lack of medicines at the health facilities (75%)
- High transportation costs to health facilities (72%)

### Households reporting that a member had given birth since living in the camp:



Of the 33% reporting a birth in their household, 94% reported that the women delivered in a health facility.

10% of households had at least one person with a respiratory illnesses; and 0% of households reported at least one member with leishmaniasis in the two weeks prior to data collection.<sup>2</sup>

## COVID-19

### Response infrastructure<sup>6</sup>

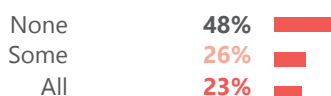
Isolation area available:	Yes_planned
Isolation area functional:	-
	Separate_latrines
	Separate_showers
Sanitation facilities in isolation area:	Separate_handwashing_facilities
Main issues with isolation area:	NA
Sufficient handwashing facilities in camp:	No

87% of households reportedly experienced difficulties in obtaining hand/body soap.

### Related main difficulties included:<sup>1</sup>

Soap was too expensive	77%
Soap was distributed infrequently	35%
Going to the market was dangerous	0%

### % of households by reported availability of functioning hand-washing facilities in communal latrines :



### Vulnerable groups

#### Households reporting members in the following categories:<sup>3</sup>

Person with chronic illness <sup>8</sup>	37%
Person with serious injury/disease (requires medical attention)	8%
Pregnant or lactating woman	5%

Of the 37% of households with a member living with a chronic disease, 8% reported that required medicine was not available, but 73% reported that they could not afford the required medicine.

2% of household heads were reportedly living with a disability.<sup>3,4,5</sup>

72% of households with a pregnant or lactating woman, or with a woman who gave birth while living in the camp had reportedly been able to access obstetric or antenatal care.

### Children and infant health

71% of children under five years old were reportedly vaccinated against polio. 73% of children under two years old had reportedly received the DTP vaccine and 71% the MMR vaccine.

Immunization services for children was reported by 23% of households as a priority health need.

The camp management reported that infant nutrition items had not been distributed in the 30 days prior to data collection. The following nutrition activities have reportedly been undertaken:<sup>6</sup>



<b>Screening and referral for malnutrition:</b>	YES
<b>Treatment for moderate-acute malnutrition:</b>	YES
<b>Treatment for severe-acute malnutrition:</b>	YES
<b>Micronutrient supplements:</b>	YES
<b>Blanket supplementary feeding program:</b>	YES
<b>Promotion of breastfeeding:</b>	YES

### Prevention measures

Camp staff training:	Yes_all
Temperature check for people entering:	None
Quarantine for new arrivals:	Yes_planned
Sanitation facilities in quarantine area:	Separate_latrines Separate_showers Separate_handwashing_facilities
Quarantine area functional:	-

Main issues with isolation area: NA

Camp management reported that soap hand sanitiser face masks cleaning products were distributed to the population. When asked if there have been any modifications on aid distributions, camp management reported that aid distributions were modified to no modifications.

### Top measures taken by camp management in response to the pandemic as reported by households:<sup>6</sup>

No measures were enforced in the past 30 days	41%
Changed distribution procedures	35%
Distributed hygiene materials (soap, disinfectant, masks, etc.)	27%

### Top measures reportedly taken by households in response to the pandemic:<sup>6</sup>

Washed hands more regularly	58%
Nothing	31%
Stayed at home as much as possible	28%

1. Findings refer to the subset of households reporting on the given information or issue.  
2. Households could select as many options as applied, meaning the sum of percentages may exceed 100%.  
3. Self-reported by households and not verified through medical records.  
4. Respondent was asked the Washington Group (WGO) Short Set Questions personally and as recommended by the WG, the disability calculations were applied to determine living with a disability.  
5. The household heads were asked about whether they were living with the given difficulty (seeing, hearing, walking, concentrating, self-care and communicating).  
6. As reported by the camp manager in KI interview.  
7. Respiratory illness, Malnutrition, Psychological illness, Polio, Epilepsy, Diabetes, or Other serious or chronic illness disease





## MOVEMENT

### Top three household areas of origin:<sup>1</sup>

	Country	Governorate	Sub-district	
	Syria	Ar-Raqqa	Tell Abiad	98%
	Syria	AL-Hasakeh	Ras Al Ain	1%
	Syria	Aleppo	Al Bab	1%

### Movements of individuals reported in the 30 days prior to the assessment:<sup>1</sup>

New arrivals **54** Departures **76**

On average, households in the camp had been displaced **3** times before arriving to this camp, and **97%** of households in the camp had been displaced longer than one year.

### Households planning to leave the camp:



Within 1 year	0%
After more than 1 year	0%
Not planning to leave	100%



**100%** of households had no intention to leave the camp, mainly because Waiting for area of origin to be safe (43%), There were food distributions in the camp (25%) and There were NFI distributions in the camp (17%).

The main reasons for the -% of households with intentions to leave were NA (NA%) and NA (NA%).

## PROTECTION

### Protection concerns



**51%** of households reported being aware of safety and security issues in the camp during the two weeks prior to the assessment.

### The most commonly reported security concerns were:

- Danger from snakes, scorpions, mice (33%)
- Theft (23%)

**45%** of households reported at least one member suffering from psychosocial distress.<sup>2</sup>

**21%** of households with children aged 3-17 reported that at least one child had exhibited **changes in behaviour**<sup>3</sup> in the two weeks prior to data collection.

### Freedom of movement



Camp management reported that all residents who needed to leave the camp temporarily could do so at the time of data collection. **7%** of households reported to be able to leave without disclosing the medical reason for leaving.

**Most commonly reported barriers among the 88% households reporting to have experienced barriers when trying to leave the camp in the two weeks prior to data collection**

- Site departure conditions (need approval) (77%)
- Transportation options available but too expensive (65%)
- Insufficient transportation (34%)

At the time of data collection, no interventions were addressing the needs of older persons or persons with disabilities.<sup>1</sup>

### Documentation



**11%** of households reported having at least one married person who was not in possession of their **marriage certificate**.

**26%** of households with children below the age of 17 reported that at least one child did not have any **birth registration documentation**.

### Gender-based violence

**Households reporting knowing about any designated space for women and girls in the site:**



Yes **98%**  
No **2%**

**Of the 98% of households who know about a designated women and girls space, 38% reported that a girl or woman from their household attended one in the 30 days prior to data collection.**

0% men and boys reportedly avoided camp areas for safety and security reasons, **NA%** of whom avoided **NA** most commonly. 0% of women and girls, reportedly avoided camp areas, **NA%** of whom avoided **NA** most commonly.

### Child protection

**27%** of households reported gender-based protection issues with Early marriage (girls below 18 years old) (22%) and Denial of resources, opportunities, or services (5%) being the most commonly reported.

**Households reporting knowing about any child-friendly space in the site:**



Yes **66%**  
No **34%**

**Of the 66% of households who know about any child-friendly spaces, 18% reported that a child from their household attended one in the 30 days prior to data collection.**

1. As reported by the camp manager in KI interview.

2. As reported by households themselves. Assessed symptoms included: persistent headaches, sleeplessness, and more aggressive behaviour than normal towards children or other household members.

3. Changes in sleeping patterns, interactions with peers, attentiveness, or interest in other

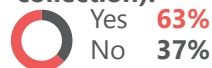
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## Households reporting the presence of child protection concerns within the camp (in the two weeks prior to data collection):



Of the **63%** of households who reported child protection concerns, 59% identified Child labour and 21% Early marriage (below 18 years old).

61% of households reported that they were aware of child labour occurring among children under the age of 11, most commonly reporting Domestic labour (43%) and Agriculture (16%).<sup>1,2</sup>

Of the households who reported **Child labour** among the child protection incidents they were aware of occurring within the camp in the 30 days prior data collection, **95%** were identified as child labour occurring for boys and **100%** occurring among girls.

## Most commonly reported types of child labour by gender:<sup>1,2</sup>

Boys (95%)		Girls (100%)	
Agriculture	64%	Agriculture	95%
Transporting people or goods	52%	Domestic labour	52%

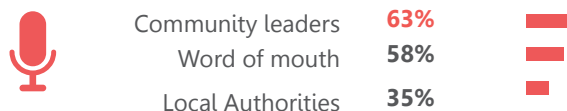
## CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

### Camp management and committees

**2%** of households reported that they did not know who manages the camp, and **33%** reported being not sure.

The camp managers reportedly with a **Yes** when asked if complaint mechanism exist. **93%** of households reported knowing of a complaints box in the camp. **94%** of households reported that they knew who to contact to raise issues or concerns.

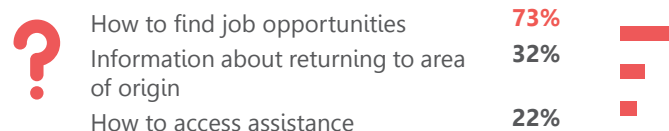
### Top three reported sources of information about services:<sup>3</sup>



### Present committees reported by camp management KI:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camp management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women's committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WASH committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribution committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health committee	

### Top three reported information needs:<sup>3</sup>



## EDUCATION



At the time of data collection, there was **1** educational facility in the camp<sup>4</sup>.

**Age groups:** 6-11, 12-14 and 15-17

**Service providers:** Civil Administration

**Certification availability for each educational facility:** Yes

### Available WASH facilities in educational facilities<sup>4</sup>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latrines	Yes (Yes) <sup>5</sup>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handwashing facilities:	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe drinking water:	Yes

### Proportion of children attending education, compared to the total number of girls & boys in the household

Girls (20%)		Age		Boys (23%)	
4%	12%	15-17	27%	0%	0%
0%	26%	12-14	17%	0%	0%
0%	19%	6-11	24%	0%	0%
0%	2%	3-5	4%	0%	0%
Inside camp		Outside camp			

### School-aged children (6-17 years old)

**22%** of school-aged children in the households were reported to **receive education**.

### The most commonly reported barriers to access education for these households were:<sup>1,2</sup>



- Schools closed/educational services suspended due to summer holiday (90%)
- No education for children of a certain age (12%)
- Child did not want to attend (1%)

### Early childhood development (3-5 years old)

**3%** of 3-5 year old children in the households reportedly received early childhood **education**.

### Most commonly reported barriers to early childhood education:<sup>1,2</sup>



- No education for children of a certain age (66%)
- Schools closed/educational services suspended due to summer holiday (25%)
- Child did not want to attend (11%)

### About REACH's COVID-19 response

As an initiative deployed in many vulnerable and crisis-affected countries, REACH is deeply concerned by the devastating impact the COVID-19 pandemic may have on the millions of affected people we seek to serve. REACH is currently working with Cash Working Groups and partners to scale up its programming in response to this pandemic, with the goal of identifying practical ways to inform humanitarian responses in the countries where we operate. Updates regarding REACH's response to COVID-19 can be found in [a devoted thread](https://www.reach-initiative.org/en/news/a-devoted-thread) on the REACH website. Contact [geneva@impact-initiatives.org](mailto:geneva@impact-initiatives.org) for further information.

### About REACH Initiative

REACH Initiative facilitates the development of information tools and products that enhance the capacity of aid actors to make evidence-based decisions in emergency, recovery and development contexts. The methodologies used by REACH include primary data collection and in-depth analysis, and all activities are conducted through inter-agency aid coordination mechanisms. REACH is a joint initiative of IMPACT Initiatives, ACTED and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research - Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNITAR-UNOSAT).

1. Findings refer to the subset of households reporting on the given information or issue.  
2. Households could select as many options as applied, meaning the sum of percentages may exceed 100%.  
3. Households could select up to three options.

4. As reported by the camp manager in KI interview.  
5. Yes Segregated, No if not