Situation Update: Emergency Displacement in Northwest Syria

1-7 September 2023
Aleppo and Idleb Governorates

KEY FINDINGS

Between **1-7 September 2023,** as recalled by key informants (KIs):

- **3,767** IDP individuals arrived to assessed communities in Al Bab, A'rima, and Jarablus sub-districts in **Aleppo governorate** as reported by KIs

- **1,584** IDP individuals arrived to assessed communities in Ariha, Ehsem, Mhambal, Harim, Qourqeena, and Salqin sub-districts in **Idleb governorate** as reported by KIs

- **11,606** IDP individuals departed assessed locations in **Aleppo governorate** with the largest displacement from Ghandorah sub-district and **658** in **Idleb governorate** as reported by KIs

CONTEXT & RATIONALE

Since 1 September, increased armed hostilities in Northwest Syria has resulted in injury, death, and the significant displacement of civilians in affected communities across Northern Aleppo and Idleb governorates.[1] As of 9 September, 22 people including 11 children were injured, and 5 people were killed. As of 11 September, due to the increase in hostilities, data indicates as many as 5,300 families (estimated 26,500 individuals) displaced across Northwest Syria from 1 to 9 September.[2]
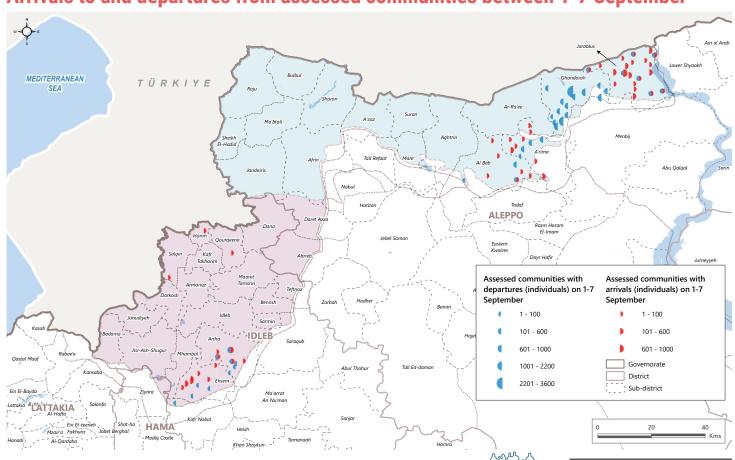
With the situation ongoing, this update provides displacement statistics as reported by KIs in 145 communities assessed across Northern Aleppo and Idleb governorates between 1-7 September.

5,351 # of IDP individuals arrived to assessed locations as recalled and reported by KIs

12,264 # of IDP individuals departed from assessed locations as recalled and reported by KIs

Arrivals to and departures from assessed communities between 1-7 September

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY NEEDS AND PUSH & PULL FACTORS

Aleppo Governorate	Idleb Governorate
Most common pull factors for IDP arrivals, as reported by KIs	
1 Family ties/host community relationships	Family ties/host community relationships
2 Access to shelter/shelter support	Security situation in the assessed location
3 Proximity to community of origin/last place of departure	Proximity to community of origin/last place of departure
Most common **push factors** for IDP arrivals, as reported by KIs	
1 Escalation of ground-based conflict	Escalation of aerial bombardment
2 Damage to home/shelter as a result of the earthquakes	Anticipation of future conflict escalation
3 Not Sure/Loss of income	Reduced access to food
Priority needs of IDPs as reported by KIs	
1 Food	Food and NFIs
2 NFIs	Food
3 NFIs	Safety and security

MOST COMMON PRIORITY NEEDS BY COMMUNITY AS REPORTED BY KIs

	1st Priority Need	2nd Priority Need	3rd Priority Need
Idleb Governorate			
Ariha District			
Ablin	Food	WASH	Livelihoods
Ariha	Food	NFIs	WASH
Arnaba	NFIs	Livelihoods	Safety and security
Bazabur	Food	NFIs	WASH
Bsames	NFIs	Food	Safety and security
Ein Laruz	NFIs	Food	Safety and security
Joseph	NFIs	Food	WASH
Marata	NFIs	Food	Safety and security
Moataf	Food	WASH	NFIs
Motaram	Food	NFIs	WASH
Orm Eljoz	Food	Safety and security	NFIs
Rami	NFIs	Food	Safety and security
Harim District			
Azmarin	Shelter	Health	Safety and security
Harim	Shelter	Health	Livelihoods
Qourqeena	Shelter	Safety and security	Livelihoods

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	1st Priority Need	2nd Priority Need	3rd Priority Need
Aleppo Governorate			
Al Bab District			
Bazagha	Shelter	Livelihoods	Safety and security
Dana	NFIs	Livelihoods	Food
Jeb El-barazi	Shelter	Safety and security	Livelihoods
Maqri	Shelter	Livelihoods	Safety and security
Mseibin(Al-Bab)	NFIs	Food	WASH
Oruba Bab - Arab Wiran	Food	NFIs	WASH
Qubbet Elsheikh	Food	NFIs	WASH
Saflaniyeh	Shelter	Safety and security	Livelihoods
Shdar	Food	NFIs	WASH
Shweiha	Food	WASH	NFIs
Tal Jerji	Food	Shelter	NFIs
Tarhin	NFIs	Food	WASH
Um Shakif	Shelter	NFIs	Safety and security
Zamka	Food	NFIs	WASH
Jarablus District			
Ayn Al Bayda	Food	NFIs	Health
Bablan	Food	Shelter	NFIs
Dabis	NFIs	Food	Shelter
Hadra - Big Baldaq	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Halawaniyeh	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Himar	Food	Shelter	NFIs
Hjeileh - Jrables	NFIs	Food	Health
Jamel	Food	Shelter	NFIs
Jarablus	Food	Shelter	NFIs
Lower Jrables	Food	NFIs	Shelter
Maghayer - Qorq Mghar	Food	NFIs	Shelter
Marma Elhajar	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Mazaalah	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Qandariya	Shelter	Food	NFIs
Tal Elamara	Food	NFIs	Shelter
Tall Shair	Shelter	Food	NFIs
Thahr Elmaghayer	Food	Shelter	NFIs
Treikhem	Shelter	Health	Food
Upper Um Rotha	Shelter	Food	NFIs
Yusef Elbeik	Shelter	Food	WASH
Zoghra	Food	NFIs	Shelter

METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW

On 7 and 10 of September, REACH and a partner organization conducted 147 structured remote and face-to-face KI interviews in 145 communities, 13 sub-districts, and 6 districts in Aleppo and Idleb governorates in Northwest Syria. The data was collected using a structured tool built in Kobo. Both REACH and partner organization field teams received training on the survey tool. A purposeful sampling methodology was employed. REACH and partner enumerators reached out to sub-district level KIs to start snowballing and identifying communities where displaced people were arriving.

Thereafter, full interviews were conducted with district KIs from the identified communities in stage one and short interviews were completed for community KIs. The recall time period for KIs interviewed was the period of 1 to 7 September 2023. Following this methodology, the findings presented in this factsheet may be considered indicative.

Due to the rapid nature of data collection, it might be possible that respondents could have under or overestimated the number of arrivals and departures.

FOOTNOTES

[1]OCHA North-west Syria Flash Update (06 September 2023)

[2]OCHA North-west Syria Situation Report (13 September 2023)

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