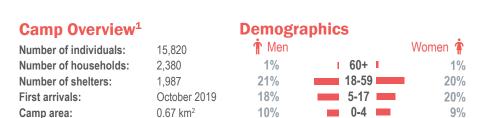


Al-Hasakeh governorate, Syria February 2022



### **Background and Methodology**

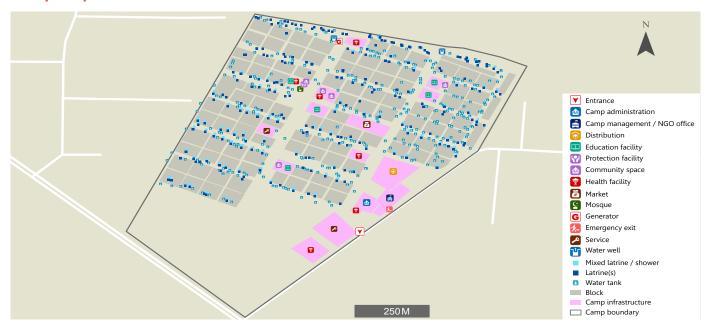
Washokani is an informal internally displaced person (IDP) camp in Al-Hasakeh governorate. This profile provides an overview of humanitarian conditions in the camp. Primary data was collected through a representative household survey from 16 to 20 February. The assessment included 109 surveyed households. Households were randomly sampled to a 95% confidence level and 10% margin of error based on population figures provided by camp management. Key informant (KI) interviews with camp managers and NGO workers in February 2022 were used to support and triangulate some of the findings collected through the household survey. At the time of data collection, the camp was managed by a non-governmental organisation (NGO).



### **Location Map**



#### **Camp Map**



Camp mapping conducted in February 2022. Detailed infrastructure map available on REACH Resource Centre.

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

Scotorar	William Standards	Target	Result	Achievement
Shelter	Average number of individuals per shelter Average covered living space per person Average camp area per person	max 4.6 min 3.5 m <sup>2</sup> min 45 m <sup>2</sup>	5 2.4 m² 36 m²	•
Health	% of 0-5 year olds who have received polio vaccinations Presence of health services within the camp	100% Yes	67% Yes	•
Protection	% of households reporting safety/security issues in the two weeks prior to data collection	0%	61%	•
Food	% of households receiving assistance in the 30 days prior to data collection % of households with acceptable food consumption score (FCS) <sup>3</sup>	100% 100%	97% 50%	•
Education	% of children aged 6-17 accessing education services	100%	53%	•
WASH	Persons per latrine Persons per shower Frequency of solid waste disposal	max. 20 max. 20 min. twice weekly	29 79 every day	•

<sup>1.</sup> As reported by the key informants (KI) in February 2022.

<sup>3.</sup> 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. World Food Programme (2009). Comprehensive Food Security & Vulnerability Analysis Guidelines.





<sup>2.</sup> Targets based on Sphere and humanitarian minimum standards. SPHERE (2018). Sphere Handbook, Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response; UNHCR. Emergency handbook.





#### ਤੇ HEALTH



Number of healthcare facilities in camp: 1

Types of facilities: NGO clinic

Nearest health centre outside camp: 17km

Available services at accessible health centres:

In camp¹	Outside camp
No	Yes
Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes
No	Yes
No	Yes
No	Yes
	No Yes Yes No No

91% of households reported that health-related humanitarian assistance was **not** meeting their **minimum health needs**<sup>25</sup>. Their most commonly reported health needs were maternal health services (60%) and chronic diseases treatment (54%).10

Of 68% of households who required treatment in the 30 days prior to data collection, 84% reportedly faced barriers to accessing medical care.

Most commonly reported barriers to accessing medical care were:6

- Unaffordability of health services (82%)
- Lack of medicines at the health facilities (40%)
- Overcrowded health facilities (29%)

#### Pregnant/lactating women

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





Of the 54% reporting a birth in their household, 81% reported that the women delivered in a health facility. 57% 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 obsteric or antenatal care.

#### **Vulnerable groups**

Households reporting members in the following categories:<sup>7</sup>

Person with serious injury/disease Person with chronic illness

Pregnant or lactating woman

Of the 45% of households with a member living with a chronic disease, 0% reported that required medicine was not available, and 63% reported that they could not afford the required medicine.

0.1% of households heads were reportedly living with a disability. 4,5,7

#### Infant and child health

67% of children under five years old were reportedly vaccinated against polio. 64% of children under two years old had reportedly received the DTP vaccine<sup>23</sup> and 60% the MMR vaccine<sup>23</sup>.

Immunization services for childen was reported by 21% of households as a priority health need.

Camp management reported that **infant nutrition items were** distributed in the 30 days prior to data collection. The following nutrition activities have reportedly been undertaken:1



Screening and referral for malnutrition: Yes Treatment for moderate-acute malnutrition: No Treatment for severe-acute malnutrition: No Micronutrient supplements: No Blanket supplementary feeding program: No Promotion of breastfeeding: Yes

# 会 COVID-19

### Response infrastructure<sup>1</sup>

Yes Functional isolation area: Yes Sanitation facilities in isolation area: Sufficient handwashing facilities in camp:

14% of households reportedly experienced difficulties in obtaining hand/body soap.

Main difficulties included:6

Soap was too expensive Soap was distributed infrequently 6% Soap was of poor quality 4%

Availability of functioning handwashing facilities in communal latrines as reported by % of households:



None	<b>72</b> %	
Some	15%	
All	14%	

#### Prevention measures<sup>1</sup>

Yes Camp staff training: Temperature check for people entering: No Quarantine for new arrivals available: No Functional quarantine area: Sanitation facilities in quarantine area:

Camp management reported that soap, hand sanitiser, face masks and gloves were distributed to the population. Aid distributions were organised at block-level with allotted time slots.

Top measures taken by camp management in response to the pandemic as reported by households:6

> Distributed hygiene materials 75% Asked people to stay at home 35% Changed distribution procedures 26%

Top measures reportedly taken by households in response to the pandemic:6



Washed hands more regularly 76% Stayed at home 38% Avoided touching other people 34%



difficulty (seeing, hearing, walking, concentraging, self-care and communicating).

<sup>4.</sup> Respondent was asked the Washington Group (WGQ) Short Set Questions personally and as recommended by the WG, the disability3 calculations were applied to determine the number of people living with a disability. 5. As suggested on WGQ FAQ respondent was asked if other household members were living with the given

<sup>6.</sup> Households could select as many options as applied, meaning the sum of percentages may exceed 100%.

<sup>7.</sup> Self-reported by households and not verified through medical records.





#### 3→ MOVEMENT

Top three household areas of origin:



Country	Governorate	Sub-district	
Syria	Al-Hasakeh	Ras Al Ain	80%
Syria	Al-Hasakeh	Al-Hasakeh	20%

No new arrivales or departures were reported in the 30 days prior to data collection.

On average, households in the camp had been displaced 2 times before arriving to this camp, and 100% of households in the camp had been displaced longer than one year.

#### Households planning to leave the camp:

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After more than 1 year	8%	
Not planning to leave	92%	

**92%** of households had no intention to leave the camp, mainly because they were waiting for their area of origin to become safe (97%), and due to camp safety (1%) and the availability of food distributions (1%).

The main fators for the **8%** of households with intentions to leave were their desire to **return to their area of origin** (100%) and **poor shelter conditions** (89%).

### **PROTECTION**

#### **Protection concerns**



 61% of households reported being aware of safety and security issues in the camp during the two weeks prior to data collection.

The most commonly reported security concerns were:6

- Theft (57%)
- Disputes between residents (16%)

**50%** of households reported at least one member suffering from **psychosocial distress.**8

**22%** of households with children aged 3-17 reported that at least one child had exhibited **changes in behaviour**<sup>9</sup> in the two weeks prior to data collection

#### **Freedom of movement**



KI reported that all residents who needed to **leave the camp temporarily for medical emergencies** could do so at the time of data collection. However, **14%** of households reported to be able to leave only by disclosing the medical reason for leaving.

**19%** of households reportedly faced barriers when leaving the camp in the two weeks prior to data collection.



Yes 19% No 81% Most commonly reported barriers:6

- Insufficient transportation (14%)
- Expensive transportation options (2%)

#### Vulnerable groups

Proportion of vulnerable groups among total assessed population:<sup>7</sup>

Chronically ill persons Persons with serious injury Female-headed households 9% Single parents/caregivers4% Pregnant/lactating women7%

11%

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

#### **Documentation**



17% of households reported having at least one married person who was not in possession of their marriage certificate.

23% of households with children below the age of 5 reported that at least one child did not have any birth registration documentation.

#### Gender-based violence

**18%** of households reported gender-based protection issues with **early marriage** (18%) being the most commonly reported.

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



Yes 70% No 30% Of the 70% of households who knew about a designated women and girls space, 42% reported that at least one girl or woman from their household attended one in the 30 days prior to data collection.

9% of men and boys reportedly avoided certain camp areas for safety and security reasons, 100% of whom avoided camp outskirts most commonly. 16% of women and girls avoided certain camp areas for safety and security reasons, 71% of whom avoided camp outskirts most commonly. 100 to 1

#### Child protection

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



Yes 68% No 32% Of the 68% of households who knew about any child-friendly spaces, **39%** reported that at least one child from their household attended one in the 30 days prior to data collection.

Households reporting child protection concerns within the camp in the two weeks prior to data collection: 6, 10



Yes **25** No **75** 

Of the 25% of households who reported child protection concerns, **19%** identified early marriage (below 18 years old) and **17%** child labour.

**95%** of households were reportedly aware of **child labour** occuring among **children under the age of 11**, most commonly reporting the transport of people or goods (63%) and work for others (42%).<sup>6,10</sup>

Most commonly reported types of child labour by gender:6, 10

#### Boys (63%)

Transporting people/goods Work for others

Girls (74%)

12% Transporting people/goods
32% Work for others

37% 32%

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

Changes in sleeping patterns, interactions with peers, attentiveness, or interest in other daily activities.
 Question applies to a subset of households who reported experiencing a given issue.





# WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

#### Water



Public tab/standpipes were the primary water source at the time of data collection. The public tap/standpipe was reportedly used by 97% of households for drinking water.

5% of households reported they spent at least two consecutive days without access to drinking water over the two weeks prior to data collection.

#### Drinking water issues, by % of households reporting:6



No issues Water tasted/smelled/looked bad 38% 10% People got sick after drinking

20% of households reportedly used negative strategies to cope with lack of water in the two weeks prior to data collection.

#### The most commonly reported coping strategies:6

- Used previously stored drinking water (9%)
- Collected water outside of camp (4%)
- Modified hygiene practices (4%)

16% of households reported having at least one member suffering from diarrhoea, 22% of households had at least one person with respiratory illnesses, and 2% of households reported at least one member with leishmaniasis in the two weeks prior to data collection.7

#### Hygiene

85% of households reportedly did not have access to a private handwashing facility.

98% of households reported having hand/body soap available at the time of data collection.

43% of households were able to access all assessed hygiene items in the two weeks prior to data collection. 11 The most commonly inaccessible items included washing powder and disposable diapers. Hygiene items were most commonly inaccessible because households could not afford it.

#### **Latrines**



Number of communal latrines: 1,12 656

Number of household latrines:1,12

Types of defecation facilities used:

 Household latrine: Communal latrine: 100% Open defecation 0%

11% of households reported that some members could not access latrines, with girls and boys being the most common, accounting for 8% and 7% of all surveyed households, respectively.

#### Communal latrine characteristics, by % of households reporting<sup>14</sup>



#### Communal latrine cleanliness, by % of households reporting:

Verv clean Mostly clean 46% Somewhat unclean 32% Very unclean 7%



# **Showers**



418 Number of communal showers: 1,12

Number of household showers:1,12

# Shower/bathing place usage by % of

households:13 available<sup>6</sup> used · Household showers: 0% 0% Communal showers: 0% % · Bathing in shelter: 100% 95%

#### Waste disposal<sup>1</sup>



Primary waste disposal system: Garbage collection (NGO). Disposal location: Garbage dump outside the camp.

Sewage system: Desludging.

The primary issue with garbage reported by households was having an insufficient number of bins or dumpsters (13%).

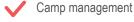
#### ACAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

#### **Camp management and committees**

26% of households reported that they did not know who manages the camp, while 36% were reportedly not sure.

The camp reportedly had a complaint mechanism<sup>1</sup> and 95% of households reported knowing of a complaints box in the camp. 65% of households reported that they knew who to contact to raise concerns.

#### Present committees reported by camp management KI:



Health committee

Youth committee



Distribution committee

#### Households' information needs

Top three reported sources of information about services:19



Word of mouth 65% 46% Local Authorities NGO 29%

Top three reported information needs:19



How to find job opportunities 75% How to access assistance 54% Information about returning to area of origin

Women's committee Maintenance committee WASH committee

<sup>11.</sup> 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,

<sup>12.</sup> 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. 13. A shower is defined as a designated place to shower as opposed to bathing in shelter (i.e using a bucket). 14. Excluding households who answered 'not sure'





#### FOOD SECURITY

#### **Food consumption**

Percentage of households at each FCS level:3



Acceptable 50% Borderline Poor 16%



Percentage of households consuming iron, protein and vitamin A-rich foods by frequency:15

Iron

Sometimes 29% Never

Protein

Sometimes 54% 4% Never

Vitamin A



Daily Sometimes 55% Never 13%

#### **Dietary diversity**

Percentage of households by Household Dietary Diversity score level:16

High 42% Medium 31%

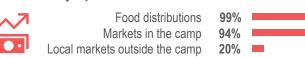


#### **Food security**

Top three reported food-consumption related coping strategies: 17, 24

Ate cheaper food that was not as good Ate smaller amounts of food 57% 54% Ate fewer meals a day than normal

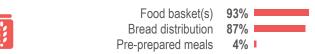
Most commonly reported main sources of food:6, 18



#### **Food distributions**

93% of households had received a food basket, bread distribution, cash, or vouchers in the 30 days prior to data collection.

Type of food assistance received,18 by % of households reporting:6



Top three food items households would like to receive more of:19



Sugar 95% Ghee/vegetable oil 67% Rice 39%

# **ELIVELIHOODS**

### **Household income**

Average monthly household income:18 303,642 SYP (83 USD)20

Top three reported primary income sources: 19,21



Borrowed money 55% Employment outside of camp 35% Sold assistance items received 32%

Most commonly reported employment sectors: 6,18,21

	Inside camp	Outside camp
Daily labour	62%	79%
Employment in private business	38%	21%
Trading commodities	19%	5%

#### **Household debt**

84% of households reported that they had borrowed money in the 30 days prior to data collection; on average, these households had a debt load amounting to 560,807 SYP (153 USD).20

Top three reported reasons for taking on debt:10,19

Food 71% Healthcare 58% Clothing or non-food items (NFI) 29%

Top reported creditors:6, 10, 19

Friends or relatives Shopkeeper 60%

15. Households were asked to report the number of days per week when 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

16. 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.

17. Households were asked to report the number of days they employed each coping strategy. The graph only shows the overall frequency with which a coping strategy was reported.

#### **Household expenditure**

Average monthly household expenditure:18 309,156 SYP (84 USD)20

Top three reported expenditure categories: 19,21

Food 98% 92% Communication Healthcare 81%

#### **Coping strategies**

Top three reported livelihoods-related coping strategies: 18, 19



Borrowed money 55% 32% Reduced spending on NFI

32% of households reportely sold assistance items with food assistance followed by COVID-19 items being the most commonly sold. The most commonly sold food items were lentils (88%), chickpeas (38%) and bulgur wheat (34%).

The main reason households reported for selling assistance were the need for cash for more urgent spending (77%) and that the received item or assistance, while useful, was not a top priority (29%).

Most commonly reported ways money from sales was used:8

Spent the money on food 77% Spent the money on health expenses 34% Spent the money on debt repayment 23%

18. In the 30 days prior to data collection.

19. Households could select up to three options.

20. The effective exchange rate for Northeast Syria was reported to be 3600 Syrian Pounds to the dollar in February 2022 (Reach Initiative, NES Marke Monitoring Exercise, February 2022).

21. Percentage of households reporting income/expenditure in each category; households could select as many ontions as applied

22 Enumerators were asked to observe the state of the tent and record its condition

23. Diphteria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP): Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)





### **EDUCATION**



At the time of data collection, there were 2 educational facilities in the camp.1

Age groups: 6-11 years, 12-14 years

Certification available:

#### Available WASH facilities in educational facilities<sup>1</sup>

	Latrines	Yes
Ġ	Handwashing facilities:	Yes
	Safe drinking water:	Yes

#### Proportion of children attending education

i	i	Girls (50%)	Age	Boys (55%)	1	i
0%	20%		3-5		26%	0%
0%	75%		6-11		66%	0%
0%	47%		12-14		46%	0%
0%	16%		15-17		44%	0%

# Inside camp Outside camp

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

53% of school-aged children in the households reportedly received education.

Most commonly reported barriers to education for households were:6, 10



- Education was not considered important (50%)
- Child did not want to attend (29%)
- Children had to work (12%)

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

23% of 3-5 year old children in the households reportedly received early childhood education.

Most commonly reported barriers to early childhood education:6, 10



- Child did not want to attend (29%)
- Education was not considered important (15%)
- No education for children of a certain age (15%)

# **介配 SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)**



Average number of people estimated per household: 7 Average number of shelters estimated per household: 1 Average number of people estimated per shelter: 5 Estimated occupation rate of the shelters in the camp: 100%

#### **Tent status**

In assessed households, 23% of tents were in new condition.22

#### Flood susceptibility



Camp management reported that 95% of tents are prone to flooding, and that some drainage channels between shelters and trenches were available.

#### **Sources of light**

Most commonly reported sources of light inside shelters:6

Public electricity network	97%	
Solar panels	29%	
Shared camp generator	22%	

#### **NFI** needs

Top three reported anticipated NFI needs for the next three months: 19



Rechargeable fan 34% Cool box 21% Carpet/mat for the floor

### **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 on the REACH website. Contact geneva@impact-initiatives.org for further information.

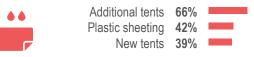
#### **Shelter adequacy**

Reported shelter adequacy issues:1

Present needs: **Expected future needs:** Plastic sheeting



Top three most commonly reported shelter item needs:19



8% of respondents reported they had access to a communal or private kitchen, while 92% of households used improvised cooking facilities (e.g. makeshift kitchen or cooking inside or outside shelter).

34% of households reported hazards in their block such as uncovered pits (24%) and electricity hazards (17%).

#### Fire safety



The camp management reported that fire extinguishers were avaiable in each block available and that camp actors informed residents on fire safety in the three months prior to data collection.

82% of households reported that they had received information about fire safety, 7% of which reported comprehension difficulties of the information received. **74%** reported knowing of a fire point in their block.

24. During the 7 days prior to data collection.

25. The definition of households' health minimum standards was left to the households' discretion.

#### **About REACH Initiative**

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