

OVERALL FINDINGS:

27 FEBRUARY - 2 APRIL 2017

2,387 communities across ISMI-covered governorates of northern Syria are reported to host displaced populations¹. Of these, 1,183 are covered in ISMI weekly data collection cycles. **Between 27 February - 2 April, 411 ISMI-covered communities experienced inward or outward movement of IDPs².**

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

128,015 TOTAL IDP ARRIVALS³

96,782 TOTAL IDP DEPARTURES³

65 % of all recorded IDPs arrivals³ were to Aleppo governorate.

55 % of all recorded IDP departures³ were from Aleppo governorate.

46 % of all recorded IDP arrivals were to either Menbij or A'zaz sub-districts in Aleppo governorate.

34 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were reported between 6 and 12 March

Coverage March 2017

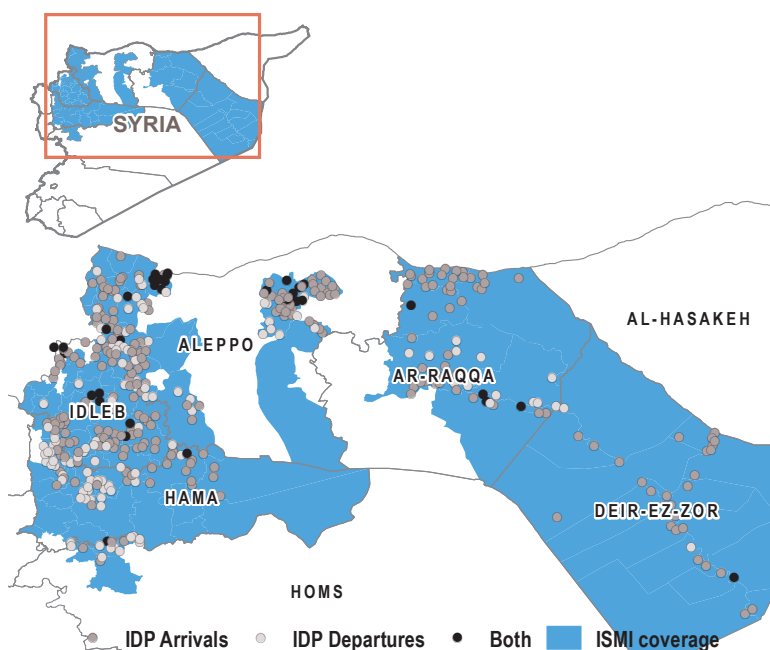


Table 1: Recorded IDP arrivals to ISMI-covered communities, by governorate

GOVERNORATE	IDP ARRIVALS					
	Reported arrivals (#IDPs)	Change since last month	Sub-districts with largest reported IDP arrivals (#IDPs)		Most common sub-districts of origin of reported IDP arrivals (#IDPs)	
Aleppo	82,708	↑	Menbij (31,217)	A'zaz (27,053)	Al-Khafsah (15,778)	Dayr Hafir (12,039)
Idlib	24,968	↑	Dana (14,142)	Kafr Nobol (1,968)	Madiq Castle (7,029)	Muhradah (2,707)
Ar-Raqqa	15,636	↑	Ar-Raqqa (4,824)	Karama (4,041)	Ar-Raqqa (11,311)	Maskana (1,648)
Deir-ez-Zor	2,911	↑	Al Mayadin (1,069)	Abu Kamal (450)	Ar-Raqqa (1,615)	Deir-ez-Zor (323)
Hama	1,462	↑	Madiq Castle (468)	Hamra (307)	Madiq Castle (462)	Suran (292)
Homs	330	↑	Ar-Rastan (215)	Talbiseh (70)	Talbiseh (105)	Homs (55)

Figure 1: Reported IDP arrivals by governorate (%)

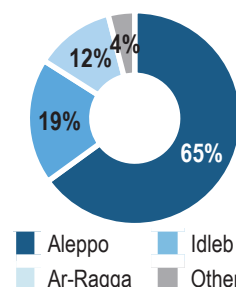


Figure 2: Most common sub-districts of origin of reported IDP arrivals (%)

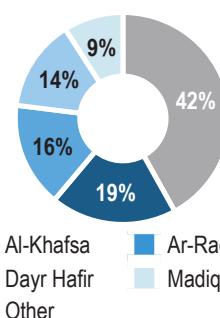
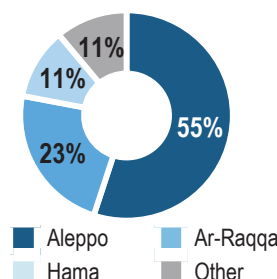


Table 2: Recorded IDP departures from ISMI-covered communities, by governorate

GOVERNORATE	IDP DEPARTURES					
	Reported departures (#IDPs)	Change since last month	Sub-districts with largest reported IDP departures (#IDPs)		Most common destination sub-districts of reported IDP departures (#IDPs)	
Aleppo	53,774	↑	A'zaz (17,369)	Al-Khafsah (16,581)	Menbij (12,994)	Al Bab (12,292)
Ar-Raqqa	21,842	↑	Ar-Raqqa (19,672)	Karama (1,000)	Tell Abiad (2,599)	Jurneyyeh (2,382)
Hama	10,490	↑	Madiq Castle (7,015)	Suran (1,325)	Hama (1,694)	Dana (1,195)
Idlib	9,660	↑	Dana (2,758)	Khan Shaykun (2,708)	Muhradah (3,425)	Dana (1,314)
Deir-ez-Zor	605	↑	Kisreh (256)	Al Mayadin (124)	Ein Issa (180)	Hajin (113)
Homs	441	↓	Hajin (45)	Kisreh (42)	Homs (182)	Hama (78)

Figure 3: Reported IDP departures by governorate (%)



¹ Humanitarian Needs Overview Syria (HNO) 2017; ² Due to multiple displacement in some cases IDPs may have been recorded arriving/departing to more than one ISMI-covered community; ³ Calculated from total IDPs reported arriving/departing across all ISMI-covered communities

ALEPPO GOVERNORATE

During March 2017, 82,708 IDP arrivals and 53,744 IDP departures were reported in ISMI-covered communities in Aleppo. Arrivals in Aleppo constituted 65% of all arrivals³ and 55% of all departures³ during the reporting period.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

82,708 IDP ARRIVALS³

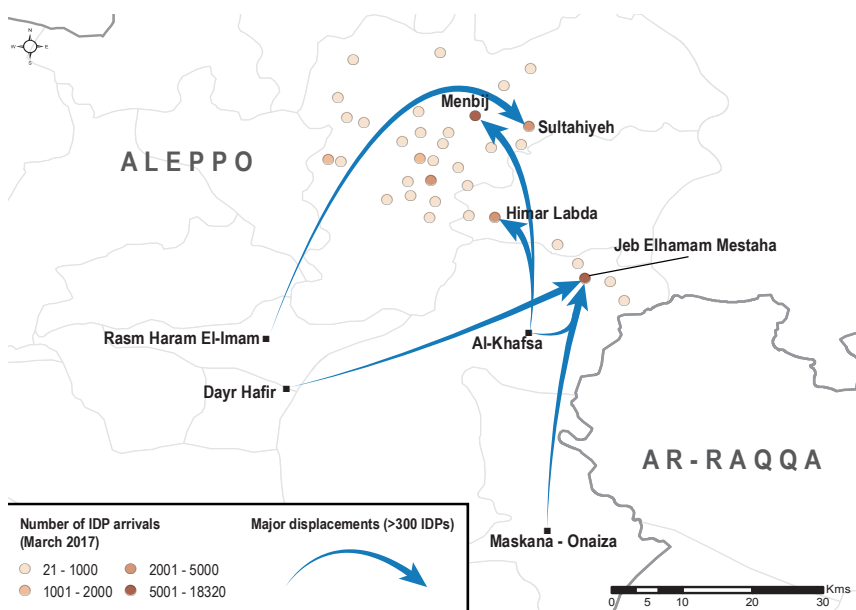
53,744 IDP DEPARTURES³

65 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Aleppo.

55 % of all recorded IDP departures³ were from communities in Aleppo.

24 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to Menbij sub-district.

Map 1: Major displacement into communities in Eastern Aleppo governorate



DISPLACEMENT IN EAST ALEPPO COUNTRYSIDE:

As in February, the eastern part of Aleppo governorate witnessed high levels of conflict in March,⁴ leading to large-scale displacement in the area. **Large numbers of IDP arrivals in Aleppo governorate were reported to have originated from Al-Khafsa (15,778), Dayr Hafir (12,039), Maskana (4,708) and Tadaf (3,953) sub-districts.**

The main displacement pattern, particularly in the first three weeks of March, has been northwards from conflict-affected parts of these sub-districts, either to nearby areas in Al-Khafsa and Abu Qalqal sub-districts, or further north towards Menbij sub-district. **Menbij sub-district received a total of 31,271 IDP arrivals, the highest across all ISMI-covered sub-districts.** Jeb Elhamam Mestaha received 18,320 IDPs between 6 and 12 March, the largest influx of IDPs into ISMI-covered communities in March. Arrivals came from Al-Khafsa (10,830), Dayr Hafir (3,990) and Maskana-Onaiza (2,280). The following week almost 15,000 IDPs left that community, with 9,245 going to Menbij and 5,700 to Abu Qalqal.

In addition to localised displacement and movement towards Menbij, smaller displacement westwards from the area has also occurred. **In total, 2,862 IDPs from eastern Aleppo governorate were reported to have arrived in A'zaz sub-district,** including 883 and 800 from Maskana and Dayr Hafir sub-districts, respectively.

IDPs from eastern Aleppo governorate, particularly Maskana, also moved southwards and eastwards into Ar-Raqqa governorate. **A total of 1,982 IDP arrivals from eastern Aleppo governorate were reported in ISMI-covered communities in Ar-Raqqa in March,** including 1,106 to Ar-Raqqa city and 838 to Ein Issa town. Of these arrivals, 1,648 were reported to have come from Maskana sub-district.

While displacement was reported out of other parts of eastern Aleppo governorate, large numbers of IDPs were reported to have gone to the previously conflict-affected Al Bab sub-district, suggesting that the situation there may have stabilised. **A total of 12,292 IDP departures from ISMI-covered communities were reported to Al-Bab, including 8,689 from Menbij sub-district and 3,603 from A'zaz sub-district.**

Figure 4: Aleppo sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

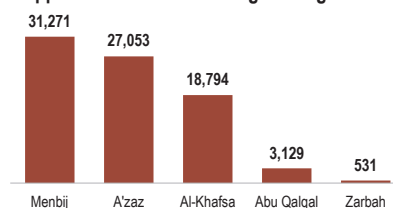


Figure 5: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

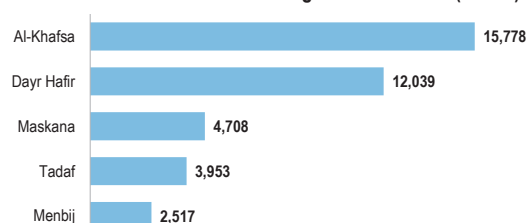
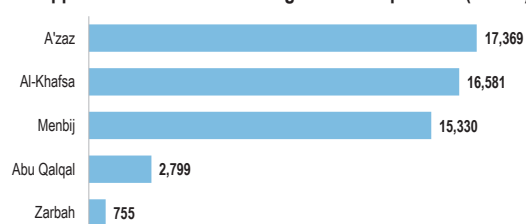
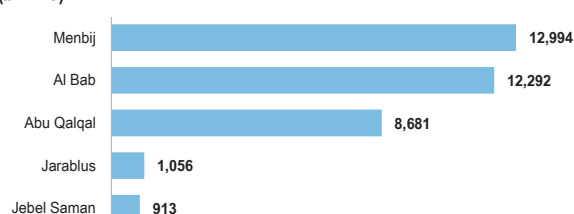


Figure 6: Aleppo sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



For populations departing ISMI-covered communities in Aleppo, reduced conflict in areas of origin was the most commonly cited reason for doing so. Newly arrived IDPs were **most commonly living in individual tents (34,281), camps (10,843) and rented/owned housing (9,750).**

Figure 7: Aleppo intended destinations with highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



³ Calculated from total IDPs reported arriving/departing across all ISMI-covered communities

⁴ REACH, [Eastern Aleppo Governorate Situation Overview: Displacement and Intentions](#), March 2017

AR-RAQQA GOVERNORATE

During the reporting period, 15,636 IDPs were recorded arriving to ISMI-covered communities in Ar-Raqqa governorate, while 21,842 individuals faced secondary displacement during the same period. These represented approximately five-fold and six-fold increases in IDP arrivals and departures, respectively, from February, and reflected increased conflict in the governorate in March.⁵

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

21,842 IDP DEPARTURES³

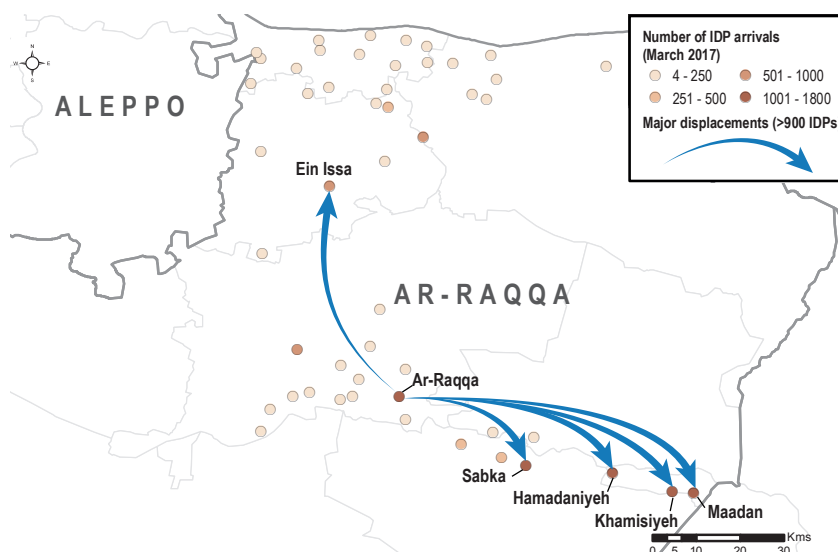
15,636 IDP ARRIVALS³

16 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ originated from communities in Ar-Raqqa sub-district.

88 % of recorded IDP departures in Ar-Raqqa governorate were from Ar-Raqqa city.

13 % of recorded IDP arrivals in Ar-Raqqa governorate⁴ originated from Aleppo governorate.

Map 2: Major displacements in Ar-Raqqa governorate



Displacement within Ar-Raqqa governorate was mostly centred on **Ar-Raqqa sub-district**, which had recently experienced clashes and anticipated further fighting.⁵ The sub-district saw the **highest proportion of the governorate's IDP arrivals (31%)** and the **vast majority of its departures (90%)** (Figures 8, 9 and 10). It was also the most common sub-district of origin of IDP arrivals across the governorate (72%). Almost 2,000 IDPs were also reported to have arrived from eastern Aleppo governorate in March, particularly from Maskana sub-district (1,648).

The **most common shelter types** for newly arrived IDPs were **hosted accommodation** (6,752) and **individual tents** (3,578).

Figure 8: Ar-Raqqa sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

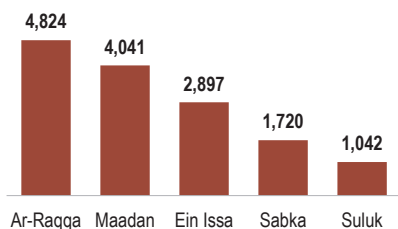


Figure 9: Ar-Raqqa sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)

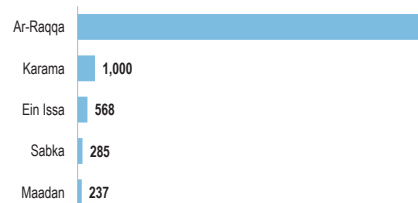
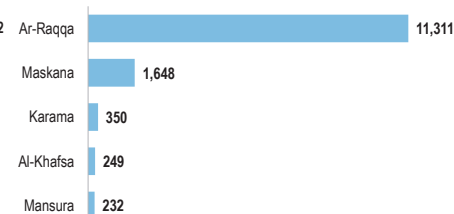


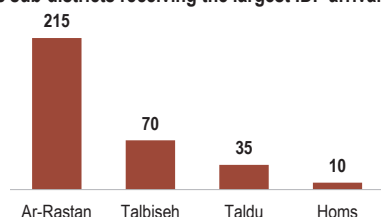
Figure 10: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



HOMS GOVERNORATE

In comparison to other ISMI-covered governorates, displacement in Homs remained limited during February with arrivals to the governorate constituting just 1% of the total number of IDP arrivals across ISMI-covered locations³. **In total, 330 IDPs were recorded arriving in Homs, while 441 IDPs experienced secondary displacement out of ISMI-covered communities** (Figures 11, 12).

Figure 11: Homs sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



IDPs mostly arrived from within Homs governorate (79%), or from neighbouring Hama governorate (21%). Similarly, departing IDPs most commonly remained within the governorate (46%), while others travelled to Hama governorate (30%).

For newly arrived IDPs, the most common shelter types were **hosted accommodation** (190), followed by **rented/owned housing** (120).

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

441 IDP DEPARTURES³

330 IDP ARRIVALS³

79 % of recorded arrivals were from within Homs governorate.

30 % of recorded IDP departures travelled to Hama governorate

1 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Homs.

Figure 12: Homs sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)

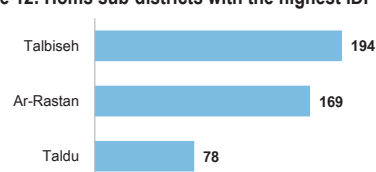
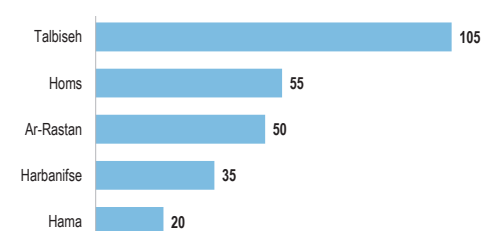


Figure 13: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



³ Calculated from total IDPs reported arriving/departing across all ISMI-covered communities

⁵ UNHCR, [Flash Update on Recent Events](#), 5 April 2017

DEIR-EZ-ZOR GOVERNORATE

IDP arrivals into Deir-ez-Zor governorate approximately tripled to 2,911 between February and March. More than half of these arrivals were from Ar-Raqqa sub-district (1,615), likely as a consequence of escalating conflict around Ar-Raqqa city in March.⁵ More than one-third of IDP arrivals in Deir-ez-Zor governorate were to Al Mayadin sub-district (1,069), of which 796 were to Al Mayadin town.

The most common shelter types for newly arrived IDPs were hosted accommodation (1,313) and rented/owned housing (1,261).

Figure 14: Deir-ez-Zor sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

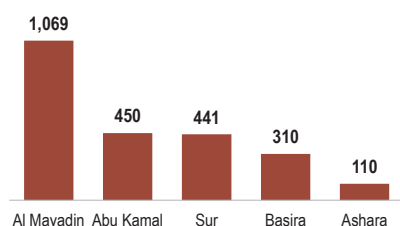
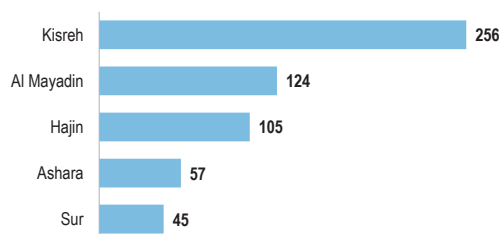


Figure 16: Deir-ez-Zor sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

2,911 IDP ARRIVALS³

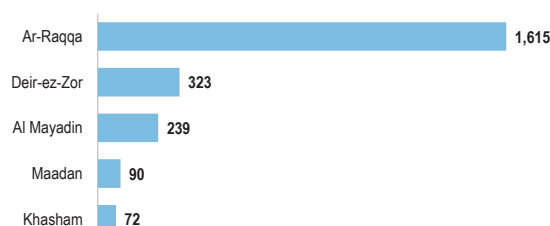
605 IDP DEPARTURES³

66 % of recorded IDP arrivals in Deir-ez-Zor were from Ar-Raqqa governorate.

30 % of recorded IDP departures from Deir-ez-Zor were to Ein Issa sub-district in Ar-Raqqa governorate.

2 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Deir-ez-Zor.

Figure 15: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



A total of 605 IDP departures were reported from assessed communities in Deir-ez-Zor in March. Of these departures, 42% were from Kisreh sub-district, and a further 20% and 17% were from Al Mayadin and Hajin sub-districts respectively (Figure 16).

While the most common destination sub-district of IDP departures was Ein Issa in Ar-Raqqa governorate (180), approximately two-thirds of departures were to destinations within Deir-ez-Zor governorate, particularly to Hajin (113) and Khasham (104) sub-districts.

HAMA GOVERNORATE

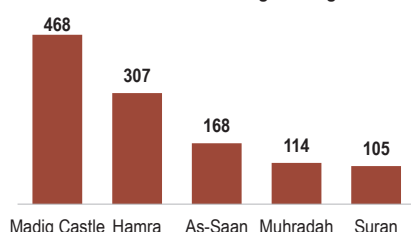
In total, 1,462 IDPs were recorded arriving and 10,490 IDPs were reported leaving ISMI-covered communities in Hama during February. While the number of IDP arrivals increased by 63% between February and March, the number of IDP departures increased by 443%, due to escalating clashes in northern parts of the governorate.⁶ Overall, 81% of these departures took place between 20 and 26 March.

The majority of IDP departures (67%) were from Madiq Castle sub-district, which also received the most IDP arrivals (32%), although these IDP arrivals were all from within the sub-district. High numbers of IDP departures were also reported from Suran (13%) and Muhradah (11%) sub-districts.

Newly arrived IDPs were most commonly living in hosted accommodation (407) and rented/owned housing (376).

Departing populations most commonly travelled to Idleb governorate (58% of known destinations), or to communities within Hama governorate (42%). Escalation of conflict was the most commonly cited reason for IDPs leaving communities.

Figure 17: Hama sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

10,490 IDP DEPARTURES³

1,462 IDP ARRIVALS³

67 % of recorded IDP departures in Hama were from Madiq Castle sub-district.

81 % of recorded IDP departures in Hama took place between 20 and 26 March.

11 % of all recorded IDP departures³ were from communities in Hama.

Figure 18: Hama sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)

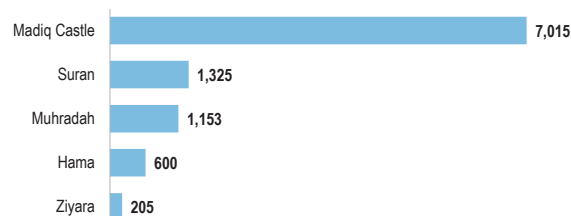
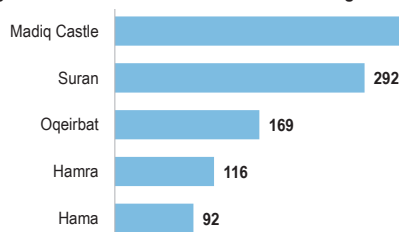


Figure 19: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



³ Calculated from total IDPs reported arriving/departing across all ISMI-covered communities

⁵ UNHCR, [Flash Update on Recent Events](#), 5 April 2017

⁶ UNOCHA, [Hama Flash Update No. 1](#), 28 March 2017

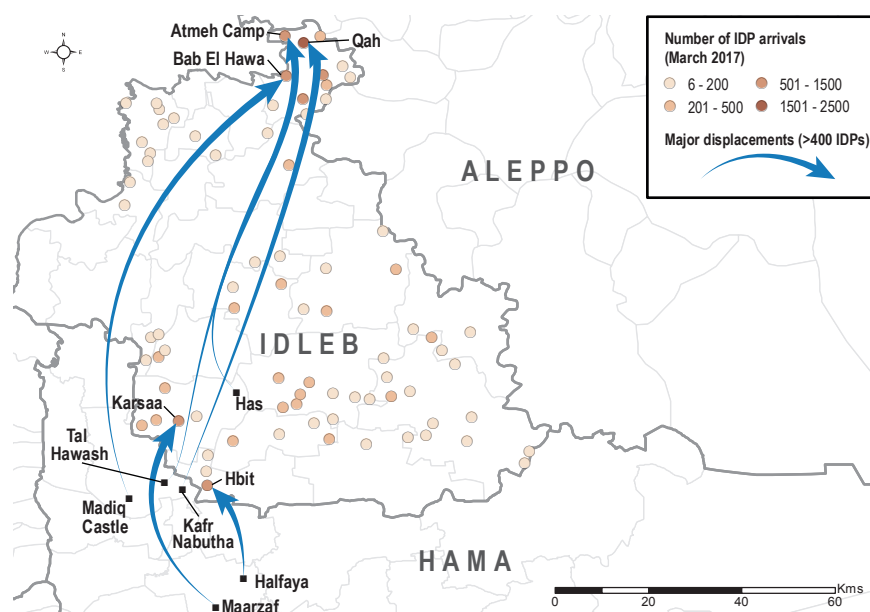
IDLEB GOVERNORATE

Overall, 24,968 IDPs were recorded arriving in Idlib governorate from 27 February to 2 April 2017, almost triple the number recorded during February. The majority of IDP arrivals (57%) in Idlib governorate were to Dana sub-district.

More than half of the arriving IDPs were from Hama governorate, reflecting a recent upsurge in conflict.⁶ Especially large numbers reportedly arrived from Madiq Castle (7,029), Muhradah (2,707) and Suran (1,119) sub-districts.

For newly arrived IDPs, the **most common shelter types** were **camps** (11,100) and **hosted accommodation** (5,838).

Map 3: Major displacements in Idlib governorate



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

24,968 IDP ARRIVALS³

9,660 IDP DEPARTURES³

54 % of recorded IDP arrivals to Idlib originated from Hama governorate.

57 % of IDPs arrivals in Idlib were to Dana sub-district.

20 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Idlib.

In total, 9,660 IDPs were recorded departing Idlib governorate in March. (Figure 22). Of those departing, the largest number left from communities in Dana sub-district (29%), followed by Khan Shaykun (28%) and Heish (23%) sub-districts, both in the southern part of Idlib near the conflict-affected Hama governorate. Overall, 25% of IDPs departing communities in Idlib remained within the governorate. For those leaving, the most common destinations for departures were Hama (42%) and Aleppo (15%) governorates, although departures to Hama mostly took place in the first three weeks of the month, before the escalation of conflict there.⁶

Figure 20: Idlib sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

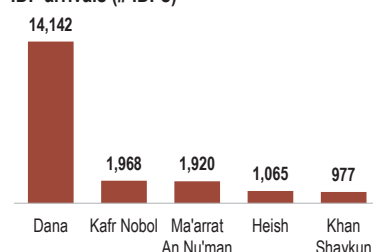


Figure 21: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

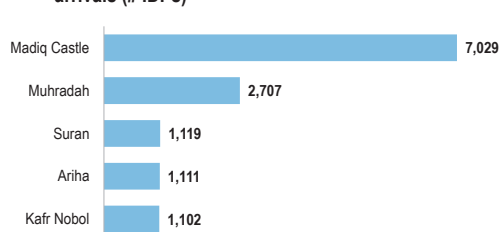
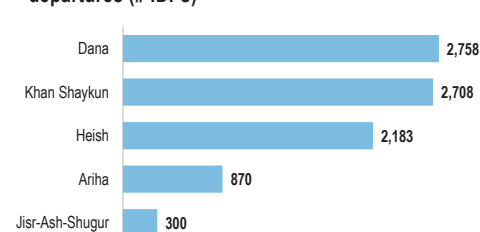


Figure 22: Idlib sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



³ Calculated from total IDPs reported arriving/departing across all ISMI-covered communities

⁶ UNOCHA, [Hama Flash Update No. 1](#), 28 March 2017

About ISMI & This Factsheet

The **IDP Situation Monitoring Initiative (ISMI)** is an initiative of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster, implemented by REACH and supported by Syria Relief Network (SRN) and other cluster members.

Following a baseline assessment conducted between 23 October and 21 November 2016, weekly data collection cycles have been initiated to provide regular updates on IDP movements. Based on 1,183 communities in the governorates of Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Deir-ez-Zor, Hama, Homs and Idlib during the baseline, this factsheet presents a summary of reported inward and outward movements of IDPs in the month of March 2017. **From 27 February to 2 April 2017, such displacements were reported in 411 communities covered by ISMI.**

Displacement was identified through an extensive key informant (KI) network, either through alert initiated by KIs or follow-up by enumerators. A range of 2-3 KIs were interviewed in each community, while collected information was further triangulated through other sources, including CCCM member data and humanitarian updates. This approach allows for regular updates on IDP movements at a community level across ISMI coverage areas. However, movement updates are limited to areas covered by ISMI and there are, therefore, displacements that are not reported here.

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