

IDLEB & SURROUNDING AREAS⁷

Key Figures

Communities assessed: **270**

Total IDP arrivals: **52,910**

Sub-districts with most arrivals (# IDPs):

Dana	11,931
Salqin	8,719
Darkosh	6,594
Maaret Tamsrin	3,547
Idleb	2,645

Total IDP departures: **33,778**

Sub-districts with most departures (# IDPs):

Zarbah	8,004
Ariha	6,949
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	6,613
Ehsem	2,521
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	2,065

Total SRs: **6,997**

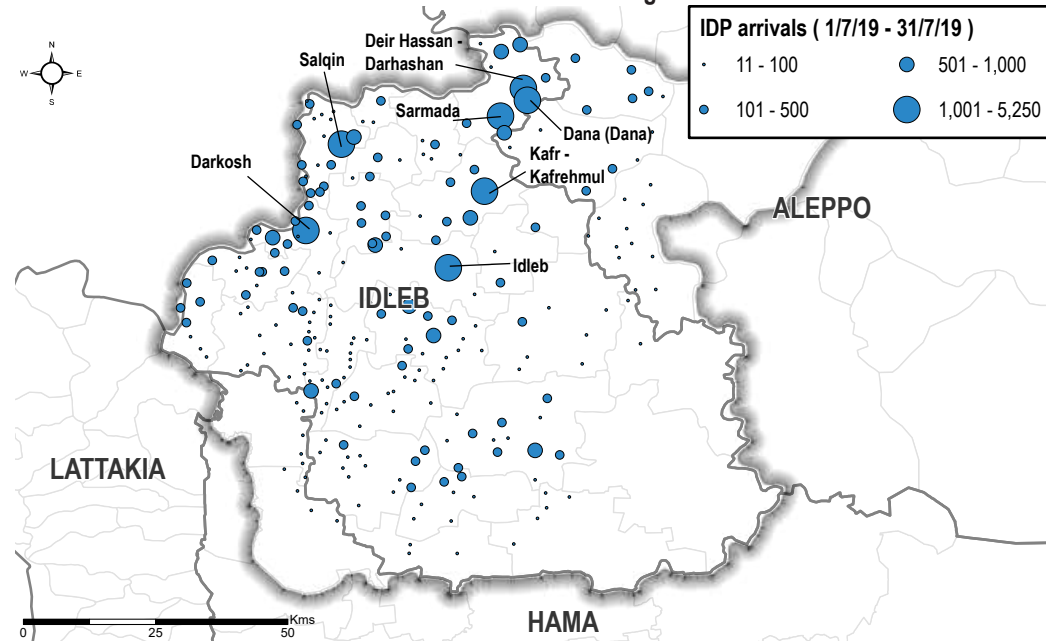
Sub-districts with most SRs:

Ma'arrat An Nu'man	2,252
Kafr Nobol	2,064
Mhambal	959
Ehsem	502
Ziyara	478

Overview

Throughout July, conflict continued to lead to high levels of civilian casualties and fatalities. According to reports, **at least 57% of civilian casualties recorded across Syria this year have occurred from explosive violence in Idleb.**⁸ The high-level of violence has led **some communities to become vacated due to the total destruction of residential areas.**⁹

IDP arrivals to assessed communities in Idleb and surrounding areas¹⁰



IDP Departures

Overall, there were 33,778 IDP departures during July, 49% were resident departures facing displacement for the first time whilst **16,920 or 51% were IDPs facing multiple displacements.** Darkosh sub-district was the top intended destination for 1,967 resident departures. **Dana sub-district was the top intended destination for IDP departures, with KIs reporting 2,652 IDPs intending to move to this location continuing trends seen since April.** 1,727 IDP departures intended to go to Ehsem sub-district and 1,214 intended to go to Ma'arrat An Nu'man sub-district. Deir-Hassan was the top intended destination on a community level with 1,140 IDP departures intending to go there.

Top intended destination sub-districts (# IDPs):

Dana	2,652
Ehsem	1,727
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	1,214
Badama	766
Afrin	674

Escalation of aerial bombardment followed by escalation of ground-based conflict were the main push factors precipitating resident departures.

As of 30 July, over 440,000 civilians have been displaced across Idleb.¹¹

IDP Arrivals

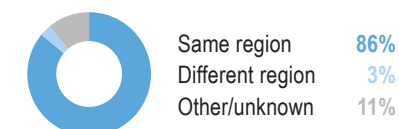
Last sub-district of departure of arrivals (#IDPs):

Kafr Nobol	11,018
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	9,207
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	5,628
Ehsem	3,598
Ziyara	2,632

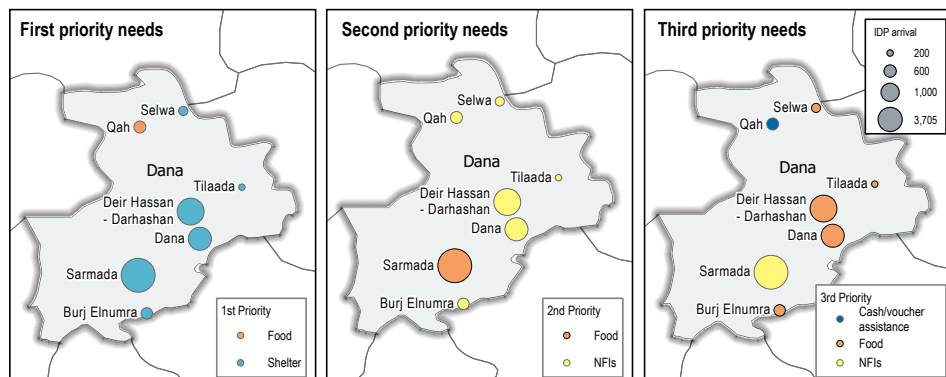
The large number of IDP arrivals in sub-districts within northern Idleb governorate continue to exert enormous pressure on infrastructure and basic services. **In a recent rapid needs assessment conducted in northern Idleb, 86% of assessed communities reported that there was not enough humanitarian assistance to meet the needs of IDPs.**¹¹

Most IDP arrivals came from locations in southern Idleb. **11,018 IDP arrivals departed from Kafr Nobol sub-district whilst 9,207 left Ma'arrat An Nu'man sub-district due to severe aerial bombardment in these sub-districts which led to the destruction of hospitals.**¹² On a community-level, Bawabiyeh witnessed the highest number of IDP departures (6,629) followed by Jisr-Ash-Shugur (5,945) and Ariha (4,543). 86% of overall IDP arrivals departed from locations in Idleb and surrounding areas.

Last place of departure of IDP arrivals:



Top 3 priority needs of IDP arrivals in Dana sub-district



Community	IDP arrivals	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority
Sarmada	3,705	Shelter	Food	NFIs
Deir Hassan - Darhashan	2,822	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Dana (Dana)	2,337	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Qah	929	Food	NFIs	Cash/voucher assistance
Burj Elnumra	855	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Selwa	570	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Tilaada	228	Shelter	NFIs	Food

KIs reported escalation of aerial bombardment followed by anticipation of conflict escalation as the most common push factors for IDP arrivals. The main pull factors for IDP arrivals in assessed communities were safety and security in the assessed location followed by access to shelter support and, family ties/ host community relationship.

KIs reported the presence of vulnerable groups in most assessed communities. Moreover, many IDPs are facing multiple displacements increasing their vulnerability and increasing the risk of gender-based violence (GBV) and trauma among children. This puts support mechanisms and services in densely-populated host communities under considerable strain.¹³

Vulnerable groups among IDP arrivals:¹⁴



According to KIs, 23,199 IDP arrivals were residing in solid/finished houses whilst 8,660 were residing in solid/finished apartments. 6,587 IDP arrivals were reportedly living in managed camps whilst 6,170 were residing in unfinished/ damaged buildings. KIs in REACH's most recent rapid needs assessment across northern Idlib reported shelter as a key priority need with 24% of IDP households reportedly living in overcrowded shelters.¹¹

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Endnotes

- Some figures may be repeated displacements.
- CCCM/REACH, ISMI Monthly Displacement Summary, [June 2019](#)
- IDP departure figures reflect aggregated departures of both IDP and resident/pre-conflict populations.
- Spontaneous returns: Former IDPs and/or refugees who return to their community of origin, with the intention of staying for a prolonged period of time, but not necessarily to their places of habitual residence, and who do not necessarily enjoy the full spectrum of rights afforded to them prior to displacement.
- UNICEF, '[Whole of Syria July 2019 Humanitarian Results](#),' 31 July 2019
- OCHA, '[Recent Developments in Northwestern Syria](#),' 12 July 2019
- Idlib governorate's surrounding areas include communities in Atareb, Daret Azza, Haritan, Jebel Saman and Zarbah sub-districts in western Aleppo governorate, as well as in Kafr Zeita, Madiq Castle, Suran and Ziyara sub-districts in northern Hama. These sub-districts have been added to the larger Idlib and surrounding areas region as populations in these sub-districts demonstrate similar movement patterns and are served by the same cross-border responses.
- Action on Armed Violence, '[Surge in civilian casualties continues in Syria's 'buffer zone](#),' 22 July 2019
- OCHA, '[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock - Briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Syria](#),' 30 July 2019
- Community markers also account for camps, informal settlements and other IDP sites when they are in close proximity to a community; Only major departure movements for known communities of origin are shown with regards to large IDP arrival movements.
- REACH, '[Northwest Syria: Inter-Cluster Rapid Needs Assessment](#),' 19 July 2019
- The Independent, '[At least 130 children among dead after Russian-led attacks in Syria, rights groups claims](#),' 7 July 2019
- OCHA, '[Recent Developments in Northwestern Syria](#),' 12 July 2019
- Vulnerable groups: ♀ Female-headed households/Women travelling alone 👶 Child-headed households ♂X Orphans 👴 Elderly-headed households/Elderly travelling alone ♿ Disabled-headed households/Individuals with disabilities travelling alone.

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