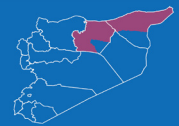


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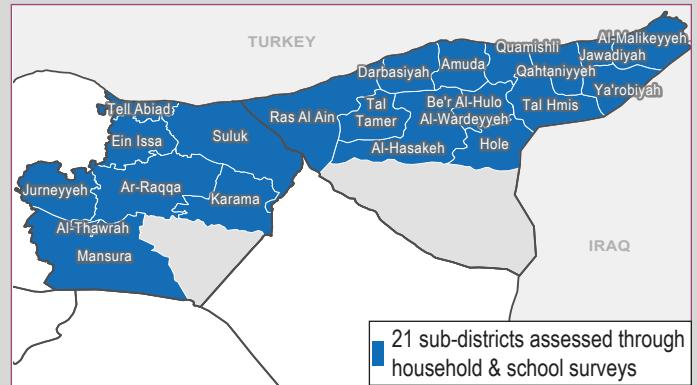
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Overview

Ar-Raqqa and Al-Hasakeh governorates, located in northern Syria bordering Turkey, are predominately under the control of the Syrian Democratic Forces in the north of the governorate and the government of Syria in the south. Large numbers of the residents of northeast Syria have returned to their homes since the decline of conflict in October 2017. Despite initial efforts in reconstruction, damage remains widespread, basic services limited, and the risk of unexploded ordnance remains high. The results in this factsheet are representative of sub-districts under control of the Syrian Democratic Forces in the north of Ar-Raqqa and Al-Hasakeh.

In the framework of the Whole of Syria Education Sector, REACH conducted an assessment of access and quality of education in opposition-held areas of northeast, northwest and south Syria to inform the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). Findings in this factsheet were drawn from a randomly selected sample of 2,473 households and 404 schools surveyed across 21 sub-districts in Ar-Raqqa and Al-Hasakeh governorates. Data was collected from 7 May to 21 June 2018. Household survey findings are representative at the sub-district level with a 95% confidence level and 10% margin of error. School survey findings are indicative. Findings presented in this factsheet are based on household surveys unless noted otherwise. All findings pertain to the 21 assessed sub-districts during the 2017/2018 school year.



Key Findings

This assessment found that 10% of children aged 6-11 and 36% of children aged 12-17 were out of school in assessed sub-districts in northeast Syria, mostly due to needing to work or help family. Many children were in grades lower than expected for their age, especially secondary school-aged children. The most urgent educational needs in assessed sub-districts in Ar-Raqqa and Al-Hasakeh are appropriate WASH facilities and qualified teachers.

Demographics

Distribution of children (aged 3-17) in assessed households by age and gender:

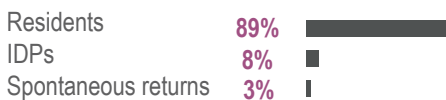


There were approximately **11** boys for every **10** girls (aged 3-17).

Households consisted on average of **6** members, including **3** children aged 3 to 17. **40%** of households were female-headed.

Population Groups

Displacement status of children (aged 3-17) in assessed households:¹



Out of the **8%** of displaced children, **55%** were found to be displaced from within Ar-Raqqa governorate.

Access to Education

Total Net Attendance²

Percentage of pre-primary aged children (aged 3-5) that attended early childhood education or primary school:



85% of pre-primary aged children attended formal education.

Percentage of primary school-aged children (aged 6-11) that attended school:



99% of primary school-aged children that attended school attended formal education.

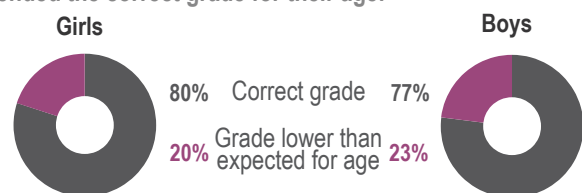
Percentage of secondary school-aged children (aged 12-17) that attended school:



96% of secondary school-aged children that attended school attended formal education.

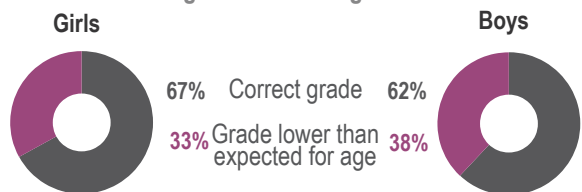
Grade and Age

Percentage of primary school-aged students (aged 6-11) that attended the correct grade for their age:



On average, **79%** of primary school-aged students attended the correct grade for their age.

Percentage of secondary school-aged students (aged 12-17) that attended the correct grade for their age:

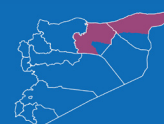


On average, **64%** of secondary school-aged students attended the correct grade for their age.

¹ The term 'spontaneous returns' encompasses a broad spectrum of individuals, including IDPs and refugees who have returned to the community they lived in prior to their displacement but not necessarily to their former homes. Origins of displaced children should be considered indicative due to the small number of displaced children in the sample population.

² The total net attendance rate is the total number of students of the official age group for a given level of education who attended school at any level of education, expressed as a percentage of the corresponding population. The household survey asked "At any time during the current school year (2017-2018) did the person attend school or any early childhood education care programme?". Households reported that a child attended school even if they only attended part of the school year.

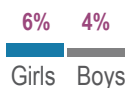




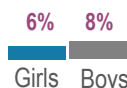
Access to Education (continued)

Repetition and Dropout³

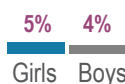
Percentage of primary school-aged children that repeated a grade at some point:



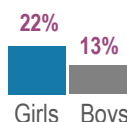
Percentage of primary students that dropped-out:



Percentage of secondary school-aged children that repeated a grade at some point:



Percentage of secondary students that dropped-out:



4% of school-aged children (aged 5-17) repeated a grade at some point, and 7% of students dropped out in 2017/2018.

Functioning schools⁴



Of the functioning schools, 99% were public schools.

Educational Needs

Most Urgent Educational Needs⁵

Most commonly reported urgent educational needs:

Households⁶

- Qualified teachers
- WASH facilities
- Recognition and/or certification of curriculum

Schools⁷

- 1 WASH facilities
- 2 Provision of teaching supplies/kits
- 3 School equipment

School Supplies and Support

Percentage of school-aged children (aged 5-17) with access to uniforms, shoes and bags:



Less than 10% of children attending school had access to school supplies in 16 out of the 21 assessed sub-districts.

Percentage of school-aged children (aged 5-17) that received tuition or material support:



Less than 10% of children attending school received tuition or material support in 12 out of the 21 assessed sub-districts.

³ Repetition refers to whether the student has repeated a grade at any point since starting school. Repetition rates should be considered indicative since only 35% of households responded to this question. Dropout rates are based on school surveys and findings should be considered indicative.

⁴ Findings based on school surveys. Results should be considered indicative.

Barriers to Education

Barriers to Attendance for Out-of-School Children

Most commonly reported barriers for children aged 5-14:

Households

- Poor quality of teaching
- Child needs to work/help family
- School curriculum not preferred by parents and students

Schools

- 1 Child needs to work/help family
- 2 Lack of certification and recognition of curriculum
- 3 Lack of adequate WASH facilities

Most commonly reported barriers for children aged 15-17:

Households

- Child needs to work/help family
- Poor quality of teaching
- Cost of transportation

Schools

- 1 Child needs to work/help family
- 2 Early marriage
- 3 Lack of certification and recognition of curriculum

Quality of Education

School Certification and Curriculum

Sub-districts with the lowest percentage of school-aged children that received certification with completion of grade/degree:



63% of children attending school used the Kurdish curriculum.

Teacher Certification and Training⁸

Percentage of teachers certified prior to teaching:

55%

Percentage of teachers who received professional development training in 2017/2018:

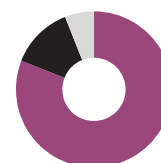
56%

Teacher Salaries and Sources of Compensation⁹

99% of teachers received financial compensation, of which 97% received it on a regular basis in the form of salaries or incentives.

Sources of teacher compensation:

- 81% Local Council
- 13% Other local authority
- 6% Other



⁵ The most commonly reported educational needs and barriers to education are calculated using the percentage of households that report each need/barrier in their list of top three needs/barriers.

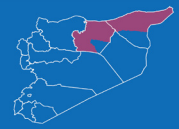
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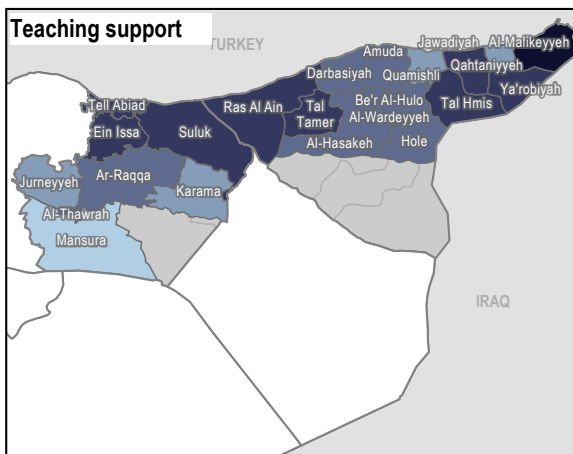
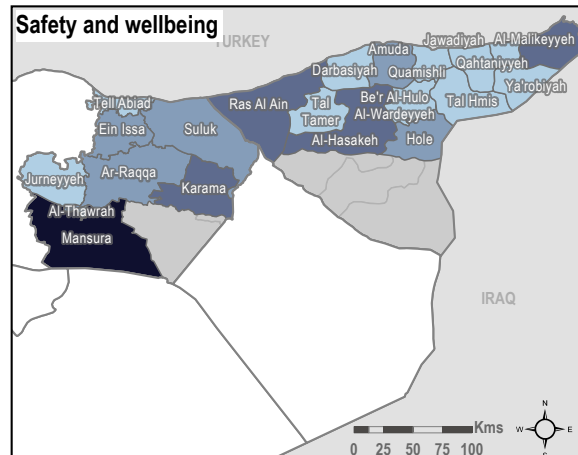
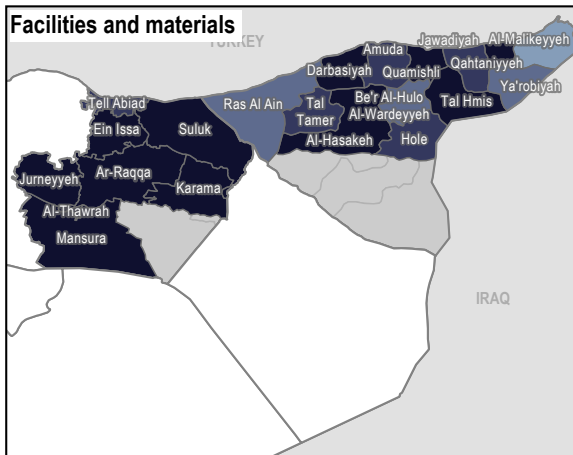
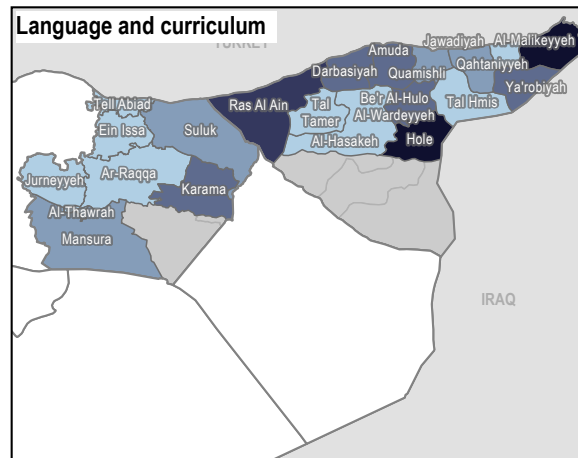
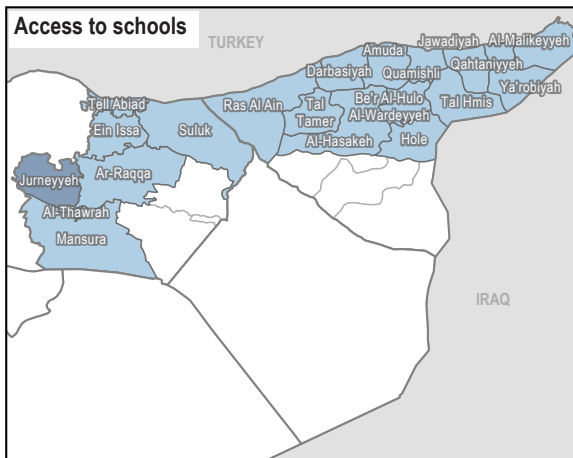
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Percentage of households in assessed sub-districts that reported urgent educational needs in each category



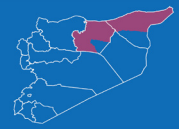
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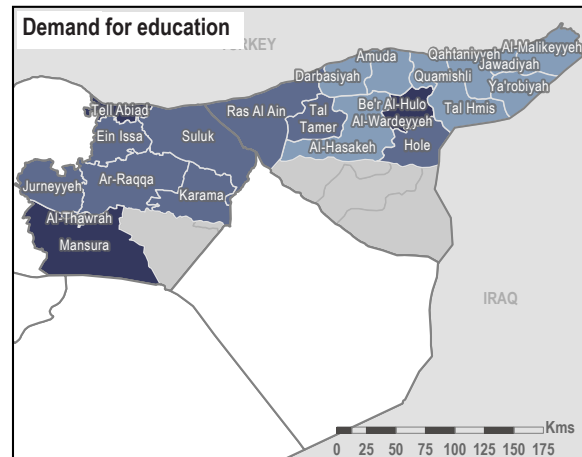
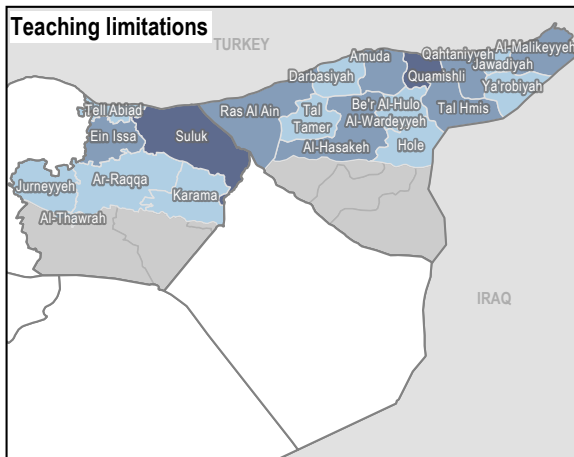
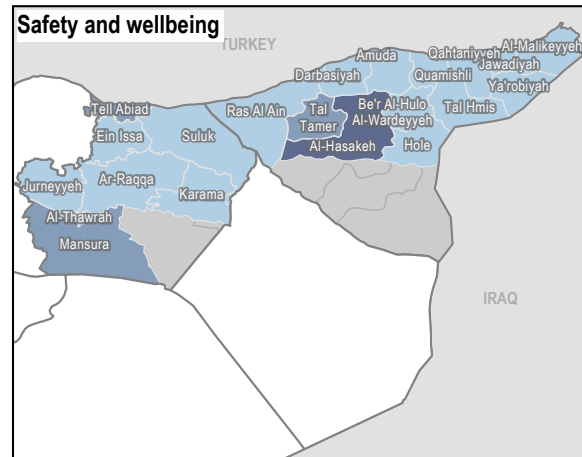
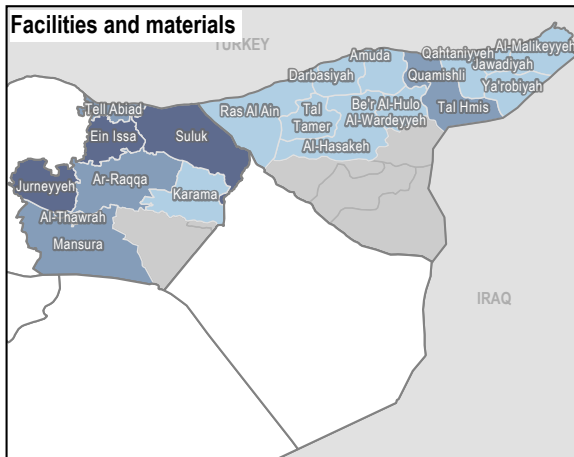
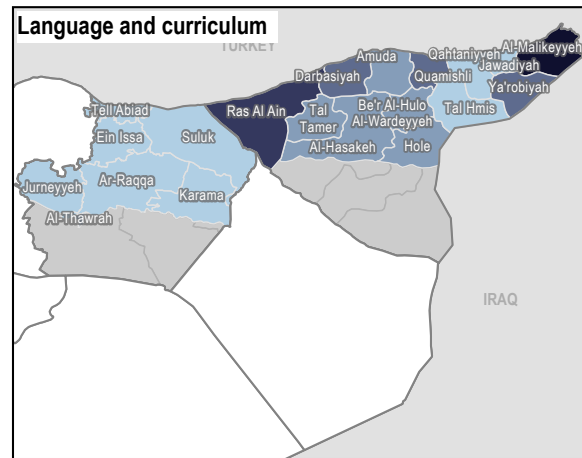
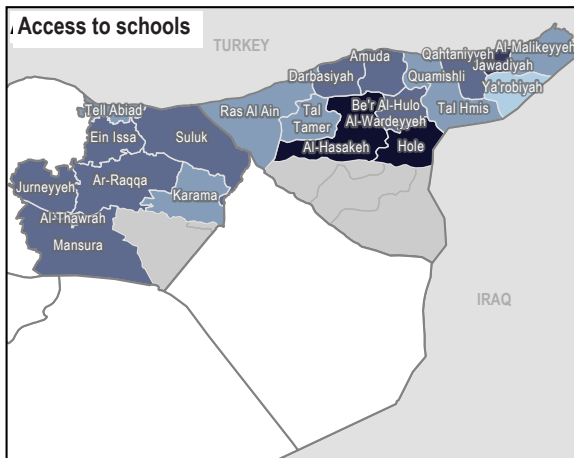
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Percentage of out-of-school children in assessed sub-districts facing barriers to attendance in each category



Percentage of out-of-school children in assessed households facing barriers to attendance in each category

- 0.1 to 20% reporting
- 20.1 to 40% reporting
- 40.1 to 60% reporting
- 60.1 to 80% reporting
- 80.1 to 100% reporting
- Barrier not reported

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