

OVERALL FINDINGS: 8-14 May

- 116 out of 1,183 ISMI-covered communities in Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Deir-ez-Zor, Hama, Homs and Idleb governorates experienced inward or outward movement of IDPs:
 - 36,586 IDP arrivals
 - 12,826 IDP departures
- As fighting continued in Ar-Raqqa governorate, a mass displacement of 22,036 IDPs was reported from Ar-Raqqa sub-district to Ein Issa sub-district¹.
- Following a local truce agreement this week, evacuations occurred from besieged suburbs of Damascus to Idleb governorate; a total of 1,008 IDPs from Damascus arrived to the community of Maaret Elekhwan in Maaret Tamsrin sub-district¹.

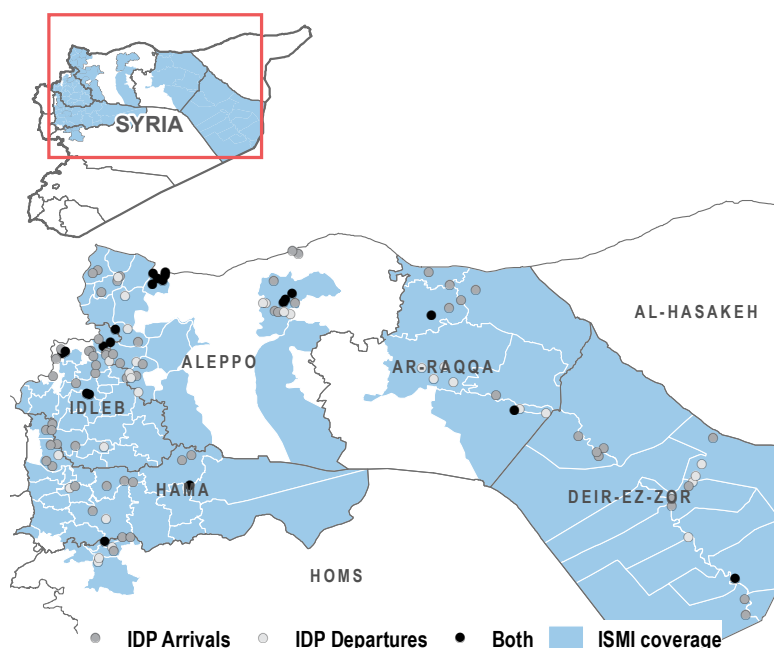


Table 1: Recorded IDP arrivals to ISMI-covered communities, by governorate 8-14 May 2017

		IDP ARRIVALS						Last week	Week before
		Reported arrivals (#IDPs)	Communities with largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)		Most common origins ² of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)		Change to last week	Reported arrivals (# IDPs)	Reported arrivals (# IDPs)
GOVERNORATE	Ar-Raqqa	22,902	Ein Issa (22,019)	Karama (360)	Ar-Raqqa (6,374)	NA	↑	4,194	25,822
	Aleppo	9,411	Qanat Elghrra (2,349)	A'zaz (1,575)	Ein Issa (2,745)	Al-Thawrah (1,242)	↑	3,987	5,308
	Idleb	3,241	Ma'arrat Tamasrin (1,158)	Maaret Elekhwan (1,008)	Barza Al Balad (718)	Ar-Raqqa (152)	↑	2,070	2,736
	Hama	503	Northern Fan (60)	Jamasa Odayat - Alshareeah (46)	Halfaya (76)	Hama (55)	↓	747	448
	Deir-ez-Zor	452	Shmeitieh (90)	Abu Kamal (80)	Maadan (90)	Sawa (60)	↓	590	151
	Homs	77	Ar-Rastan (28)	Ghasbiyeh (24)	Ez Eldin (28)	Zafaraniya (15)	↓	86	45

Table 2: Recorded IDP departures from ISMI-covered communities, by governorate, 8-14 May 2017

		IDP DEPARTURES						Last week	Week before
		Reported departures (# IDPs)	Communities with largest IDP departures (# IDPs)		Most common destinations ³ of IDP departures (# IDPs)		Change to last week	Reported departures (# IDPs)	Reported departures (# IDPs)
GOVERNORATE	Ar-Raqqa	6,479	Ein Issa (3,061)	Ar-Raqqa (1,200)	Menbij (1,710)	Tell Abiad (556)	↓	19,963	9,792
	Idleb	3,023	Tah (1,475)	Atme Camp (827)	Khan Shaykun (1,475)	Kafr Oweid (285)	↑	345	9,422
	Aleppo	2,843	Menbij (492)	A'zaz (420)	Abu Mandil (206)	Al Bab (147)	↓	3,822	4,212
	Hama	180	Sehriyeh (60)	Aniq Bajra (40)	Kafr Nabutha (60)	Jarjnaz (40)	↓	342	257
	Homs	162	Zafaraniya (90)	Ar-Rastan (42)	Homs (72)	Tir Maallah (31)	↑	29	43
	Deir-ez-Zor	139	Quriyeh (57)	Namliyeh 35)	Sawa (57)	Aqrabat (35)	↑	5	457

¹ UNHCR, [Syria: Flash Update on Recent Events](#), 10 May 2017

² Location of origin refers to the most recent location from which IDPs have departed.

³ The ISMI weekly displacement summary tracks only displacements which occur inside Syria.

ALEPPO GOVERNORATE

Recorded IDP arrivals

- 9,411 IDPs

% of arrivals from other governorates

- 45%

Most common shelter of newly arrived IDPs

- Camps (3,961 IDPs)
- Individual tents (1,258 IDPs)

Recorded IDP departures

- 2,843 IDPs

% of departures to other governorates

- 43%

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Aleppo communities

- Reduced conflict in area of origin
- Improved safety and security in area of origin

Figure 2: Five ISMI-covered communities receiving largest IDP arrivals (# IDP)

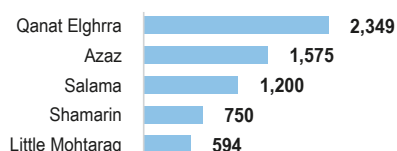
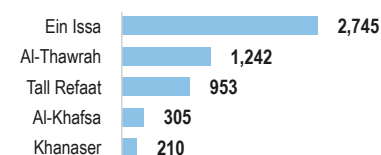


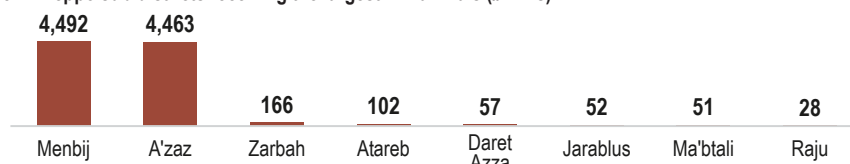
Figure 3: Five most common sub-districts of origin of arrivals² (# IDP)



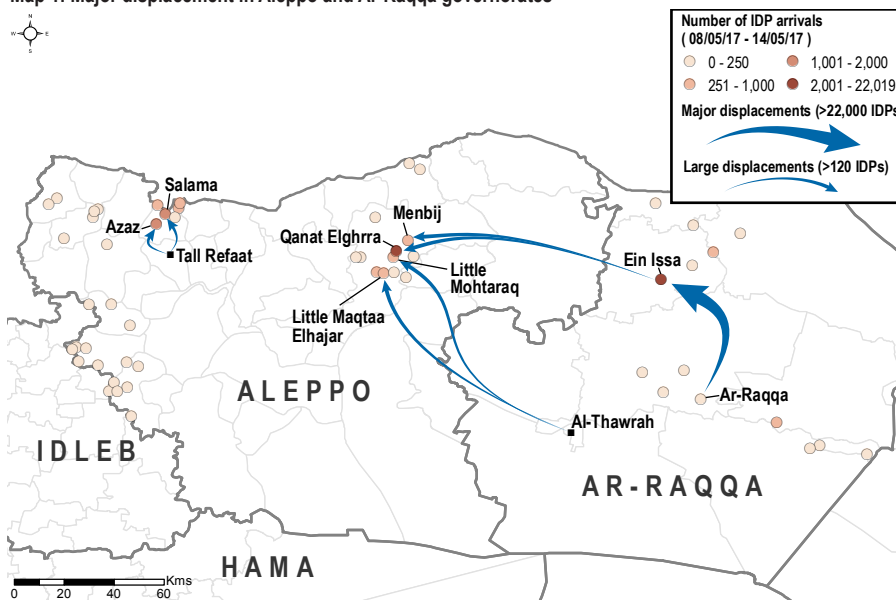
Over the past week, a total of **9,411 IDPs** arrived to ISMI-covered areas in Aleppo governorate. Almost all arrivals were recorded in communities in **Menbij** (4,492) and **A'zaz** (4,463) sub-districts (Figure 1) and most commonly travelled from **Ein Issa** (2,745) and **Al-Thawrah** (1,242) sub-districts in neighbouring conflict affected Ar-Raqqa governorate (Figure 3, Map 1). Additionally, 1,987 IDPs were displaced within Aleppo governorate, most commonly from **Tall Refaat to A'zaz sub-district** (953) and **Al Khafsah to Menbij sub-district** (305) (Map 1).

Meanwhile, a total of **2,843 IDPs** experienced **secondary displacement** from communities in Aleppo this week. As was the case with arriving IDPs, almost all departures occurred from areas in **A'zaz** (1,247) and **Menbij** (1,163) sub-districts. Secondary displacement remained relatively localised with 1,634 IDPs departing for areas within Aleppo governorate; largely towards **Menbij** (941), **Mare'** (180), **Al Bab** (178) and **Darret Azza** (100) sub-districts.

Figure 1: Aleppo sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



Map 1: Major displacement in Aleppo and Ar-Raqqa governorates



AR-RAQQA GOVERNORATE

A total of **22,902 IDPs** arrived in ISMI-covered communities this week, all from within the governorate. This included a mass displacement of IDPs northwards out of Ar-Raqqa sub-district, with a total of **22,036 IDPs** arriving into **Ein Issa sub-district** (Map 1, Figure 4). Fewer IDP arrivals were also recorded in **Karama** (360), **Suluk** (288), **Tell Abiad** (118) and **Sabka** (100) sub-districts.

Meanwhile, a total of **6,479 IDPs** were recorded **departing ISMI-covered communities** this week, most commonly leaving from **Ein Issa** (3,061) and **Ar-Raqqa** (2,608) sub-districts. Departing IDPs largely remained within **Ar-Raqqa governorate** itself (2,760) or travelled to neighbouring **Aleppo governorate** (2,622) (Map 1).

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



Figure 5: Five ISMI-covered communities receiving largest IDP arrivals (# IDP)

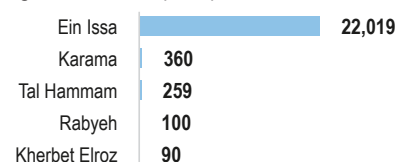


Figure 6: Most common sub-districts of origin of arrivals² (# IDP)



Recorded IDP arrivals

- 22,902 IDPs

% of arrivals from other governorates

- 0%

Most common shelter of newly arrived IDPs

- Camps (22,019 IDPs)
- Individual tents (509 IDPs)

Recorded IDP departures

- 6,479 IDPs

% of departures to other governorates

- 57%

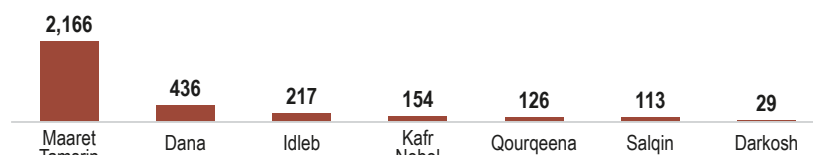
Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Ar-Raqqa communities

- Escalation of conflict
- Loss of assets

² Location of origin refers to the most recent location from which IDPs have departed.

IDLEB GOVERNORATE

Figure 7: Idleb sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



Recorded IDP arrivals

- 3,241 IDPs

% of arrivals from other governorates

- 95%

Most common shelter of newly arrived IDPs

- Collective centres (1,743 IDPs)
- Rented/owned housing (674 IDPs)

Recorded IDP departures

- 3,023 IDPs

% of departures to other governorates

- 19%

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Idleb communities

- Reduced conflict in area of origin
- Safety and security situation in the community compared to elsewhere

Overall, 3,241 IDPs arrived in ISMI-covered communities in Idleb governorate over the past week, with most arriving in the communities of Ma'aret Tamsrin (1,158) and Maaret Elekhwan (1,008) (Figure 8). Arrivals to Ma'arrat Tamsrin town were almost entirely from Ar-Raqqa sub-district (1,140), while all of those to Maaret Elekhwan came from recently evacuated neighbourhoods of Damascus city.

Map 2: Major displacement into Idleb governorate



Figure 8: Five ISMI-covered communities receiving largest IDP arrivals (# IDP)

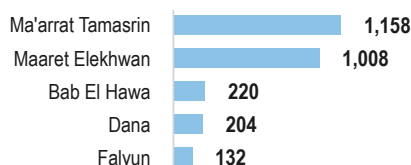
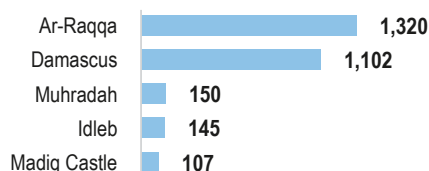


Figure 9: Five most common sub-districts of origin of arrivals² (# IDP)



Simultaneously, 3,023 IDPs departed from ISMI-covered communities this week, almost half of whom were returnees leaving the community of Tah in Heish sub-district (1,475) and intending to go back to Khan Shaykun. In addition, 1,151 IDPs left ISMI-covered communities in Dana sub-district, with almost half (656) going to Kafr Nobol sub-district.

HAMA GOVERNORATE

In total, 503 IDPs arrived in ISMI-covered communities in Hama over the past week, with the vast majority (91%) coming from within the governorate. Suran (150) and Madiq Castle (122) sub-districts received the highest number of IDP arrivals, while the most common sub-district of origin of IDP arrivals in Hama was Muhradah (146) (Figures 10 and 12). In addition, 180 IDPs departed ISMI-covered Hama communities, from Madiq Castle (60), As-Saan (40), Muhradah (40) and Hama (40) sub-districts.

Figure 10: Hama sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

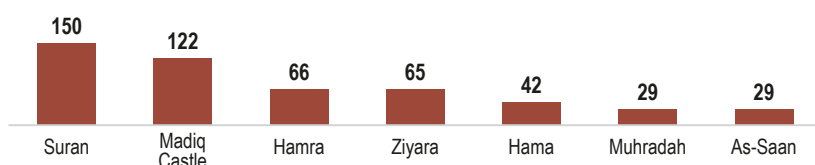
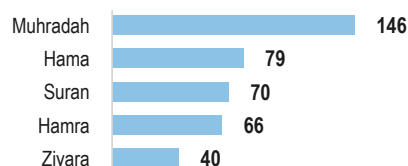


Figure 11: Five ISMI-covered communities receiving largest IDP arrivals (# IDP)



Figure 12: Five most common sub-districts of origin of arrivals² (# IDP)



Recorded IDP arrivals

- 503 IDPs

% of arrivals from other governorates

- 9%

Most common shelter of newly arrived IDPs

- Rented/owned housing (245 IDPs)
- Hosted (159 IDPs)

Recorded IDP departures

- 180 IDPs

% of departures to other governorates

- 35%

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Hama communities

- Reduced conflict in area of origin
- Loss of income

² Location of origin refers to the most recent location from which IDPs have departed.

DEIR-EZ-ZOR GOVERNORATE

Recorded IDP arrivals

- 452 IDPs

% of arrivals from other governorates

- 69%

Most common shelter of newly arrived IDPs

- Hosted (258 IDPs)
- Rented/owned housing (194 IDPs)

Recorded IDP departures

- 139 IDPs

% of departures to other governorates

- 55%

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Deir-ez-Zor communities

- Loss of income
- Escalation of conflict

A total of **452 IDP** arrivals were recorded in ISMI-covered communities in Deir-ez-Zor in the past week. Over two thirds travelled from Ar-Raqqa governorate (297), amid ongoing conflict, most commonly from **Ar-Raqqa** (172), **Maadan** (90) and **Kisreh** (60) sub-districts (Figure 15). IDPs largely arrived to communities in the north of Deir-ez-Zor governorate, including **Tabni** (151) sub-district, and to the south in **Abu Kamal** (129) sub-district on the border with Iraq, (Figure 13). Meanwhile, **139 IDPs** left ISMI-covered communities, mostly to sub-districts in other governorates, including **Hama** and **Idlib**

Figure 13: Deir-ez-Zor sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

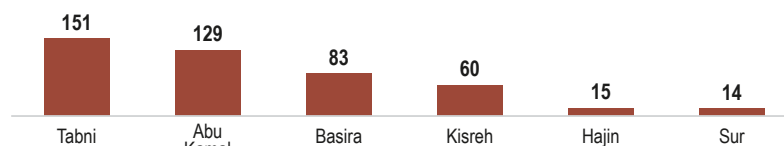


Figure 14: Five ISMI-covered communities receiving largest IDP arrivals (# IDP)

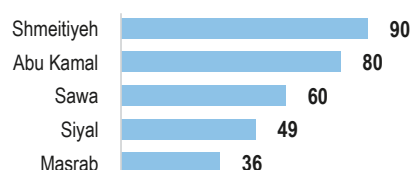
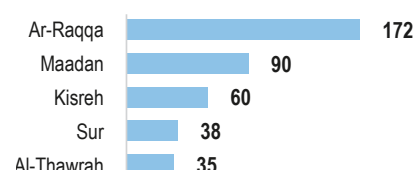


Figure 15: Five most common sub-districts of origin of arrivals² (# IDP)



HOMS GOVERNORATE

Overall, **162 IDPs** left ISMI-covered communities in Homs governorate in the past week, all of whom remained within the governorate, most commonly travelling to the communities of **Homs** (72), and **Tir Maallah** (31). The vast majority of departing IDPs left from **Talbiseh sub-district** (110). In addition, **77 IDPs** arrived to four ISMI-covered communities in Homs governorate, the majority of which were recorded in **Ar-Rastan sub-district** (67), to the communities of **Ar-Rastan** (28), **Ghasbiyeh** (24), and **Asilah** (15) (Figure 17).

Figure 16: Homs sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

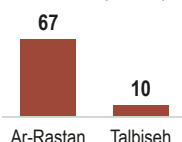


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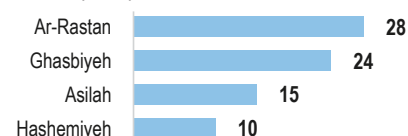
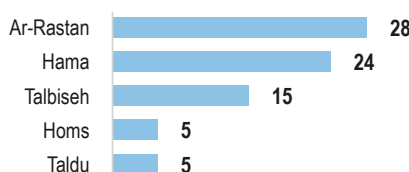


Figure 18: Sub-districts of origin of arrivals² (# IDP)



² Location of origin refers to the most recent location from which IDPs have departed.

Recorded IDP arrivals

- 77 IDPs

% of arrivals from other governorates

- 31%

Most common shelter of newly arrived IDPs

- Rented/owned housing (33 IDPs)
- Hosted (27 IDPs)

Recorded IDP departures

- 162 IDPs

% of departures to other governorates

- 0%

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Homs communities

- Improved safety and security in area of origin
- Reduced conflict in area of origin

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 January 2016. **From 8-14 May 2017, such displacements were reported in 116 communities out of all ISMI-covered communities.**

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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