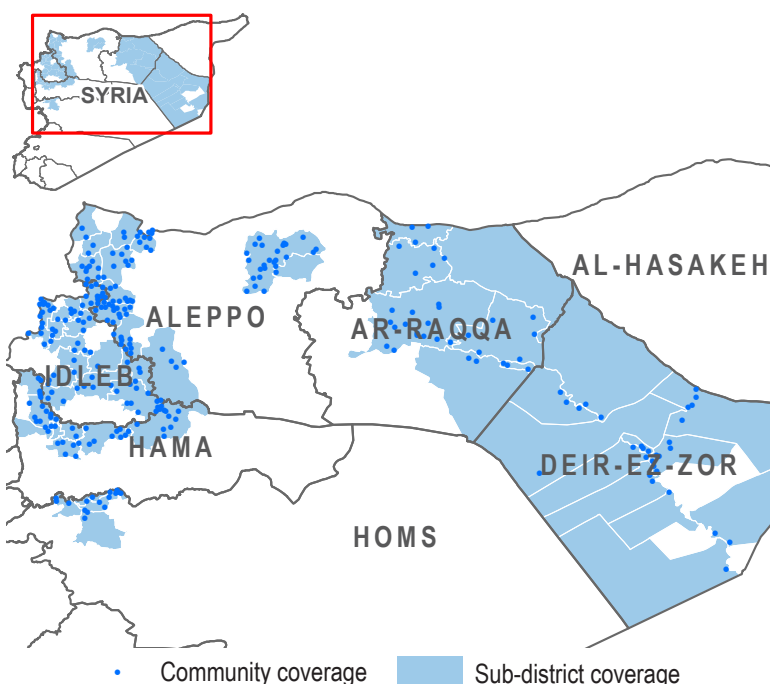


OVERALL FINDINGS:

30 JANUARY - 26 FEBRUARY 2017

2,387 locations 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 30 January - 26 February 296 ISMI-covered locations experienced inward or outward movement of IDPs².**

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NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

37,526 TOTAL IDP ARRIVALS³

22,613 TOTAL IDP DEPARTURES³

62 % of all recorded IDPs arrivals³ were to Aleppo governorate.

55 % of all recorded IDP departures³ from Aleppo governorate.

51 % of all recorded IDP arrivals specifically to A'zaz sub-district.

8 % of all recorded all IDP destinations³ were to Turkey.

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-district of origin of reported DP arrivals (#IDPs)	
Aleppo	23,107	↑	A'zaz (19,088)	Menbij (2,347)	Al Bab (3,214)	Menbij (1,375) ⁴
Idleb	9,116	↓	Dana (3,059)	Qourqeena (798)	Az-Zabdani (1,448)	Jebel Saman (1,225)
Ar-Raqqqa	3,057	↓	Ar-Raqqqa (915)	Suluk (714)	Ar-Raqqqa (2,531)	Jurneyyeh (137)
Deir-ez-Zor	1,044	↑	Basira (218)	Sur (175)	Deir-ez-Zor (483)	Ar-Raqqqa (195)
Hama	892	↓	Madiq Castle (273)	Ziyara (160)	Suran (200)	Madiq Castle (194)
Homs	310	↓	Ar-Rastan (227)	Homs (40)	Ar-Rastan (90)	Homs (78)

Figure 1: Reported IDP arrivals by governorate (%)

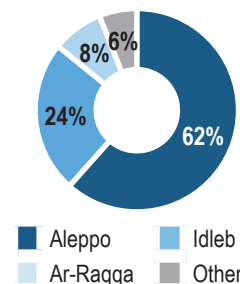


Figure 2: Most common sub-districts of origin of reported IDP arrivals (%)

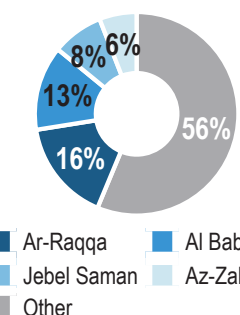
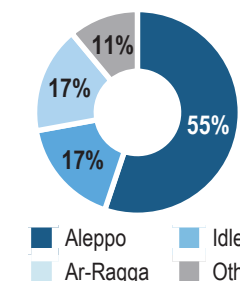


Table 2: Recorded IDP departures from ISMI-covered communities, by governorate⁵

GOVERNORATE	IDP DEPARTURES					
	Reported departures (#IDPs)	Change since last month	Sub-districts with largest reported IDP departures (#IDPs)		Most common destinations of reported IDP departures (#IDPs)	
Aleppo	12,437	↓	A'zaz (6,898)	Menbij (3,658)	A'zaz (1,277)	A'rima (880)
Idleb	3,829	↓	Dana (3,083)	Salqin (285)	Jarablus (958)	Dana (698)
Ar-Raqqqa	3,798	↓	Ar-Raqqqa (2,468)	Ein Issa (800)	Suluk (873)	Ein Issa (569)
Hama	1,933	↑	Madiq Castle (673)	Suran (459)	Muhradah (621)	Hama (290)
Homs	466	↑	Ar-Rastan (277)	Talbiseh (135)	Talbiseh (83)	Hama (78)
Deir-ez-Zor	150	↓	Hajin (45)	Kisreh (42)	Khasham (42)	Al Mayadin (32)

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; ⁴ A total of 2,882 IDPs were reported arriving in Aleppo from unknown sub-district of origin; ⁵ Only destinations within Syria are reported

ALEPPO GOVERNORATE

Throughout February 2017, large scale-displacement into and out of ISMI-covered communities in Aleppo was recorded. **Arrivals in Aleppo constituted 62% of all arrivals³ (23,107) and 55% of all departures³ (12,437) during the reporting period.**

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

23,107 IDP ARRIVALS³

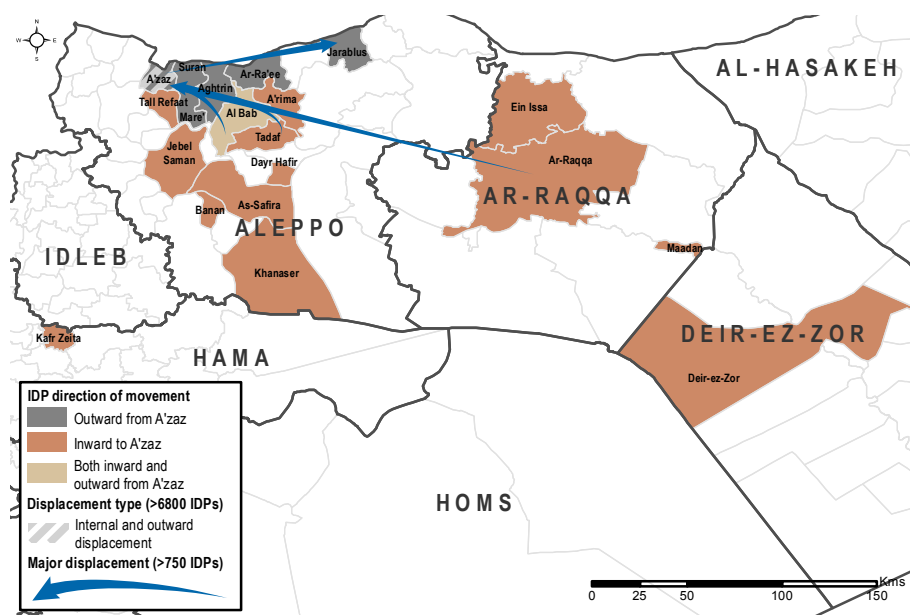
12,437 IDP DEPARTURES³

62% of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Aleppo.

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

49% of all recorded destinations of IDP departures³ were to communities in Aleppo.

Map 1: Major displacement into and out of A'zaz sub-district



DISPLACEMENT IN A'ZAZ:

Across ISMI-covered communities in Aleppo, the vast majority of arrivals were into A'zaz sub-district (19,088). **This figure constituted over half of the recorded arrivals across all ISMI-covered communities³ throughout February.** Most commonly, arrivals were recorded originating from Al Bab (2,758) and Ar-Raqqa sub-districts (1,069) (Map 1). **In addition, a total of 6,898 IDPs departed communities in A'zaz during the reporting period,** most commonly travelling to other communities in the sub-district (1,257), as well as to Jarablus (841) and Suran (756).

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

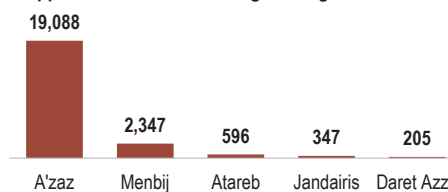


Figure 5: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

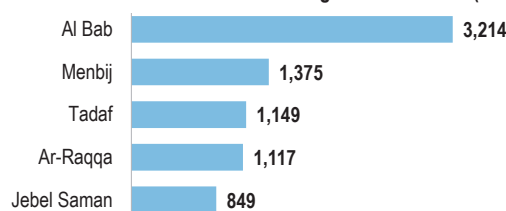
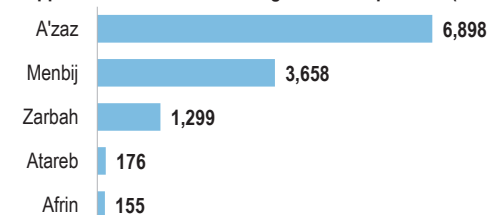


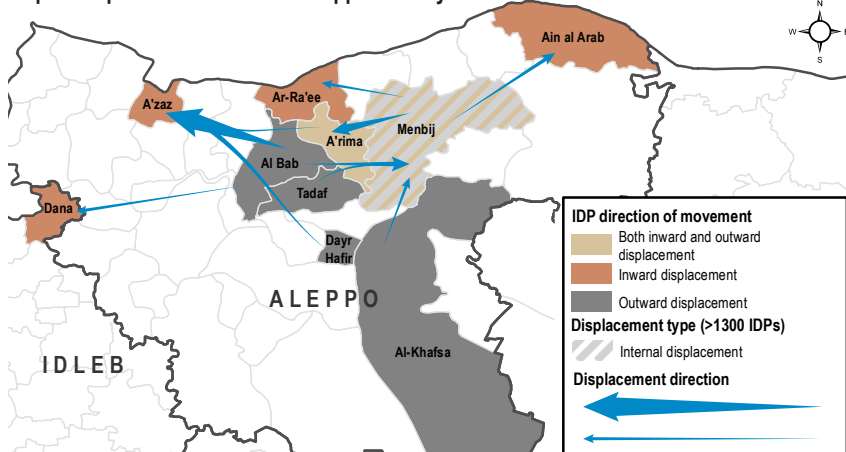
Figure 6: Aleppo sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



DISPLACEMENT FROM EAST ALEPPO COUNTRYSIDE:

Ongoing conflict in and around Al Bab and Menbij sub-districts escalated in late February, resulting in widespread outward movement⁴ (Map 2). Overall, two major displacement patterns were observed; north/north-west from Al-Bab, Tadaf and Dayr Hafir into A'zaz (4,120), as well as northern parts of Al Bab sub-district. Additionally, IDPs were commonly recorded moving east towards Menbij (551) and A'rima. The second displacement trend observed was IDPs moving within Menbij sub-district (1,313) or travelling onwards to locations such as A'rima (880), Ain al Arab (264) and Ar-Ra'ee (198). **In total, 6,764 of all recorded arrivals³ originated from the sub-districts of Al Bab, Al-Khafsah, A'rima, Dayr Hafir, Menbij and Tadaf, the majority of which had travelled to A'zaz (63%).** As the conflict intensifies, mass-displacement is expected to continue⁶.

Map 2: Displacement from east Aleppo countryside



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 camps (10,896), rented/owned housing (2,949) and individual tents (2,657).**

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



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

⁶ At the time of writing the rapid intensification of conflict in eastern Aleppo governorate had resulted in the displacement of 26,000 people; OCHA [Flash Update Eastern Countryside](#) 2 of Aleppo Flash Update. 5 March 2017

AR-RAQQA GOVERNORATE

During the reporting period, 3,057 IDPs were recorded arriving to ISMI-covered communities in Ar-Raqqa governorate, while 3,798 individuals faced secondary displacement during the same period. Further, across all ISMI-covered communities, 4,654 arrivals were recorded originating from Ar-Raqqa governorate³, constituting 12% of total arrivals this month.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

3,798 IDP DEPARTURES³

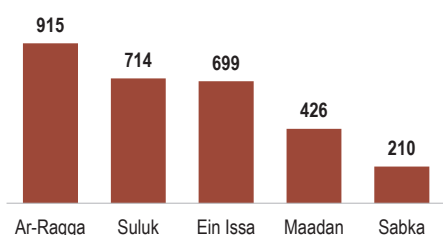
3,057 IDP ARRIVALS³

17 % of all recorded IDP departures³ were from communities in Ar-Raqqa.

12 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ originated from Ar-Raqqa.

8 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Ar-Raqqa.

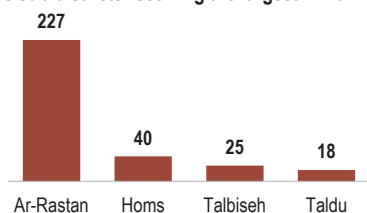
Figure 8: Ar-Raqqa sub-districts receiving the largest IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



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, 310 IDPs were recorded arriving in Homs, while 466 IDPs experienced secondary displacement out of ISMI-covered communities (Figures 11, 12).**

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

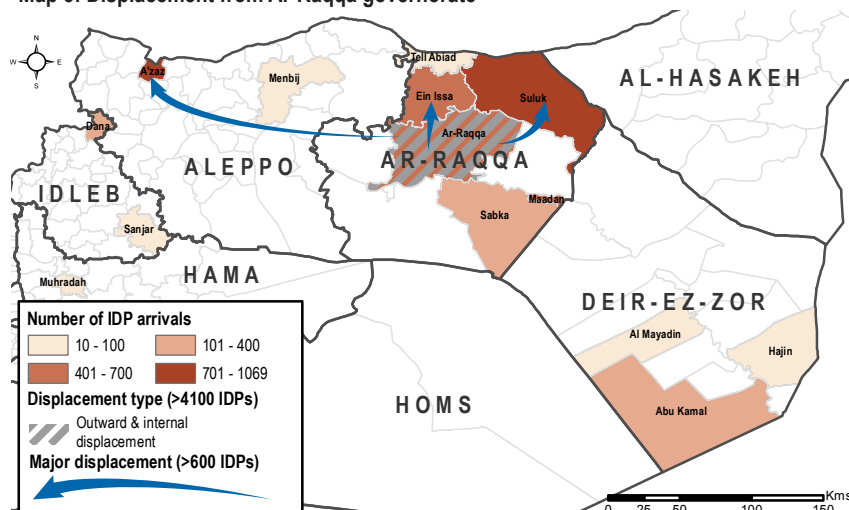


Departing IDPs most commonly remained within the governorate (43%), although 23% travelled to neighbouring Hama governorate. IDPs most commonly left due to escalations of conflict, as well as due to their loss of assets.

For newly arrived IDPs, the most common shelter types were **hosted accommodation** (166), followed by **rented/owned housing** (138).

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

Map 3: Displacement from Ar-Raqqa governorate



As was the case last month, displacement within Ar-Raqqa remained localised; **90% of arrivals originated from within the governorate itself, the vast majority of which (83%) arrived specifically from Ar-Raqqa sub-district** (Figure 9, Map 3). Limited arrivals from communities in Deir-ez-Zor and Aleppo governorates were also recorded.

Similarly, **IDPs leaving ISMI-covered communities largely travelled to areas within the governorate**, most commonly to Suluk (873) and Ein Issa (569) sub-districts (Map 3). Some movement to Deir-ez-Zor (150), Aleppo (60) and Al-Hasakeh (23) governorates was also reported.

The **most common shelter types** for newly arrived IDPs were **hosted accommodation** (1,383) and **rented/owned housing** (546).

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

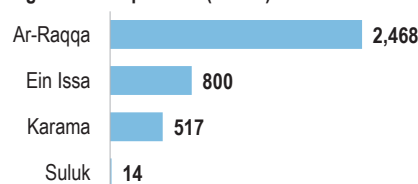
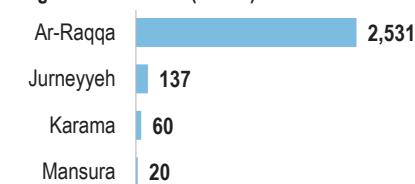


Figure 10: Four most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

466 IDP DEPARTURES³

310 IDP ARRIVALS³

86 % of recorded arrivals were to Ar-Rastan sub-district.

23 % of recorded IDP departures travelled to Hama governorate

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

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

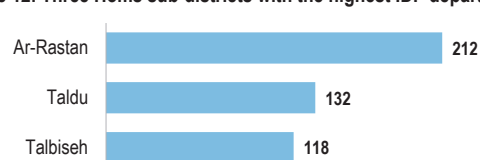
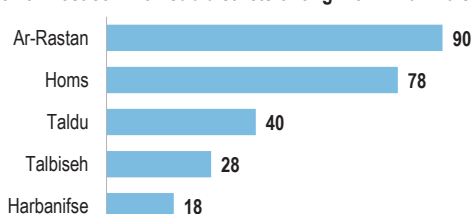


Figure 13: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



DEIR-EZ-ZOR GOVERNORATE

A total of 150 IDPs were recorded departing ISMI-covered communities in February 2017, approximately half as many as reported in January. **IDP arrivals, on the other hand, approximately doubled to 1,044 between January and February**; 46% of these arrivals were from Deir-ez-Zor sub-district, while 21% each were from other parts of Deir-ez-Zor governorate and Ar-Raqqa governorate.

The **most common shelter types** for newly arrived IDPs were **hosted accommodation** (688) and **rented/owned housing** (306).

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

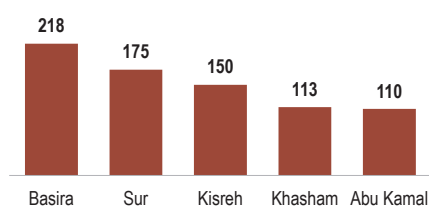
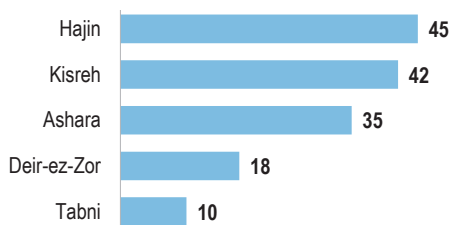


Figure 16: Deir-ez-Zor sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



HAMA GOVERNORATE

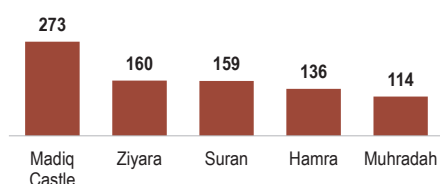
Displacement in Hama governorate increased between the previous and the current reporting period, with continued insecurity in northern parts of the governorate. **In total, 892 IDPs were recorded arriving and 1,933 IDPs were reported leaving ISMI-covered communities in Hama during February.** The number of arriving IDPs decreased by 25% from the figures reported in January; however the number of IDP departures increased by 68%.

Madiq Castle sub-district reported the highest numbers of both IDP arrivals and departures, 31% and 35% respectively. However, most of these arrivals were in the first three weeks of the reporting period and most departures were in the last week, suggesting an evolving security situation.

Newly arrived IDPs were **most commonly living in rented/owned housing** (428) and **hosted accommodation** (317).

Departing populations most commonly travelled to communities within Hama governorate (70%), while 20% left to Idlib governorate. Escalation of conflict was the most commonly cited reason for IDPs leaving communities.

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



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

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

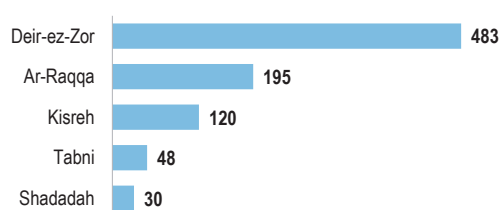
1,044 IDP ARRIVALS³ **150** IDP DEPARTURES³

100 % of recorded destinations for IDP departures from Deir-ez-Zor governorate were within the governorate.

3 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Deir-ez-Zor.

1 % of all recorded IDP departures³ were from Deir-ez-Zor.

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



The majority of departing populations were recorded leaving Hajin and Kisreh sub-districts (58%) during February (Figure 16). **All recorded destinations of departure were within Deir-ez-Zor governorate, with just over half located within Khasham and Al Mayadin sub-districts.** Departing IDPs most commonly cited the safety and security situation in the community compared to elsewhere, as well as family reunification as the main reasons for leaving ISMI-covered communities.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

1,933 IDP DEPARTURES³ **892** IDP ARRIVALS³

74 % of recorded IDP arrivals in Hama were from within the governorate.

32 % of recorded IDP departure destinations were communities in Muhradah sub-district.

9 % of all recorded IDP departures³ were from communities in Hama.

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

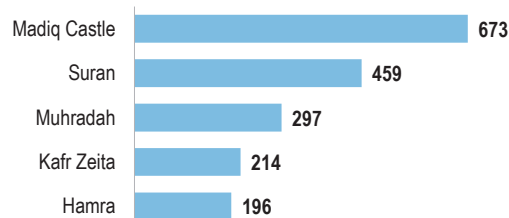
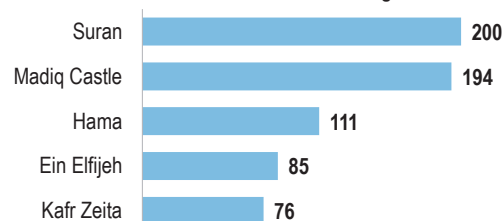


Figure 19: Five most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



IDLEB GOVERNORATE

Overall, 9,116 IDPs were recorded arriving in Idleb governorate between 30 January - 26 February 2017, 16% less than the number recorded during January. This figure constituted 24% of the total IDP arrivals across ISMI-covered communities in February.

One third of the arriving IDPs travelled to Dana sub-district in the north of the governorate (3,059 IDPs) (Figure 20). The most common sub-district of origin for new IDP arrivals was Az-Zabdani in Rural Damascus governorate.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

9,116 IDP ARRIVALS³

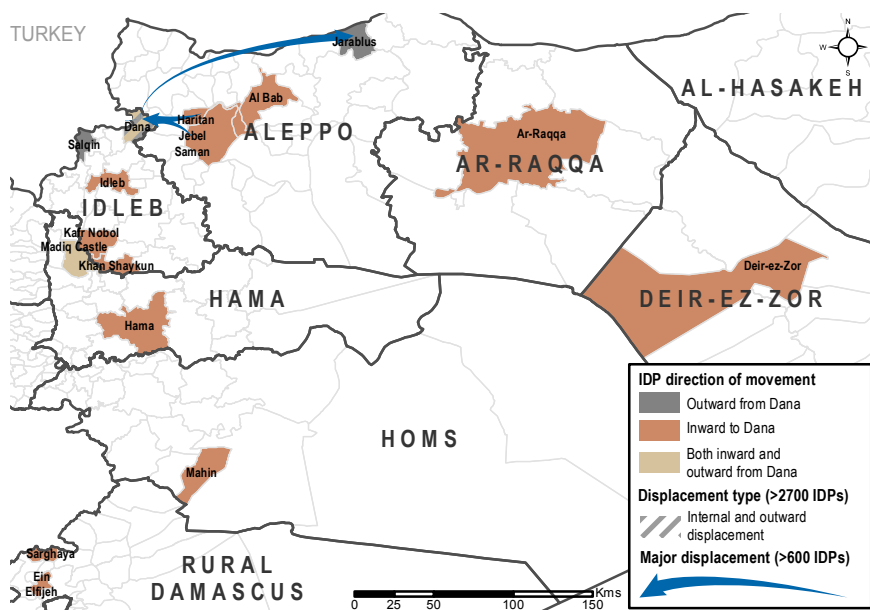
3,829 IDP DEPARTURES³

28 % of recorded IDP departures from Idleb were to Aleppo governorate.

29 % of IDPs arriving in Idleb originated in Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates each.

24 % of all recorded IDP arrivals³ were to communities in Idleb.

Map 4: Major displacement in to and out of Dana sub-district



For newly arrived IDPs, the most common shelter types were rented/owned housing (3,286) and hosted accommodation (2,043). Additionally, 846 arrivals were living in unfinished buildings and a further 750 were staying in collective centres.

In total, 3,829 IDPs were recorded departing Idleb governorate during the reporting period, 17% of the total IDP departures reported across ISMI-covered communities (Figure 22). Of those departing, the vast majority (80%) left from communities in Dana sub-district. Overall, the most common destinations for IDPs departing Idleb governorate were Aleppo governorate (28%) and Idleb governorate (25%).

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

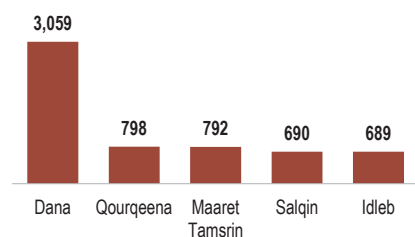


Figure 21: Most common sub-districts of origin of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

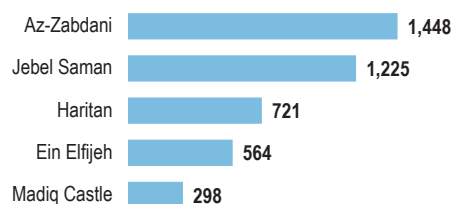
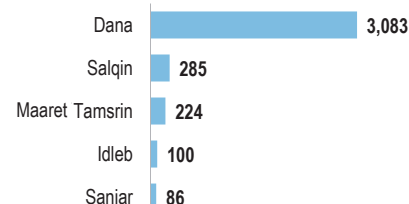


Figure 22: Idleb sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



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

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 Idleb during the baseline, this factsheet presents a summary of reported inward and outward movements of IDPs in the month of January 2016. From 30 January - 26 February 2017, such displacements were reported in 296 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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