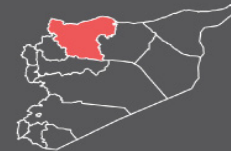




# Camp Profile: Menbij East Old

Aleppo governorate, Syria  
May 2022



## Background and Methodology

Menbij East Old is an informal internally displaced person (IDP) camp in Aleppo governorate. This profile provides an overview of humanitarian conditions in this camp. Primary data was collected through a representative household survey from 29 to 30 May 2022. The assessment included 87 surveyed households. Households were randomly sampled to a 95% confidence level and 10% margin of error based on population figures provided by camp management. Key informant (KI) interviews with camp managers in May 2022 were used to support and triangulate the household survey findings.

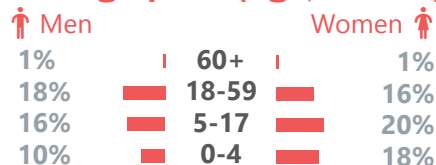
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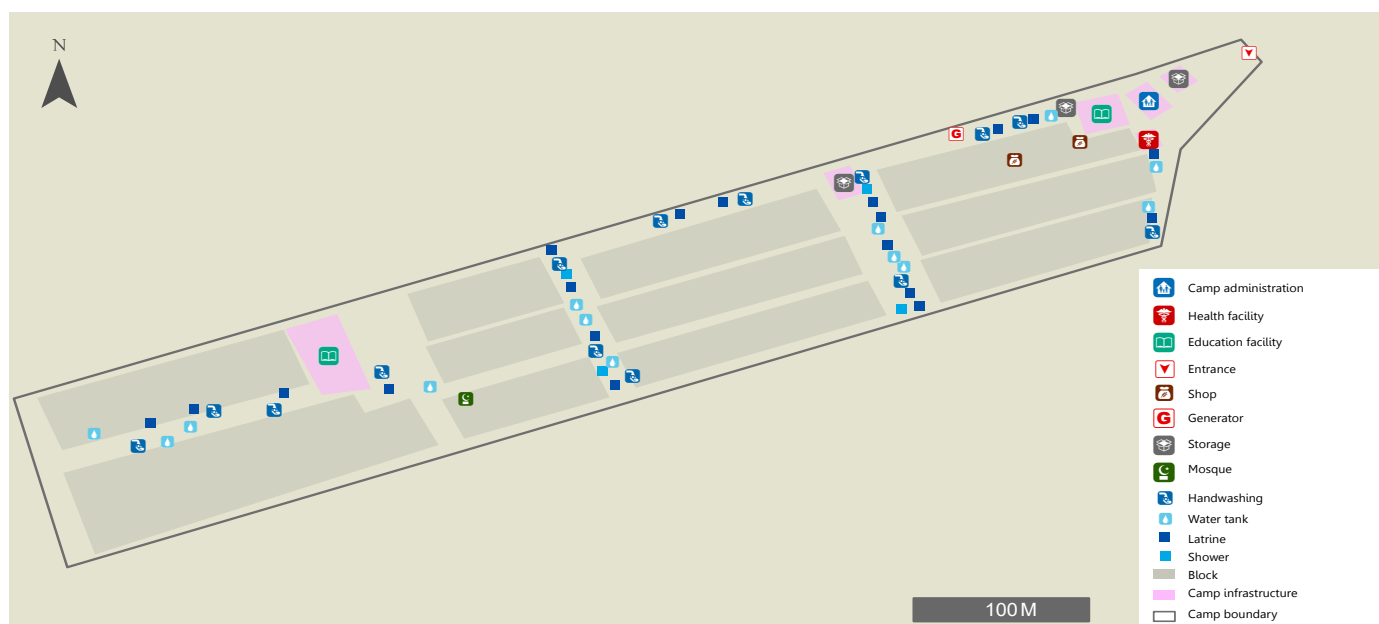
## Camp Overview<sup>1</sup>

**Number of individuals:** 2,179  
**Number of households:** 430  
**Number of shelters:** 100  
**First arrivals:** November 2021  
**Camp area:** 0.006 km<sup>2</sup>

## Demographics (Age, Gender)



## Camp Map



Camp mapping conducted in May 2022. Detailed infrastructure map available on [REACH Resource Centre](#).

## Sectoral Minimum Standards<sup>2</sup>

		Target	Result	Achievement
<b>Shelter</b>	Average number of individuals per shelter	max 4.6	6	●
	Average covered living space per person	min 3.5 m <sup>2</sup>	0.9 m <sup>2</sup>	●
	Average camp area per person	min 45 m <sup>2</sup>	3 m <sup>2</sup>	●
<b>Health</b>	% of 0-5 year olds who have received polio vaccinations	100%	65%	●
	Presence of health services within the camp	>0	1	●
<b>Protection</b>	% of households reporting safety/security issues in past two weeks	0%	79%	●
<b>Food</b>	% of households receiving assistance in the 30 days prior to data collection	100%	87%	●
	% of households with acceptable food consumption score (FCS) <sup>3</sup>	100%	66%	●
<b>Education</b>	% of children aged 6-17 accessing education services	100%	72%	●
<b>WASH</b>	Persons per latrine	max. 20	121	●
	Persons per shower	max. 20	2	●
	Frequency of solid waste disposal	min. twice weekly	every week	●

1. As reported by the camp manager in key informant (KI) interview in May 2022.

2. Targets based on Sphere and humanitarian minimum standards, [SPHERE \(2018\)](#). Sphere Handbook; Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response; UNHCR. [Emergency handbook](#). Shelter and WASH indicators are binary (red or green). Minimum standard met by ● 100% ● 50-99% ● 0-49%.

3. FCS measures households' current food consumption status based on the number of days per week a household is able to eat items from nine standard food groups, weighted for their nutritional value. World Food Programme (2009). [Comprehensive Food Security & Vulnerability Analysis Guidelines](#).



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## HEALTH



**Number of healthcare facilities in camp: 1**

**Types of facilities:** Health clinic

### Available services at the accessible health centres:

	In camp <sup>1</sup>	Outside camp <sup>1</sup>
Out patient department:	No	No
Reproductive health:	Yes	No
Emergency:	No	No
Minor surgery:	No	No
X-Ray:	No	No
Lab services:	No	No

92% of households reported that health-related assistance was **not** meeting their minimum health needs. Households' most commonly reported health needs were maternal health services (78%) and child health and nutrition (including malnutrition) (48%).<sup>10</sup>

Of the 75% of households who required treatment in the 30 days prior to data collection, 100% reportedly faced barriers to accessing medical care.

Most commonly reported barriers to accessing medical care:<sup>6</sup>

- Unaffordability of health services (94%)
- Lack of medicines at the health facilities (72%)
- High transportation costs to health facilities (62%)

### Households reporting that a member had given birth since living in the camp:



Yes 77%  
No 23%



Of the 77% reporting a birth in their household, 100% reported that the women delivered in a health facility. 75% of households with a pregnant or lactating woman, or with a woman who gave birth while living in the camp had reportedly been able to access obstetric or antenatal care.

## COVID-19

### Response infrastructure<sup>1</sup>

Isolation area available: **No**  
Isolation area functional: **No**  
Sufficient handwashing facilities in camp: **Yes**

87% of households reportedly experienced difficulties in obtaining hand/body soap.

### Main difficulties included:<sup>6</sup>

Soap was too expensive	82%	
Soap was distributed infrequently	26%	
Soap was of poor quality	7%	

### Availability of functioning handwashing facilities in communal latrines as reported by % of households:



None 79%   
Some 18%   
All 2%

### Vulnerable groups

**Households reporting members in the following categories:<sup>4</sup>**

Person with serious injury/disease		16%	
Person with chronic illness		36%	
Pregnant or lactating woman		10%	

Of the 36% of households with a member living with a chronic disease, 0% reported that required medicine was not available, but 77% reported that they could not afford the required medicine.

5 of household heads were reportedly living with a disability.<sup>5</sup>

### Children and infant health

65% of children under five years old were reportedly vaccinated against polio. 69% of children under two years old had reportedly received the DTP vaccine<sup>24</sup> and 65% the MMR vaccine.

Immunization services for children was reported by 34% of households as a priority health need.

The camp management reported that no infant nutrition items were distributed in the 30 days prior to data collection. The following nutrition activities have reportedly been undertaken:



<b>Screening/referral for malnutrition:</b>	Yes
<b>Treatment moderate-acute malnutrition:</b>	None
<b>Treatment severe-acute malnutrition:</b>	None
<b>Micronutrient supplements:</b>	None
<b>Blanket supplementary feeding program:</b>	None
<b>Promotion of breastfeeding:</b>	None

### Prevention measures<sup>1</sup>

Camp staff training: **No**  
Temperature check for people entering: **Yes**  
Quarantine for new arrivals: **No**

Camp management reported that **no hygiene items were distributed** to the population. **Aid distributions** were carried out at **block level with allotted time slots**.

### Top measures taken by camp management in response to the pandemic as reported by households:<sup>7</sup>

No measures were enforced	64%	
Changed distribution procedures	33%	
Sent prevention messages	1%	

### Top measures reportedly taken by households in response to the pandemic:<sup>7</sup>



Washed hands more regularly	63%	
Nothing	34%	
Stayed at home	31%	

4. Respondent was asked the [Washington Group \(WGO\) Short Set Questions](#) and as recommended by the WG, [the disability calculations](#) were applied to determine the number of people living with a disability.

5. As suggested on [WGO FAQ](#), the respondent was asked if other household members were living with the given difficulty.

6. Households could select as many options as applied, meaning the sum of percentages may exceed 100%.

7. Self-reported by households and not verified through medical records.

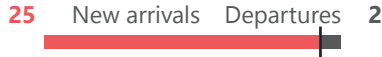


## MOVEMENT

### Top three household areas of origin:

Location	Governorate	Sub-district	Percentage
Syria NA	Aleppo NA	Hazaza NA	70%

### Movements reported in the 30 days prior to the assessment:<sup>1</sup>



On average, households in the camp had been displaced **3** times before arriving to this camp, and **100%** of households in the camp had been **displaced longer than one year**.

## PROTECTION

### Protection concerns

**79%** of households reported being aware of safety and security issues in the camp during the two weeks prior to the assessment.

### The most commonly reported security concerns were:

- Theft (59%)
- Danger from snakes, scorpions, mice (55%)

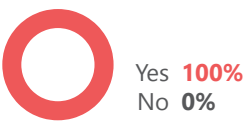
**26%** of households reported that at least one member was suffering from **psychosocial distress**.<sup>8</sup>

**17%** of households with children aged 3-17 reported that at least one child had exhibited **changes in behaviour**<sup>9</sup> in the two weeks prior to data collection.

### Freedom of movement

Camp management reported that all residents were able to leave the camp temporarily at the time of data collection. **31%** of households reported to be able to leave without disclosing the medical reason.

### Households reporting barriers when leaving the camp in the two weeks prior to data collection:



#### Most commonly reported barriers:

- Site departure conditions (100%)
- Transportation too expensive (60%)
- Insufficient transportation (41%)

### Vulnerable groups

#### Proportion of vulnerable groups among assessed population:<sup>7</sup>

Chronically ill persons	7%	Single parents/caregivers	1%
Persons with serious injury	4%	Pregnant/lactating women	10%
Female-headed households	13%		

At the time of data collection, no interventions were addressing the needs of older persons or persons with disabilities.

### Documentation

**10%** of households reported having at least one married person who was not in possession of their **marriage certificate**.

**22%** of households with children below the age of 17 reported that at least one child did not have any **birth registration documentation**.

8. As reported by households themselves. Assessed symptoms included: persistent headaches, sleeplessness, and more aggressive behaviour than normal.

### Households planning to leave the camp:



Within 1 year	1%
More than 1 year	0%
No plans to leave	99%



**99%** of households had **no intention to leave the camp**, mainly because there were **food distributions available in the camp (42%)**, **the camp was safe (28%)** and because they were waiting for their **area of origin to become safe (20%)**.

The main reasons for the **1%** of households with intentions to leave were **insufficient access to humanitarian assistance (100%)** and high **living costs (100%)** in the camp.

### Gender-based violence

**53%** of households reported gender-based protection issues with **early marriage (45%)** and **denial of resources, opportunities, or services (9%)** being the most commonly reported.

### Households reporting knowing about any designated space for women and girls in the site:



Yes	0%
No	100%

**0%** of households knew about a designated women and girls space.

**2%** of women and girls, reportedly **avoided camp areas**, 100% of whom avoided **communal latrines, showers and or water points** most commonly.<sup>10</sup>

### Child protection

#### Households reporting knowing about any child-friendly space in the site:



Yes	59%
No	41%

Of the **59%** of households who know about any child-friendly spaces, **86%** reported that a child from their household attended one in the 30 days prior to data collection.

#### Households reporting the presence of child protection concerns within the camp (in the two weeks prior to data collection):



Yes	92%
No	8%

Of the **92%** of households who reported child protection concerns, **87%** identified child labour and **53%** early marriage (below 18 years old).

**81%** of households reported that they were aware of **child labour** occurring among **children under the age of 11**, most commonly reporting domestic labour (71%) and agriculture (20%).<sup>10</sup>

#### Most commonly reported types of child labour by gender:<sup>10</sup>

##### Boys (100%)

Agriculture	58%
Transporting people/ goods	57%

##### Girls (100%)

Agriculture	88%
Domestic labour	51%

9. Changes in sleeping patterns, interactions with peers or attentiveness, for example.  
10. Question applies to subset of households who reported experiencing a given issue.



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## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

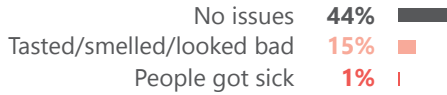
### Water



**Tanker trucks** were the primary source of water at the time of data collection. The public tap/standpipe was reportedly used by 100% of households for drinking water.

1% of households reported they spent at least two consecutive days without access to drinking water over the two weeks prior to data collection.

### Drinking water issues, by % of households reporting:



44% of households reportedly used negative strategies to cope with lack of water in the two weeks prior to data collection.

### Most commonly reported negative strategies by households:

- Relied on previously stored water (31%)
- Modified hygiene practices (bathe less, etc) (20%)
- Reduced drinking water consumption (6%)

45% of households reported having at least one member **suffering from diarrhoea**; 19% of households had at least one person with a **respiratory illness**; and 0% of households reported at least one member with **leishmaniasis** in the two weeks prior to data collection.

### Hygiene

99% of households reportedly did not have access to a private handwashing facility.

87% of households reported having hand/body soap available at the time of data collection.

95% of households were able to access all assessed hygiene items in the two weeks prior to data collection.<sup>11</sup> The most commonly inaccessible items included washing powder (1kg), and disposable diapers (1 pack of 24). Hygiene items were most commonly inaccessible because households could not afford them.

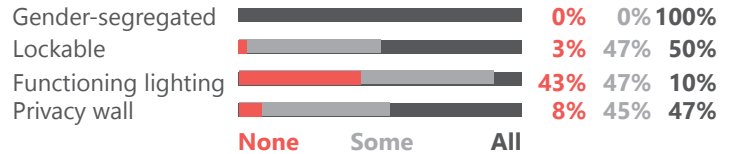
### Latrines

#### Types of defecation facilities used:

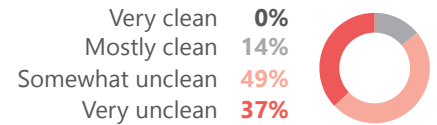
- Household: 0%
- Communal: 100%
- Open defecation: 0%

1% of households reported that some members **could not access latrines**, including both boys and girls.

#### Communal latrine characteristics, by % of households reporting:



#### Communal latrine cleanliness, by % of households reporting:



### Showers

#### Shower/bathing place usage:<sup>13</sup> available      used mainly



- Household: 14%      1%
- Communal: 56%      0%
- Bathing in shelter: 95%      95%
- Bathing outside shelter: 3%      3%

### Waste disposal



**Primary waste disposal system:** Garbage collection by local authorities

**Disposal location:** NA

**Sewage system:** desludging

The primary issue with garbage reported by households was **insufficient number of bins (69%)**.

## CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

### Camp management and committees

0% of households reported that they did not know who manages the camp, with 31% saying that they were not sure.

The camp reportedly **had** a complaint mechanism and 84% of households reported knowing of a complaints box in the camp.

98% of households reported that they knew whom to contact to raise issues.

#### Present committees reported by camp management KI:

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ✓ Camp management   | ✗ Youth committee        |
| ✗ Women's committee | ✗ Maintenance committee  |
| ✗ WASH committee    | ✗ Distribution committee |
| ✓ Health committee  |                          |

### Information needs

#### Top three reported sources of information about services:<sup>14</sup>



- |                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Local authorities | 66% |
| Word of mouth     | 56% |
| Community leaders | 20% |

#### Top three reported information needs:<sup>14</sup>



- |                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Job opportunities           | 85% |
| Returning to area of origin | 25% |
| Access assistance           | 24% |

11. The assessed hygiene items included: hand/body soap, sanitary pads, disposable diapers, washing powder, jerry cans/buckets, toothbrushes (for adults and children), toothpaste (for adults and children), shampoo (for adults and babies), cleaning liquid (for house), detergent for dishes, plastic garbage bags, washing lines, nail clippers, combs, and towels.

12. Communal latrines and showers are shared by more than one household. Household latrines and showers are used only by one household. This may be an informal designation that is not officially enforced.

13. A shower is defined as a designated place to shower as opposed to bathing in shelter.

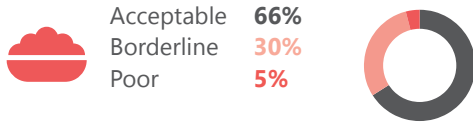
14. Excluding households who answered 'not sure'.



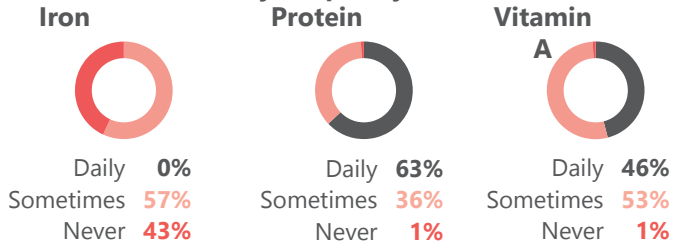
## FOOD SECURITY

### Food consumption

Percentage of households at each FCS level:

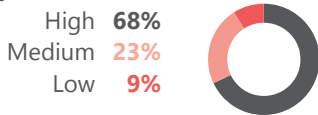


Percentage of households consuming iron, protein and vitamin A-rich foods by frequency:<sup>15</sup>



### Dietary diversity

Percentage of households by Household Dietary Diversity score level:<sup>16</sup>

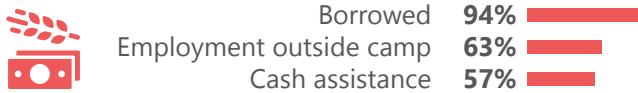


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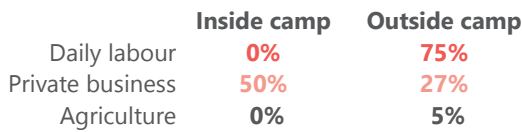
### Household income

Average monthly household income:<sup>18</sup> **769,598 SYP** (196 USD)<sup>20</sup>

Top three reported primary income sources:<sup>19,21</sup>



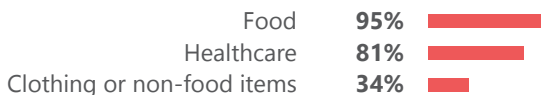
Most commonly reported employment sectors:<sup>18,21</sup>



### Household debt

**99%** of households reported that they **borrowed money** in the 30 days prior to data collection; on average, these households had a debt load amounting to **723023 SYP** (184 USD).<sup>20</sup>

Top three reported reasons for taking on debt:<sup>19</sup>

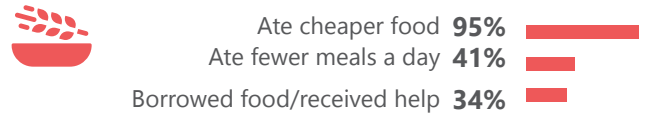


Top reported creditors:<sup>10, 19</sup>

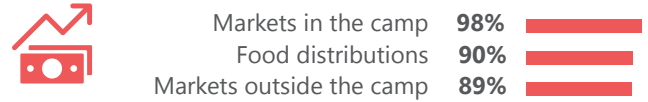


### Food security

Top three reported food-related coping strategies:<sup>17</sup>



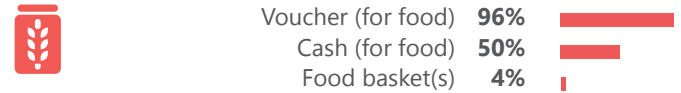
Most commonly reported main sources of food:<sup>18</sup>



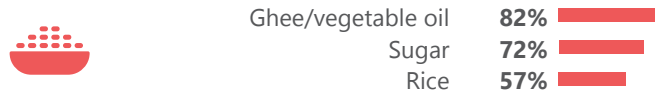
### Food distributions

**100%** of households had received a food basket, bread distribution, cash, or vouchers in the 30 days prior to data collection.

Type of food assistance received,<sup>18</sup> by % of households reporting:



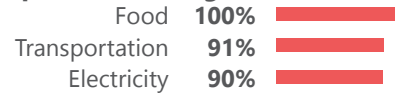
Top three food items households would like to receive more of:<sup>19</sup>



### Household expenditure

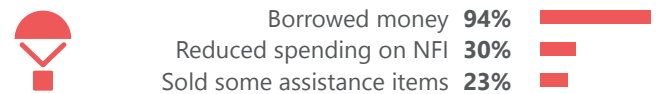
Average monthly household expenditure:<sup>18</sup> **696,828 SYP** (178 USD)<sup>20</sup>

Top three reported expenditure categories:<sup>19,21</sup>



### Coping strategies

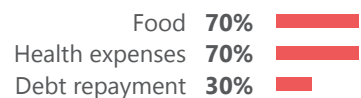
Top three reported livelihood coping strategies:<sup>18, 19</sup>



23% of households reportedly sold assistance items with Food assistance followed by Hygiene items being the most commonly sold. The **most commonly sold food** items were **bulgur wheat** (53%), **rice** (53%) and **ghee/vegetable oil** (47%).

Households reported that **I needed cash for more urgent spending** (90%) and **The item/assistance is useful, but not the first priority** (10%) were the main reason for selling assistance items they received.

Most common ways money from sales was used:



15. Households were asked to report the number of days per week when nutrient-rich food groups were consumed, from which nutrient consumption frequencies were derived. World Food Programme (2015) [Food Consumption Score Nutritional Quality Analysis - Technical Guidance Note](#).

16. Households were asked to report the number of days per week they consume foods in different food groups, which was used to derive a Household Dietary Diversity score. UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (2011) [Guidelines for Measuring Household and Individual Dietary Diversity](#).

17. Households were asked to report the number of days they employed each coping

strategy, graph only shows the overall frequency by which a coping strategy was reported.

18. In the 30 days prior to data collection.

19. Households could select up to three options.

20. The effective exchange rate for Northeast Syria was reported to be 3600 Syrian Pounds to the dollar in 22-May ([Reach Initiative, NES Marke Monitoring Exercise 22-May](#)).

21. Percentage of households reporting income/expenditure in each category; households could select as many options as applied.



## EDUCATION



At the time of data collection, there was **1** educational facility in the camp.

**Age groups:** 6 to 11 years  
**Service providers:** UNICEF Amended Curriculum  
**Certification<sup>22</sup> available:** No

### Available WASH facilities in educational facilities

- Latrines: Yes
- Handwashing facilities: Yes
- Safe drinking water: Yes

### Proportion of children attending education

	Girls (75%)	Age	Boys (69%)	
	0%	<b>11%</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>9%</b> 0%
	0%	<b>91%</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>77%</b> 0%
	0%	<b>78%</b>	<b>12-14</b>	<b>74%</b> 7%
	6%	<b>24%</b>	<b>15-17</b>	<b>35%</b> 0%
	<b>Inside camp</b>		<b>Outside camp</b>	

### School-aged children (6-17 years old)

**72%** of households report that school-aged children are receiving education.

The most commonly reported barriers for households reporting that not all children were receiving education were:



- Child did not want to attend (52%)
- No education available for children of a certain age (52%)
- Education was not considered important (26%)

### Early childhood development (3-5 years old)

**10%** of 3-5 year old children in the households reportedly received early childhood education.

Most commonly reported barriers to early childhood education:



- No education for children of a certain age (83%)
- Child did not want to attend (9%)
- Education was not considered important (9%)

## SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)



Average number of people estimated per household: **7**  
 Average number of shelters estimated per household: **1**  
 Average number of people estimated per shelter: **6**  
 Estimated occupation rate of the shelters in the camp: **100%**



### Tent status

In assessed households, **21%** of tents were in new condition.<sup>23</sup>

### Flood susceptibility



Camp management reported that **4% of tents are prone to flooding**, and that **drainage channels** between shelters were available.

### Sources of light

Most commonly reported sources of light inside shelters:

Light powered by shared camp generator	<b>86%</b>	
Light powered by solar panels	<b>33%</b>	
Flashlight or battery-powered lamps	<b>13%</b>	

### NFI needs

Top three reported anticipated NFI needs for the three months following data collection:



Rechargeable fan	<b>46%</b>	
Cool box	<b>34%</b>	
Carpet/mat for the floor	<b>31%</b>	

22. Official documentation such as diplomas to prove the completion of a course.

### About REACH's COVID-19 response

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### Shelter adequacy

Reported shelter adequacy issues:



**Present needs:**  
Additional tents

**Expected future needs:**  
Bedding items

Top three most commonly reported shelter item needs:



Tarpaulins	<b>69%</b>	
Plastic sheeting	<b>63%</b>	
Additional tents	<b>46%</b>	

20% of respondents reported they had **access to a communal or private kitchen**, while 80% of households used improvised cooking facilities.<sup>24</sup>

Households reported **hazards in their block** such as uncovered pits (17%) and electricity hazards (15%).

### Fire safety



Camp management reported that **fire extinguishers** were available, but that actors in the camp **did not inform** residents on **fire safety** in the three months prior to data collection.

**76%** of households reported that they had received information about fire safety, **6%** of which reported comprehension **difficulties** of the information received. **94%** reported knowing of a fire point in their block.

23. Enumerators were asked to observe the state of the tent and record its condition.

In this camp, all households were residing in tents.

24. During the seven days prior to data collection.

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