

OVERALL FINDINGS:

28 NOVEMBER 2016 – 1 JANUARY 2017

- 2,387 locations across ISMI-covered governorates of Syria are reported to host displaced populations¹. Of these, 1,183 are covered in ISMI weekly data collection cycles; **583 ISMI-covered communities experienced inward or outward movement of IDPs during the reporting period².**

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE:

125,252 TOTAL IDP ARRIVALS³

34,924 TOTAL IDP DEPARTURES³

65 % of total recorded IDP arrivals³ were from Jebel Saman sub-district

33 % of total recorded IDPs arrived³ to Idleb

71 % of total recorded IDP departures³ from Aleppo

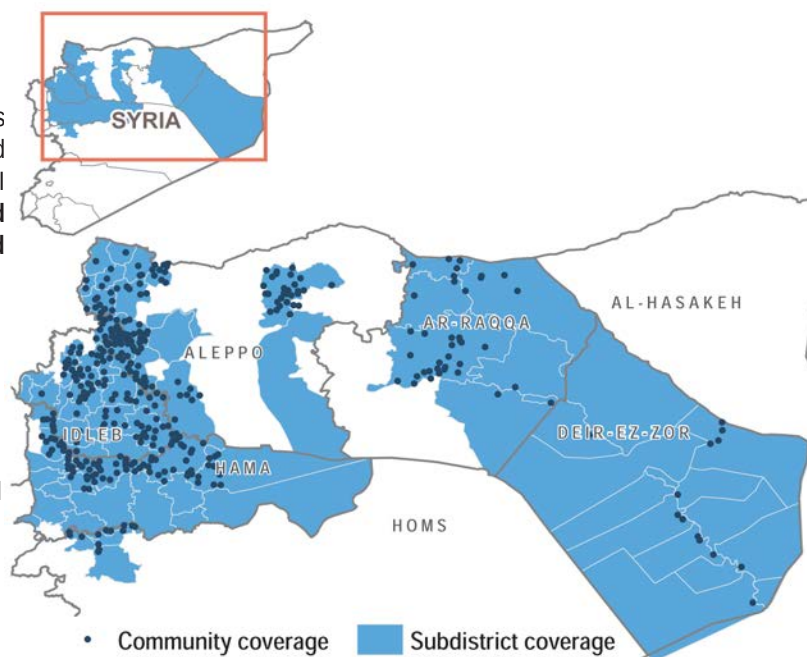


Table 1: Recorded IDP arrivals to ISMI-covered communities, by governorate

28 November 2016 – 1 January 2017 IDP ARRIVALS					
GOVERNORATE		Reported arrivals (# IDPs)	Sub-districts with largest reported IDP arrivals (# IDPs)		Most common sub-districts of provenance of reported IDP arrivals (# IDPs)
GOVERNORATE	Aleppo	64,454	A'zaz (25,861)	Menbij (11,810)	Jebel Saman ⁴ (20,321) Al Bab (10,659)
	Idleb	41,792	Dana (16,330)	Idleb (4,110)	Jebel Saman ⁴ (24,732) Qatana (1,488)
	Ar-Raqqa	14,569	Ar-Raqqa (13,208)	Tell Abiad (526)	Ar-Raqqa (11,919) Jurneyyeh (775)
	Hama	2,502	Madiq Castle (764)	Suran (416)	Suran (781) Kafr Zeita (314)
	Homs	1,100	Taldu (661)	Ar-Rastan (228)	Taldu (599) Homs (182)
	Deir-ez-Zor	832	Sur (285)	Ashara (160)	Deir-ez-Zor (284) Jebel Saman ⁴ (114)

Figure 1: Reported IDP arrivals by governorate (%)

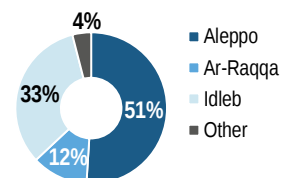


Figure 2: Most common sub-districts of provenance of reported IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

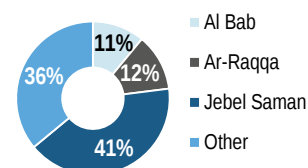
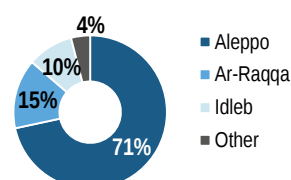


Table 2: Recorded IDP departures from ISMI-covered communities, by governorate

28 November 2016 – 1 January 2017 IDP DEPARTURES					
GOVERNORATE		Reported departures (# IDPs)	Sub-districts with largest reported IDP departures (# IDPs)		Most common destinations of reported IDP departures (# IDPs)
GOVERNORATE	Aleppo	24,989	Atareb (8,647)	A'zaz (6,732)	A'rma (1,972) Sarin (923)
	Idleb	3,363	Ma'arrat An-Nu'man (998)	Idleb (809)	Turkey (638) Atma (474)
	Ar-Raqqa	5,102	Ar-Raqqa (3,093)	Suluk (1,163)	Damascus (587) Tell Abiad (335)
	Hama	1,037	Muhradah (393)	Suran (365)	Hama (314) Kafr Nobol (159)
	Homs	422	Taldu (296)	Ar-Rastan (120)	Harbanifse (229) Lebanon (34)
	Deir-ez-Zor	103	Abu Kamal (51)	Al Mayadin (34)	Hajin (28) Turkey (17)

Figure 3: Percentage of reported IDP departures by governorate (# IDPs)



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 arriving/departing across all ISMI-covered communities

⁴ Predominately Aleppo city

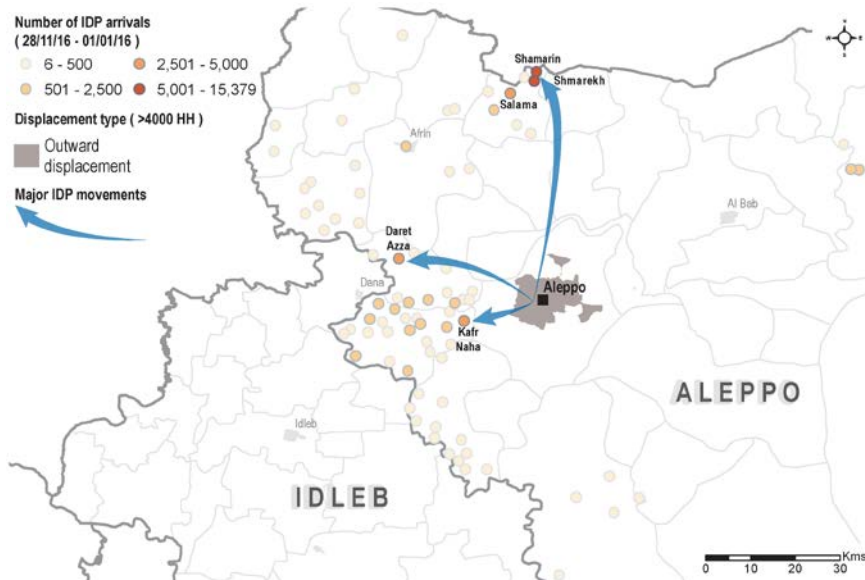
ALEPPO GOVERNORATE

Throughout December, ISMI-covered communities in Aleppo governorate experienced the highest number of IDP arrivals in comparison to other assessed governorates in northern Syria.

With increased conflict in and around Aleppo throughout December and subsequent evacuation of eastern Aleppo city in mid-December, large-scale outward movement from Jebel Saman sub-district was reported⁴. Within Aleppo governorate, populations most commonly travelled north to A'zaz sub-district on the Turkish border (map 1).

The most common shelter types of displaced persons within the governorate were camps (18,753) and collective shelters (17,875).

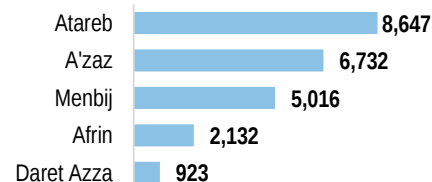
Map 1: Major displacement from ISMI-covered areas in Jebel Saman sub-district



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE¹

- 51** % of total recorded IDPs arrived² to Aleppo
- 71** % of total recorded IDP arrivals² originated in Aleppo
- 19** % of total recorded IDP departures² left to other governorates

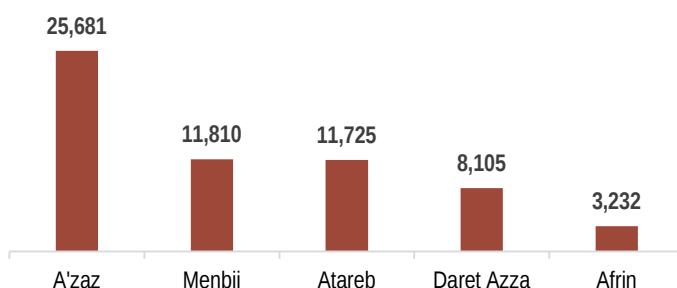
Figure 5: Five ISMI-assessed Aleppo sub-districts with the highest IDP departures (# IDPs)



64,456 IDP ARRIVALS²

24,898 IDP DEPARTURES²

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



Map 2: Major displacement from Al Bab sub-district

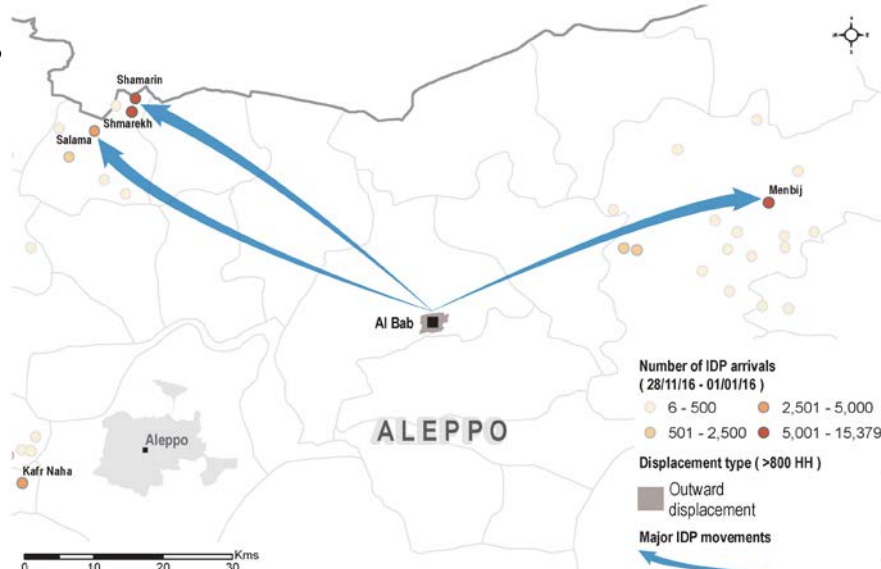
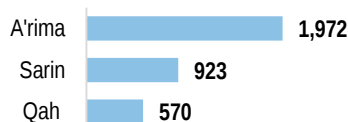


Figure 6: Three most common destinations of IDP departures by community (# IDPs)



Following the escalating conflict in Al Bab sub-district in late-November and throughout December 2016, large-scale outward movement was reported (10,659).

Displaced populations from Al Bab most commonly travelled north-west to the border areas of Shamari, Shmarekh and north-east to Menbij sub-district (Map 2).

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Aleppo communities were improved safety and security in area of origin and reduced conflict in area of origin.

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² Calculated from total IDPs arriving/departing across all ISMI-covered communities

⁴ OCHA, Syrian Arab Republic: Aleppo, Situation Report No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10 1-23 December 2016; UN OCHA Syria Humanitarian Snapshot (as of 31 December 2016)

AR-RAQQA GOVERNORATE

Ar-Raqqa experienced significant inward movement of displaced persons in December 2016, with arrivals to the governorate making-up one tenth of the total number of IDP arrivals in ISMI-covered areas.

Close to **900 IDP households** (5,102 individuals) **were reported to have left the governorate in December**. IDP departures in Ar-Raqqa accounted for 15% of the total departures in ISMI-assessed areas (Figure 9).

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE¹

14,569 IDP ARRIVALS²

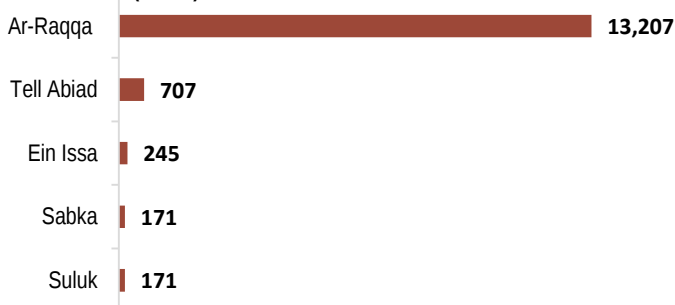
5,102 IDP DEPARTURES²

77 % of total IDP departures² from Ar-Raqqa left the governorate between 28/11 and 04/12

91 % of total IDP arrivals² to Ar-Raqqa sub-district

41 % of recorded IDP departures² from Ar-Raqqa to other governorates

Figure 7: Five ISMI-covered Ar-Raqqa sub-districts with the highest number of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



The majority of IDP arrivals to Ar-Raqqa governorate were to Ar-Raqqa sub-district, which received 13,207 IDPs, 91% of new arrivals (Figure 7). A total of 707 individuals entered Tell Abiad sub-district, 5% of total arrivals between 28 November 2016 and 1 January 2017.

The highest number of new arrivals to Ar-Raqqa governorate reportedly came from Al Bab in Aleppo governorate (570), followed by Tadmor (485) sub-district in Homs and Ath-Thawrah (205) sub-district of Ar-Raqqa (Figure 8).

Figure 8: Three most common areas of provenance of IDP arrivals by community (# IDPs) to ISMI-covered communities

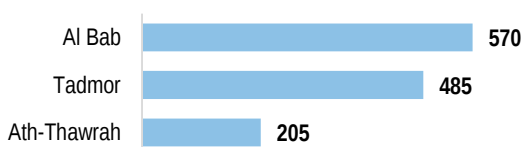
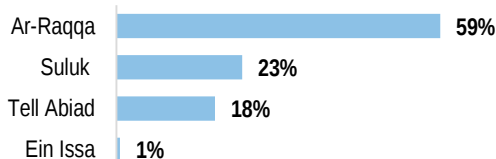


Figure 9: Percentage of IDP departures from ISMI-covered communities by sub-district



The **most common shelter types of new arrivals in Ar-Raqqa** during the reporting period were **hosted accommodation (3,397)** followed by **rented/owned housing (1,647)**.

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Ar-Raqqa communities were due to safety and security concerns.

HOMS GOVERNORATE

Conflict in Homs governorate caused the displacement of populations in the month of December. A total of 1,100 individuals arrived to ISMI-assessed communities within the governorate. For those whose area of provenance was reported, the **majority of IDP arrivals were from sub-districts within Homs governorate (131 individuals)**, while 17 individuals travelled from Harbanifse in Hama (Figure 11). **Most commonly reported shelter types of new arrivals were living with host families (502)** and living in rented/owned homes (125).

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

1,100 IDP ARRIVALS²

422 IDP DEPARTURES²

70 % of IDP departures² left communities in Taldy sub-district

89 % of IDP arrivals from within Homs governorate

67 % of recorded IDP departures² to other governorates

Meanwhile, 422 individuals left the governorate during the assessed period. Most common reasons for IDP departure included safety and security concerns.

Figure 10: IDP arrivals by sub-district (# IDPs)

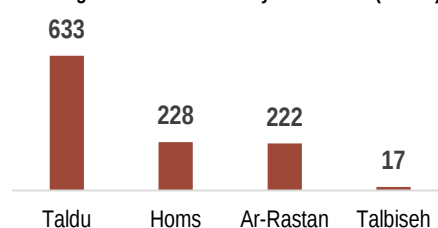
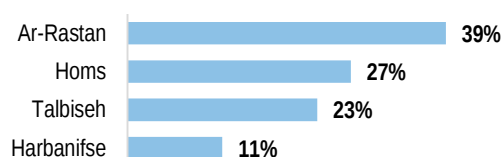


Figure 11: Areas of provenance of IDP arrivals by sub-district (# IDPs)



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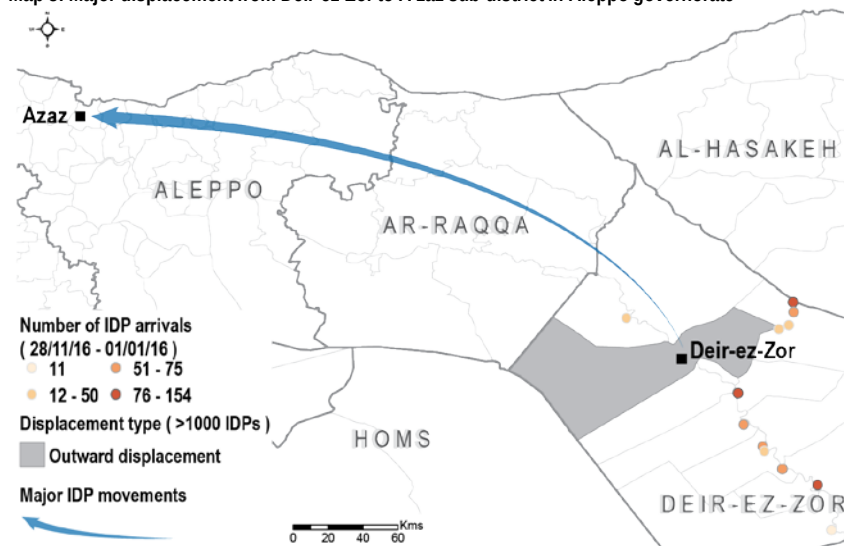
DEIR-EZ-ZOR GOVERNORATE

With increased airstrikes in Deir-ez-Zor during late December 2016, population movement out of Deir-ez-Zor was reported.

During the reporting period, **832 individuals (146 households) arrived in Deir-ez-Zor**. Sur, Ashara, Hajin and Basira sub-districts received the highest number of IDPs.

The largest displacement was north-west towards the border sub-district of A'zaz in Aleppo governorate (Map 3), around a fifth of those displaced from Deir-ez-Zor governorate reportedly travelled to Turkey.

Map 3: Major displacement from Deir-ez-Zor to A'zaz sub-district in Aleppo governorate



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE¹

832 IDP ARRIVALS²

102 IDP DEPARTURES²

50 % of Deir-ez-Zor IDP departures² were from Abu Kamal sub-district

1 % of total IDP arrivals² arrived in Deir-ez-Zor

74 % of recorded IDP departures² to other governorates

Figure 13: Reported arrivals to sub-district (# IDPs)

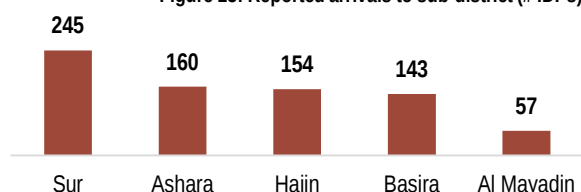
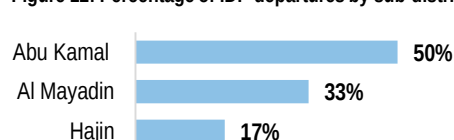


Figure 12: Percentage of IDP departures by sub-district



In Deir-ez-Zor, the two most common shelter types of new IDP arrivals were living with host families (462), followed by rented or owned accommodation (245).

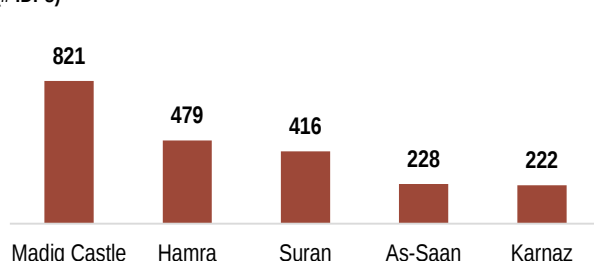
Most common reasons for IDP departures from communities in Deir-ez-Zor were reduced conflict in area of origin and loss of income.

HAMA GOVERNORATE

Conflict in northern Hama governorate throughout December 2016 attributed to the displacement of populations both into and out of communities in Hama. Overall, IDP arrivals to Hama made up 2% of total IDP arrivals across ISMI-covered communities in northern Syria. **A third of all recorded IDPs to Hama arrived in Madiq Castle sub-district** (Figure 14).

Most commonly reported shelter types of new arrivals were living with host families (1,248) and living in rented or owned housing (627).

Figure 14: Five sub-districts with the largest IDP arrivals by sub-district (# IDPs)



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

2,502 IDP ARRIVALS²

1,037 IDP DEPARTURES²

2 % of total IDP arrivals² in December were to Hama governorate

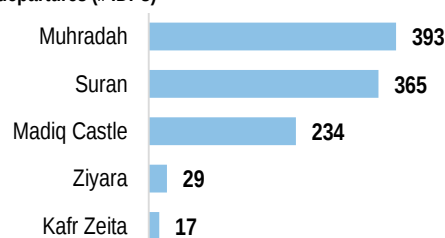
33 % of total IDP arrivals² to Madiq Castle sub-district

34 % of recorded IDP departures² to other governorates

A total of 1,037 displaced persons reportedly left Hama governorate in December, with the highest number of IDPs departing Muhradah (393) and Suran sub-districts (365) (Figure 15).

Most common reasons given for leaving communities included safety and security concerns and loss of income.

Figure 15: Five Hama sub-districts with highest recorded IDP departures (# IDPs)



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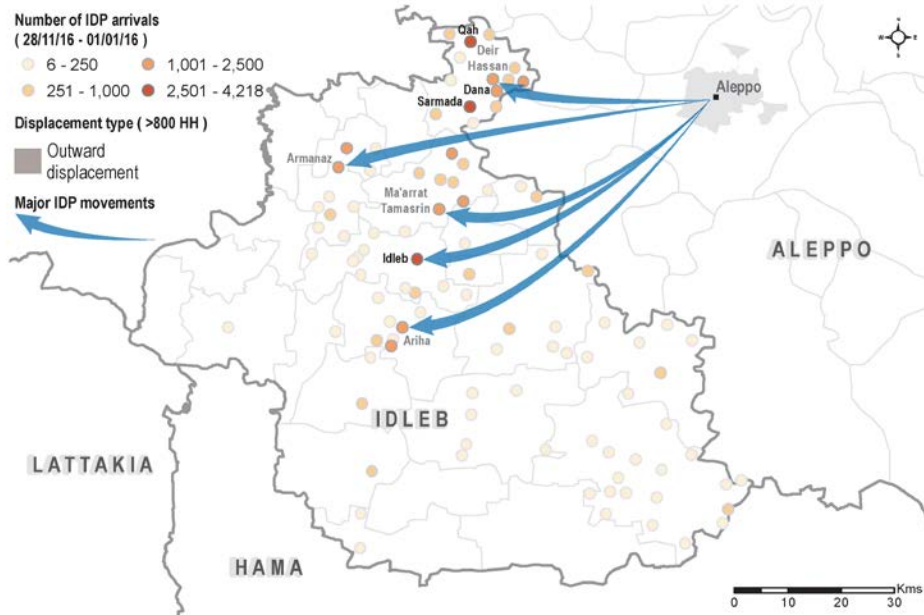
IDLEB GOVERNORATE

A total of 41,792 IDPs arrived in Idlib governorate between 28 November and 1 January 2017.

The intensification of fighting and the evacuation of populations from parts of Aleppo city, prompted large-scale displacement in early to mid-December.

In total, 24,824 IDPs were displaced from Aleppo city into Idlib governorate (Figure 16), specifically to Idlib, Sarmada and Qah sub-districts. The most common shelter types of new arrivals were rented or owned housing (16,336) and living with host families (13,156).

Map 4: Major displacement from Aleppo to ISMI-covered communities in Idlib governorate



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- 33** % of total recorded IDP arrivals¹ entered Idlib governorate
- 99** % of total recorded IDPs to Idlib arrived¹ from Aleppo city
- 52** % of recorded IDP departures¹ went to other governorates

Figure 17: Five Aleppo sub-districts receiving the most IDP arrivals (# IDPs)

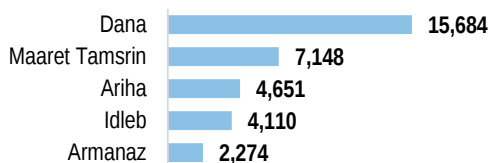
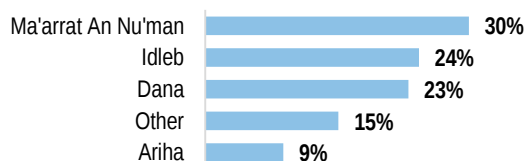


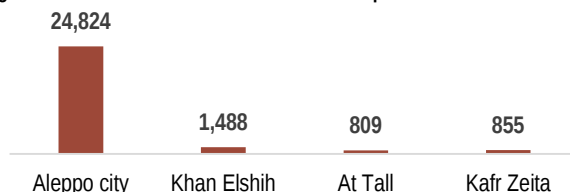
Figure 18: Percentage of IDP departures by sub-district



41,792 IDP ARRIVALS¹

3,363 IDP DEPARTURES¹

Figure 16: Four most common communities of provenance of IDP arrivals (# IDPs)



In the reporting period, 3,363 IDPs left communities in Idlib governorate. IDP departures were reported to Atma, Dana and Jarablus sub-districts, as well as 360 IDPs further afield to Turkey. **Idlib sub-districts with the highest outward movement between 28 November and 1 January were Ma'arrat An Nu'man (998 individuals), Idlib (809) and Dana (769) (Figure 18).**

Most common reasons for IDPs leaving Idlib communities were improved safety area of origin, loss of income or in some cases escalation of conflict.

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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 December 2016. **From 28 November 2016 to 1 January 2017 such displacements were reported in 583 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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