

Background and methodology

The aim of the Emergency Needs Tracking (ENT) System is to track the key priority needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northwest Syria, as well as identifying communities with households in direct need of humanitarian assistance. The ENT assesses communities that have experienced any of the following in the three days prior to data collection: more than 40 IDP arrivals, natural hazards (including storms, fires, and flooding), conflict escalation, or any other event which impacts humanitarian needs. This information should serve to better inform immediate humanitarian operations, as well as provide a wider contextual understanding of the ongoing situation. As the humanitarian situation remains complex, it is critical to fill information gaps across sectors to ensure a well-coordinated humanitarian response.

Data was collected between 12 October and 18 October (excluding Friday and Saturday). Information was collected via a Key Informant (KI) methodology with one KI interview conducted per community. Findings should be considered indicative only. 130 communities including 14 camps were assessed overall across northern Aleppo and Idlib governorates. **The full dashboard can be accessed [here](#) and the full catalogue of datasets can be accessed [here](#).**

Protection

Percentage of assessed communities in which KIs reported the presence of newly-arrived IDPs with the following vulnerability types:¹

| | % |
|---|-----|
| Women headed households | 45% |
| Elderly headed households | 30% |
| Orphans | 11% |
| Women travelling alone | 7% |
| Disabled headed households | 5% |
| Child headed households/children travelling alone | 3% |

Food security

Most commonly reported food sources for newly-arrived IDPs in assessed communities:³

- 1 Stores/markets in this community 86%
- 2 Stores/markets in other communities 65%
- 3 Relying on food stored previously 33%

98%

of newly-arrived IDP households (1,635) were reportedly eating one meal or more per day

Shelter

Number and percentage of newly-arrived IDP households by shelter type:²

| | # | % |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Solid/finished buildings | 812 | 49% |
| Functioning tents | 547 | 33% |
| Unfinished/ damaged buildings | 291 | 17% |
| Designated collective centres | 16 | 1% |
| Residing without any form of shelter | 0 | 0% |
| Makeshift shelter | 0 | 0% |

NFI Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Number and percentage of newly-arrived IDP households without the following NFIs:²

| | # | % |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----|
| Households without fuel for heating | 1382 | 82% |
| Households without fuel for cooking | 428 | 26% |
| Households without cooking utensils | 258 | 15% |
| Households without bedding | 226 | 13% |
| Households without mattresses | 225 | 13% |

Livelihoods

Most commonly reported currency used for purchasing basic/essential commodities:³

- 1 Turkish Lira 75%
- 2 Syrian Pound 19%
- 3 United States Dollar 6%

Health

99%

of newly-arrived IDP households (1,654) reportedly could access essential healthcare

[View the interactive dashboard here](#)

This factsheet is supplementary to the interactive ENT dashboard which is updated on a daily basis with up-to-date information on humanitarian needs across northwest Syria.

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¹ KIs could choose from multiple answer options so answers may exceed 100%

² Refers to percentage of total newly-arrived IDP households

³ Refers to percentage of assessed communities

✦ IDP Priority Needs

Top ranked priority needs for newly-arrived IDPs
(by % of 144 assessed communities where KIs selected a first, second, and third priority need for IDPs):³

| Type | First priority need (# of assessed communities reporting) | First priority need (% of assessed communities reporting) | Second priority need (# of assessed communities reporting) | Second priority need (% of assessed communities reporting) | Third priority need (# of assessed communities reporting) | Third priority need (% of assessed communities reporting) |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| Winterisation kits | 12 | 8% | 12 | 8% | 21 | 15% |
| Multi-purpose cash grants | 67 | 47% | 16 | 11% | 15 | 10% |
| Cash for rent | 7 | 5% | 4 | 3% | 3 | 2% |
| Tools for repair | 1 | 1% | 3 | 2% | 0 | 0% |
| New/additional shelters | 16 | 11% | 12 | 8% | 1 | 1% |
| Food rations (in-kind) | 25 | 17% | 46 | 32% | 36 | 25% |
| Cash for work | 4 | 3% | 15 | 10% | 8 | 6% |
| Tools for home food production | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Employment support | 0 | 0% | 6 | 4% | 5 | 3% |
| NFI kits | 10 | 7% | 22 | 15% | 30 | 21% |
| Water provision/rehabilitation | 0 | 0% | 2 | 1% | 1 | 1% |
| Latrine and or bathing provision/rehabilitation | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% | 0 | 0% |
| Hygiene kits | 0 | 0% | 3 | 2% | 11 | 8% |
| Education support | 1 | 1% | 1 | 1% | 13 | 9% |

💧 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Most commonly reported drinking water sources for newly-arrived IDP households in assessed communities:^{1,3}

- 1 Informal water trucking conducted by private citizens 45%
- 2 Formal water trucking conducted by authorities or an NGO 33%
- 3 Combination of water network and private water trucking 30%

3%

of newly-arrived IDP households (45) reportedly did not have access to a sufficient quantity of drinking water, while 49 reportedly did not have access to a sufficient quantity of water for other purposes such as cooking, bathing, and washing

12%

of newly-arrived IDP households (201) reportedly did not have access to functioning hand-washing facilities with water and soap

4%

of newly-arrived IDP households (59) reportedly did not have access to a functioning toilet

51%

In 74 communities, KIs reported that soap and other hygiene items are too expensive for some newly-arrived IDPs

🚚 Humanitarian Assistance

60%

In 86 communities, KIs reported that the preferred modality of assistance for newly-arrived IDPs was cash/voucher assistance

94%

In 136 communities, KIs reported that no barriers were present for humanitarian actors when accessing the community

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