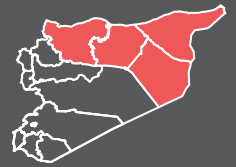




# Camp Profile: Areesheh Original

Al-Hasakeh governorate, Syria  
April-May 2019

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## Overview

**Number of individuals:** 3,525<sup>1</sup>  
**Number of households:** 800<sup>1</sup>  
**Number of shelters:** 665  
**First arrivals:** June 2017  
**Average length of stay:** 17 months  
**Camp area:** 0.14 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Management agency:** INGO  
**Administration agency:** Self-administration

## Summary

This profile provides an overview of conditions in the original Areesheh camp. Primary data was collected through household surveys between 3 and 5 May. Households were randomly sampled to a 95% confidence level and 11% margin of error, based on population figures provided by camp administration officials. In some cases, additional information from camp managers has been used to support findings.

## Location Map



## Background

Areesheh camp is located next to a reservoir, [which flooded 79% of the camp between December 2018 and April 2019](#). In response, an extension was constructed to the east of the camp, which was assessed separately. Both sections still lack key infrastructure and sanitation is especially poor.

## Camp Map



Note: all remaining showers in Areesheh camp were reportedly out of service at the time of data collection.

## Sectoral Minimum Standards

		Target	Current round		Previous round (Dec 2018) <sup>2</sup>	
			Result	Achievement	Result	Change
Shelter	Average number of individuals per shelter	max 4.6	5.4	●	5.1	▲
	Average covered area per person	min 3.5m <sup>2</sup>	4.3m <sup>2</sup>	●	5.4m <sup>2</sup>	▼
	Average camp area per person	min 35m <sup>2</sup>	39m <sup>2</sup>	●	58m <sup>2</sup>	▼
Health	% of 0-5 year olds who have received polio vaccinations	100%	71%	●	88%	▼
	Presence of health services within the camp	Yes	Yes	●	Yes	▶
Protection	% of households reported having lost some form of documentation	0%	22%	●	57%	▼
Food	% of households receiving assistance in 30 days prior to assessment	100%	100%	●	100%	▶
	% of households with acceptable food consumption score (FCS) <sup>3</sup>	100%	57%	●	64%	▼
Education	% of children aged 6-11 accessing education services	100%	40%	●	53%	▼
	% of children aged 12-17 accessing education services	100%	30%	●	25%	▲
WASH	Persons per latrine	max. 20	22	●	17	▲
	Persons per shower	max. 20	No showers	●	77	▲
	Frequency of solid waste disposal	min. twice weekly	Daily	●	Daily	▶

Targets based on Sphere and humanitarian minimum standards specific to northeast Syria. ● Minimum standard reached ● More than 50% minimum standard reached ● Less than 50% of minimum standard reached

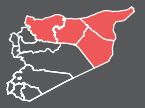
1. Numbers of individuals, households, and shelters reported by camp management.

2. Data collection in December took place while flooding in Areesheh camp was in its early stages. Consequently, results from the previous round pertained to a camp with a much larger footprint than the present round.

3. FCS measures households' current status of food consumption 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.

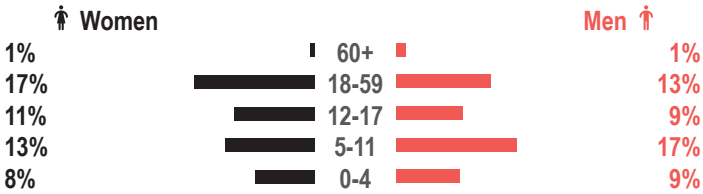


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## DEMOGRAPHICS AND MOVEMENT

### Demographics



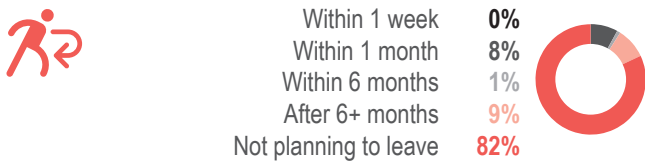
### Top three household origins:

Country	Governorate	Sub-district	Percentage
Syria	Deir-ez-Zor	Al Mayadin	38%
Syria	Deir-ez-Zor	Deir-ez-Zor	22%
Syria	Deir-ez-Zor	Ashara	19%

### Movements in the two weeks prior to the assessment:



### Households planning to leave the camp:



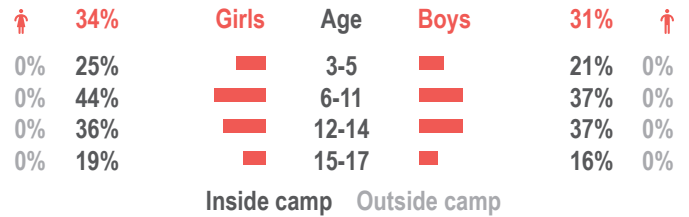
## EDUCATION



At the time of data collection, there was **1** educational facility in the camp, which opened around the time of data collection.<sup>4</sup>

Age groups:	6-11, 12-14, 15-17
Service providers:	Local NGO
Curricula on offer:	UNICEF curriculum
Certification available:	✗

### Attendance<sup>5</sup>



The proportion of children aged 6-11 who attended school decreased from **53%** in December 2018 to **40%** at the time of data collection.

**Barriers to education:** of the **47%** of households with children aged 3-17 who reported that none of them went to school, **83%** reported that they faced barriers to education. The most commonly reported barriers were:

- No education available/lack of learning space in the camp (23%)
- Schools lack trained teachers (17%)

### Available WASH facilities<sup>4</sup>

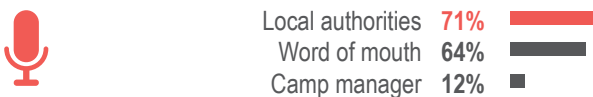
Gender-segregated latrines	No data
Handwashing facilities	No data
Safe drinking water	No data

4. As reported by key informants from camp management or camp administration authorities.  
 5. Percentages of children attending school at least four days a week. These findings are indicative only as they are based on a subset of the total sample.

## INFORMATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

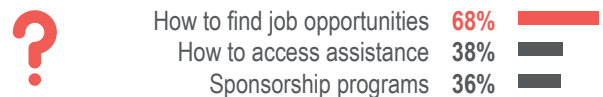
### Sources of information

#### Top three reported sources of information about distributions:<sup>6</sup>



### Information needs

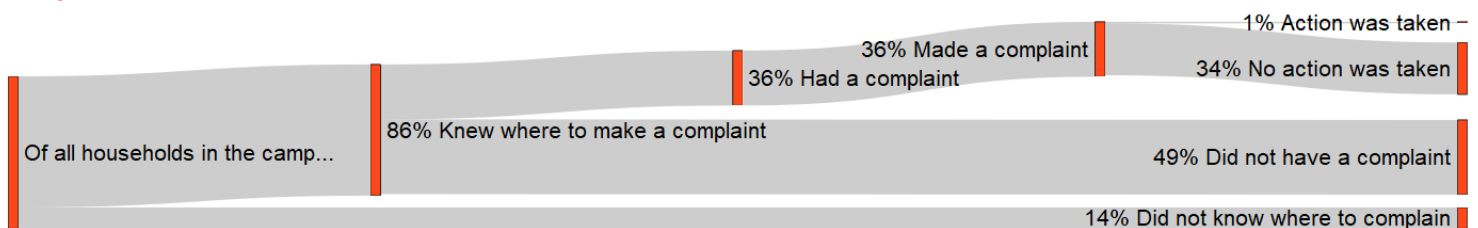
#### Top three reported information needs:<sup>7</sup>



### Service mapping

Have services in the camp been mapped?  Is service mapping data available to all actors in the camp?

### Complaints

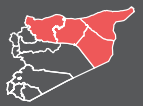


Only **3%** of households who had made a complaint in the three months prior to data collection reported that action was taken as a result.

6. Households could select as many options as applied.  
 7. Households could select up to three options from a list.



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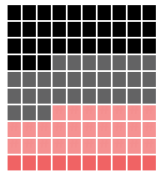
## SHELTER

89% of inhabited shelters were household-sized tents.

Average number of people per shelter: **5.4**  
Average household size: **6.7** individuals



### Tent status<sup>8</sup>



Tent is new	34%
Minor wear and tear	30%
Tent is in poor condition	27%
Tent is worn/torn	10%

### Shelter adequacy

79% of households reported that they faced shelter adequacy issues.

Top three most commonly reported shelter adequacy issues:<sup>7</sup>



Shelter is in poor condition	48%
Lack of privacy	31%
Safety	30%

Top three most commonly reported shelter item needs:<sup>7</sup>



New/additional tents	83%
Tarpaulins	56%
Shading material/Plastic sheeting	45%

### Fire safety

Households reporting the presence of fire fighting systems that could be used to protect them:



Yes - fire extinguishers	19%
Yes - other	0%
Not sure	0%
No	81%



80% of respondents with access to a fire fighting system reported being familiar with **how to use it**.

Camp management reported that actors in the camp **have** provided residents with **information on fire safety** in the past three months.

## NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)

### NFI needs

Top three anticipated NFI needs for the next three months:<sup>7</sup>



Cool box	48%
Rechargeable fan	43%
Sources of light	38%



Two of the three most named NFI needs were **seasonal items**. Other summer-specific needs included ice (22% of households) and shading material (17% of households).

### Sources of light

Top three sources of light inside shelters:<sup>6</sup>



Solar panels	70%
Flashlight batteries	16%
Rechargeable flashlight	14%

### Winter response

Top three challenges faced by households during the last winter:<sup>6</sup>



Shelter damage (bad weather)	68%
Water leaking into shelter	68%
Lack of sufficient blankets	32%

Winter items received, by % of households:

95%	Fuel
92%	Heater
83%	Blankets
58%	Winter clothes/shoes
43%	Shelter reinforcement material
29%	Cash/voucher assistance
4%	None

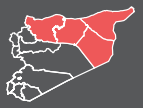
32% of households reported that one of their primary winter-related issues was a lack of fuel. 30% of all households reported that they had **bought extra fuel** in order to cope with the cold winter weather.

Heater and fuel issues faced by households:<sup>6</sup>




Bad smell	75%
Irritation of eyes	51%
Smoke leaking into shelter	38%

8. Enumerators were asked to observe the state of the tent and select one of the options.



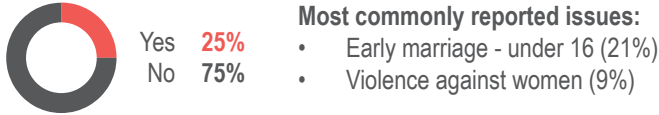
## PROTECTION

 **75%** of households reported that **personal safety and security issues** had occurred within the camp in the two weeks prior to the assessment.  
**Most commonly reported issues:**



- Presence of rodents (47%)
- Serious threat from scorpions, snakes, or similar (45%)

### Gender


Households reporting the presence of gender-based protection issues within the camp (in the two weeks prior to data collection):



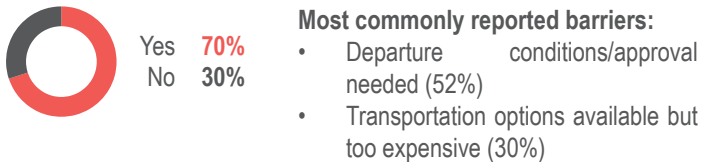
 In the two weeks prior to data collection, **women in 31%** and **men in 23%** of households had reportedly exhibited **signs of psychosocial distress**.<sup>9</sup>  
**23%** of households reported that at least one woman or girl had attended a **women's space**<sup>9</sup> in the 30 days prior to data collection.

	None	In some spaces	In all spaces
 Latrines	No data	No data	No data
 Handwashing facilities			✓

### Freedom of movement

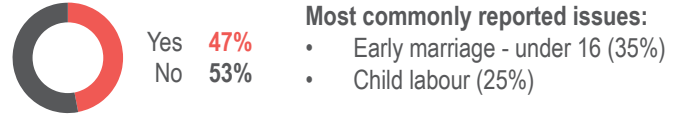
 **59%** of households who needed to leave the camp temporarily for **medical emergencies** in the two weeks prior to data collection reported that they had been able to do so.


Households reporting that they were able to leave for non-emergency purposes in the two weeks prior to data collection:





### Child protection

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



 **16%** of households with children aged 3-17 reported that at least one child had exhibited **changes in behaviour**<sup>11</sup> in the previous two weeks.

**31%** of households with children aged 3-17 reported that at least one child had attended a **Child Friendly Space**<sup>10</sup> (CFS) in the 30 days prior to data collection.

	None	In some CFSs	In all CFSs
 Gender-segregated latrines			✓
 Handwashing facilities			✓

### Documentation

 **22%** of individuals in the camp are reportedly in possession of their key **identification papers**.<sup>12</sup>

**48%** of children under five years old reportedly have **birth registration documentation**.

### Vulnerable groups

Proportion of total assessed population in vulnerable groups:<sup>13</sup>




Children at risk	0.0%	Elderly at risk	0.2%
Chronically ill persons	2.1%	Persons with psychosocial needs	0.2%
Persons with disabilities	1.9%	Single parents/caregivers	1.7%

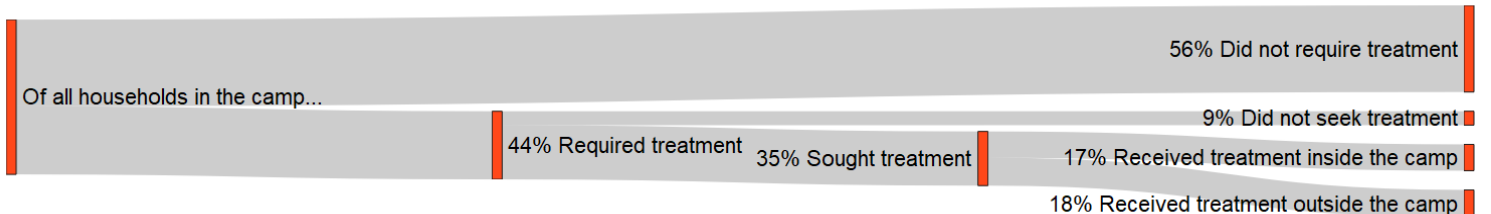
## HEALTH

 **Number of healthcare facilities: 3** (2 clinics reportedly share a building)  
**Service providers:** NGOs  
**Types of facilities:** NGO clinics

Access to treatment for one or more household members:

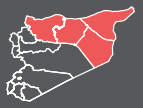
Households with members in the following categories:<sup>13</sup>

Person with serious injury	 <b>19%</b>
Person with chronic illness	 <b>14%</b>
Pregnant or lactating woman	 <b>27%</b>



Of the households who required treatment in the 30 days prior to the assessment, **19%** reported that they had faced **barriers to accessing medical care**. The most commonly reported barriers were the **(perceived) low quality of care** (12%), the high cost of care (4%), and the lack of available facilities (4%).

9. As reported by households themselves. Assessed symptoms included: persistent headaches, sleeplessness, and more aggressive behaviour than normal towards children or towards other household members.  
 10. Women's spaces and Child Friendly Spaces are designated spaces in the camp, run by humanitarian actors, where activities for these demographics are hosted.  
 11. Changes in sleeping patterns, interactions with peers, attentiveness, or interest in daily or other activities.  
 12. Key identification documents include: national IDs, passports, family booklets, and individual or family civil records. An individual who has lost one of these documents is not considered to be in possession of them.  
 13. Self-reported by households and not verified through medical records. Children at risk are persons under 18 who are parents, separated from their immediate family, or not attending school, and persons under 16 who are married or working. Elderly people at risk are persons over the age of 65 who cannot take care of themselves or who are solely responsible for children under 18 or others who cannot take care of themselves.



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

### Water



**Water trucking** was the primary source of water in the camp at the time of data collection.

Drinking water was supplied by an INGO, and was reportedly **treated** prior to distribution.



#### Drinking water:

**100%** of households used a public tap/standpipe



#### Household water:<sup>14</sup>

**90%** of households used a public tap/standpipe, 10% of households reportedly used surface water (from the lake)

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



No issues	77%
Water tasted/smelled/looked bad	22%
People got sick after drinking	5%
Not sure	0%

**18%** of households reported that they treated their drinking water.

#### Households using negative strategies to cope with a lack of water in the two weeks prior to data collection:



#### Most commonly reported strategies:

- Modifying hygiene practices (31%)
- Reducing drinking water consumption (31%)

### Hygiene



**Primary waste disposal system:** collection  
**Disposal location:** a dumping site outside the camp  
**Sewage system:** septic tanks, sewage is trucked away

**76%** of households reported that solid waste was collected more than once per week.



**9%** of individuals in the camp had suffered from **diarrhoea** in the two weeks prior to data collection.<sup>15</sup>

**4%** had suffered from **respiratory illness**;  
**4%** had suffered from **skin disease**.

#### Households that were able to access all assessed hygiene items:<sup>16</sup>



- The most commonly inaccessible items included **detergent for dishes** and **washing powder**.
- Hygiene items were most commonly inaccessible because households **could not afford to buy them**.

### Sanitation



**Number of latrines in camp: 159**

**Households using latrines:** Communal<sup>17</sup> 100% Household<sup>17</sup> 0%

**0%** of households reported practicing **open defecation**.

#### Communal latrine characteristics, by % of households reporting:<sup>18</sup>

Segregated by gender	54%	45%	1%
Lockable from inside	4%	41%	55%
Functioning lighting	78%	14%	8%
	None	Some	All

#### Communal latrine cleanliness, by % of households reporting:<sup>18</sup>



Very clean	8%
Mostly clean	50%
Somewhat unclean	29%
Very unclean	13%



**95%** of households reported that all members could access latrines.

Groups that could not always access latrines included:

- People with disabilities (3% of households)
- Boys, 0-17 (3% of households)



**Number of showers in camp: 0**

**Households using showers:** Communal<sup>17</sup> 1% Household<sup>17</sup> 0%

All remaining showers in the camp were reportedly out of service at the time of data collection. Households predominantly reported **bathing inside their shelters**.

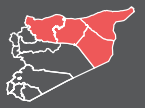
14. Household water is water used for household purposes such as washing and cooking.

15. In the two weeks prior to the assessment; self-reported by households and not verified through medical records.

16. The assessed hygiene items included: 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 the house), detergent for dishes, plastic garbage bags, washing lines, nail clippers, combs, and towels.

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

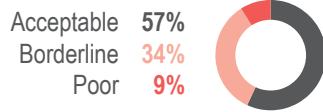
18. Excluding households who selected 'Not sure'.



## FOOD SECURITY

### Consumption

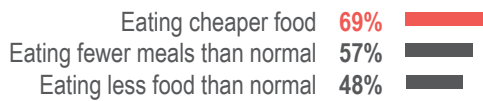
Percentage of households at each food consumption score level:<sup>3</sup>



The percentage of households with acceptable food consumption scores has decreased from **64%** in December 2018 to **57%** in May 2019.

**83%** of households reported using food-related coping strategies in the week before data collection.

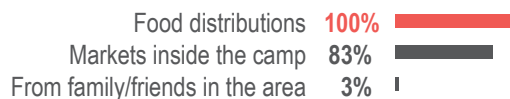
Top three reported food-related coping strategies:<sup>19</sup>



### Market access

**99%** of households reported that they were able to access markets inside the camp to buy food. However, **62%** of these households reportedly **did not have enough funds** to buy all the items they needed.

Most commonly reported main sources of food:<sup>6</sup>



**83%** of households reported that they had **bought food on credit** in the 30 days prior to data collection; on average these households owed **82,375 SYP** (154 USD)<sup>20</sup>

### Distributions

Type of food assistance received,<sup>21</sup> by % of households reporting:



**82%** of households who had not received a food basket, cash, or vouchers in the 30 days prior to data collection, had received at least one of these distributions in the preceding **three months**.

Top three food items households would like to receive more of:<sup>7</sup>



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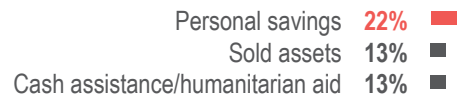


**51%** of households reported having at least one financial livelihood source in the month prior to data collection.

Average monthly household income: **42,280 SYP** (79 USD)<sup>20</sup>

Households with members earning an income: **17%**

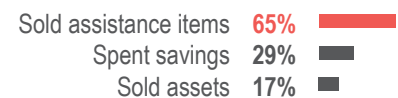
Top three reported primary income sources:<sup>6</sup>



**8%** of households reported that they had received **cash assistance** in the month prior to data collection.

### Coping strategies

Top three reported livelihoods-related coping strategies:<sup>6</sup>



19. Households were asked to report the number of days they employed each coping strategy, but this graph only includes the overall frequency with which a coping strategy was reported (i.e. by what percentage of households).

20. The effective exchange rate for northeast Syria was reported to be 536 Syrian pounds to the dollar in April 2019. (REACH Initiative, Market Monitoring Exercise Snapshot: 8-15 April 2019)

21. In the 30 days before the interview.

22. This includes both standard food baskets and ready-to-eat rations since it is not always clear to households what the difference is.