

# Rapid Needs Assessment: Aleppo

Syria | January 2026

## About the assessment

This rapid needs assessment aims to identify and understand the priority needs and vulnerabilities of conflict affected residents, displaced populations, and host communities in Aleppo since recent hostilities in Aleppo city (Sheikh Maqoud and Ashrafiyeh) rapidly shifted humanitarian conditions and created an urgent evidence gap for response planning.

**Data collection:** 13/01/2026 – 15/01/2026

**Type of assessment:** Key Informant Interviews (131) covering 3 districts, 13 subdistricts, 13 IDP sites and 21 communities.

## Movement trends

**56%** of KIs themselves were displaced due to the escalation

↳ **50%** of which planned to return to their area of origin, **46%** intended to remain in their current location, and **4%** remained undecided.

## Priority needs and assistance

## KEY MESSAGES

- **Shelter and NFIs** were most frequently reported as the **first priority need** within areas of conflict (57% of KIs). Within areas of displacement, this was 31%.
- In **Ashrafiyeh**, on average, KIs reported **44% of buildings were damaged**, with 12% of these reportedly severely damaged and 12% completely destroyed. In **Sheikh Maqoud**, KIs reported on average **25% of buildings were damaged**, with 5% of these severely damaged and 12% completely destroyed.
- In areas of conflict, reported protection concerns differed by gender. For women, the most frequently reported concern was **heightened community tensions** (59% of KIs), while for men the primary concern was the risk of **being killed or injured** (62% of KIs).
- In **5 displacement sites**, assistance was reportedly **not being provided**, while in 3 displacement sites, there were **mixed reports** regarding the provision of assistance. In displacement sites where assistance was reported, this was mostly food assistance (100% of sites) and NFIs (50% of sites).

First priority need	
Areas of conflict	Areas of displacement
<b>57%</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>12%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>11%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>11%</b>	<b>14%</b>

Third priority need	
Areas of conflict	Areas of displacement
<b>31%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>11%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>9%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>9%</b>	<b>5%</b>

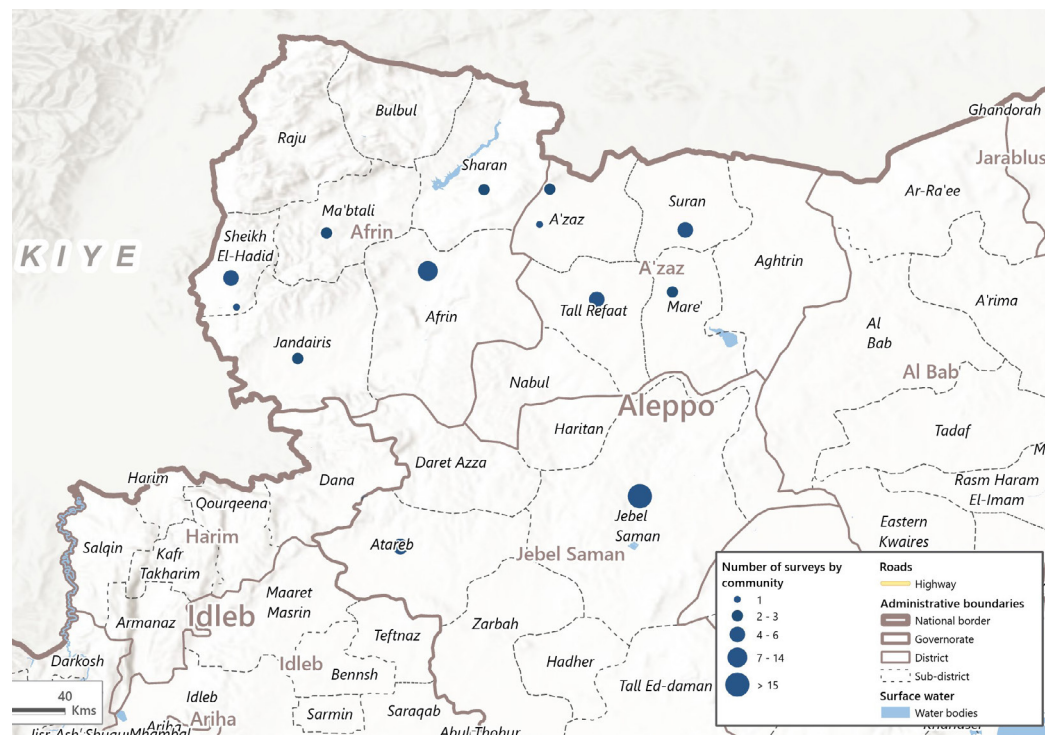
Second priority need	
Areas of conflict	Areas of displacement
<b>26%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>26%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>23%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>

Preferred type of assistance	
Areas of displacement	Areas of conflict
<b>82%</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>12%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>3%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>

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## Coverage map



### Housing damage in areas of conflict

Minor damage	27%
Severe damage	10%
Completely destroyed	11%

### Main reported NFI needs in all assessed communities and main related challenge

Heating fuel	69%
Price increased	35%

### Areas of conflict

43%
39%
32%
14%

### Main shelter challenges

Structural damage or need for repair	10%
Lack of privacy or security inside shelters	17%
Lack of basic amenities (water, lighting, heating)	26%
Lack of essential facilities (cooking, bathing, latrines)	10%

### Areas of displacement

### Areas of conflict

85%
62%
48%
12%
17%
3%

### Coping strategies (CSI)

Reduce number of meals in a day	58%
Rely on less expensive food	80%
Limit portion size at mealtimes	40%
Borrow food or rely on help from a friend or relative	18%
Restrict consumption by adults	14%
Go without food for many days	6%

### Areas of displacement

### Main challenge for accessing healthcare

Areas of conflict	68%
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Lack of medicine

Areas of displacement	52%
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### Areas of conflict

62%
28%
26%
26%

### Protection concerns (men)

Killing and injuries	40%
Community tensions	22%
Arbitrary or unlawful arrest and/or detention	18%
Conflict	14%

### Areas of displacement

### Areas of conflict

59%
35%
34%
3%

### Protection concerns (women)

Community tensions	15%
Killing and injuries	18%
Conflict	9%
Restrictions to freedom of movement	25%

### Areas of displacement