

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 14 February and 20 February (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. 37 communities, including 4 camps, were assessed overall across Western Aleppo, Hama 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	43%
Elderly headed households	43%
Orphans	19%
Disabled headed households	14%
Individuals with disabilities travelling alone	11%
Women travelling alone	5%
Child headed households/children travelling alone	5%

Food security

Most commonly reported food sources for newly-arrived IDPs in assessed communities:^{1 3}

- 1 Stores/markets in this community 81%
- 2 Relying entirely on food stored previously 59%
- 3 Stores/markets in other communities 57%

97% of newly-arrived IDP households (313) 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	171	53%
Functioning tents	80	25%
Unfinished/ damaged buildings	65	20%
Designated collective centres	0	0%
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 sufficient fuel for heating	202	63%
Households without fuel for cooking	137	43%
Households without sufficient mattresses	40	12%
Households without bedding	39	12%
Households without sufficient cooking utensils	35	11%

Livelihoods

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

- 1 Turkish Lira 100%
- 2 Syrian Pound 0%
- 3 United States Dollar 0%

Health

97%

of newly-arrived IDP households (312) 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. For more information please contact Amber van Dessel -amber.van-dessel@reach-initiative.org

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 37 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	6	16%	7	19%	13	35%
Multi-purpose cash grants	25	68%	2	5%	0	0%
Cash for rent	1	3%	4	11%	0	0%
New/additional shelters	3	8%	5	14%	1	3%
Food rations (in-kind)	1	3%	11	30%	13	35%
Cash for work	1	3%	0	0%	1	3%
Employment support	0	0%	1	3%	1	3%
NFI kits	0	0%	2	5%	3	8%
Water provision/rehabilitation	0	0%	1	3%	3	8%
Hygiene kits	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%
Education support	0	0%	3	8%	2	5%

💧 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 65%
- 2 Formal water trucking conducted by authorities or an NGO 27%
- 3 Combination of water network and private water trucking 16%

11% of newly-arrived IDP households (35) reportedly did not have access to a sufficient quantity of water for purposes such as cooking, bathing, and washing

22% of newly-arrived IDP households (70) reportedly did not have access to functioning hand-washing facilities with water and soap

4% of newly-arrived IDP households (12) reportedly did not have access to a functioning toilet

41% In 15 communities, KIs reported that soap and hygiene items are too expensive for some newly-arrived IDPs

🚚 Humanitarian Assistance

86%

In 32 communities, KIs reported that the preferred modality of assistance for newly-arrived IDPs was cash assistance

100%

In 37 communities, KIs reported that no barriers were present for humanitarian actors when accessing the community

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