

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 13 December and 19 December (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. 49 communities, including 8 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	39%
Orphans	12%
Disabled headed households	10%
Individuals with disabilities travelling alone	6%
Women travelling alone	4%
Child headed households/children travelling alone	4%

Food security

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

1	Stores/markets in this community	80%
2	Relying entirely on food stored previously	73%
3	Stores/markets in other communities	51%

99% of newly-arrived IDP households (444) 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	229	51%
Functioning tents	145	32%
Unfinished/ damaged buildings	68	15%
Designated collective centers	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	351	78%
Households without fuel for cooking	237	53%
Households without bedding	55	12%
Households without sufficient mattresses	52	11%
Households without sufficient cooking utensils	47	10%

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

99%

of newly-arrived IDP households (445) 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 49 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	12%	19	39%	16	33%
Multi-purpose cash grants	34	69%	4	8%	2	4%
Cash for rent	1	2%	4	8%	1	2%
Tools for repair	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%
New/additional shelters	2	4%	3	6%	2	4%
Food rations (in-kind)	5	10%	12	24%	15	31%
Cash for work	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%
Employment support	0	0%	1	2%	2	4%
NFI kits	0	0%	5	10%	5	10%
Water provision/rehabilitation	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%
Hygiene kits	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%
Education support	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%
Reproductive health and obstetric	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%

Humanitarian Assistance

94%

In 46 communities, KIs reported that the preferred modality of assistance for newly-arrived IDPs was cash assistance

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In 46 communities, KIs reported that no barriers were present for humanitarian actors when accessing the community

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 61%
- 2 Formal water trucking conducted by authorities or an NGO 37%
- 3 Piped water network 16%

9% of newly-arrived IDP households (39) reportedly did not have access to a sufficient quantity of water for purposes such as cooking, bathing, and washing

20% of newly-arrived IDP households (88) reportedly did not have access to functioning hand-washing facilities with water and soap

45% In 22 communities, KIs reported that soap and hygiene items are too expensive for some newly-arrived IDPs

About REACH

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