

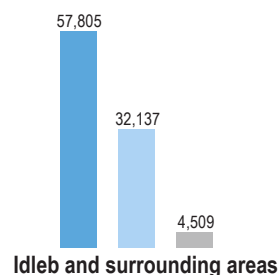
IDP Situation Monitoring Initiative (ISMI)

Monthly Overview of IDP Movements and Spontaneous Returns in Idleb & Surrounding Areas, June 2019

Summary of Findings

Communities assessed:	220
Total IDP arrivals: ¹	57,805 (+76%)
Total IDP departures: ³	32,137 (+79%)
Total spontaneous returns (SRs): ⁴	4,509 (+92%)

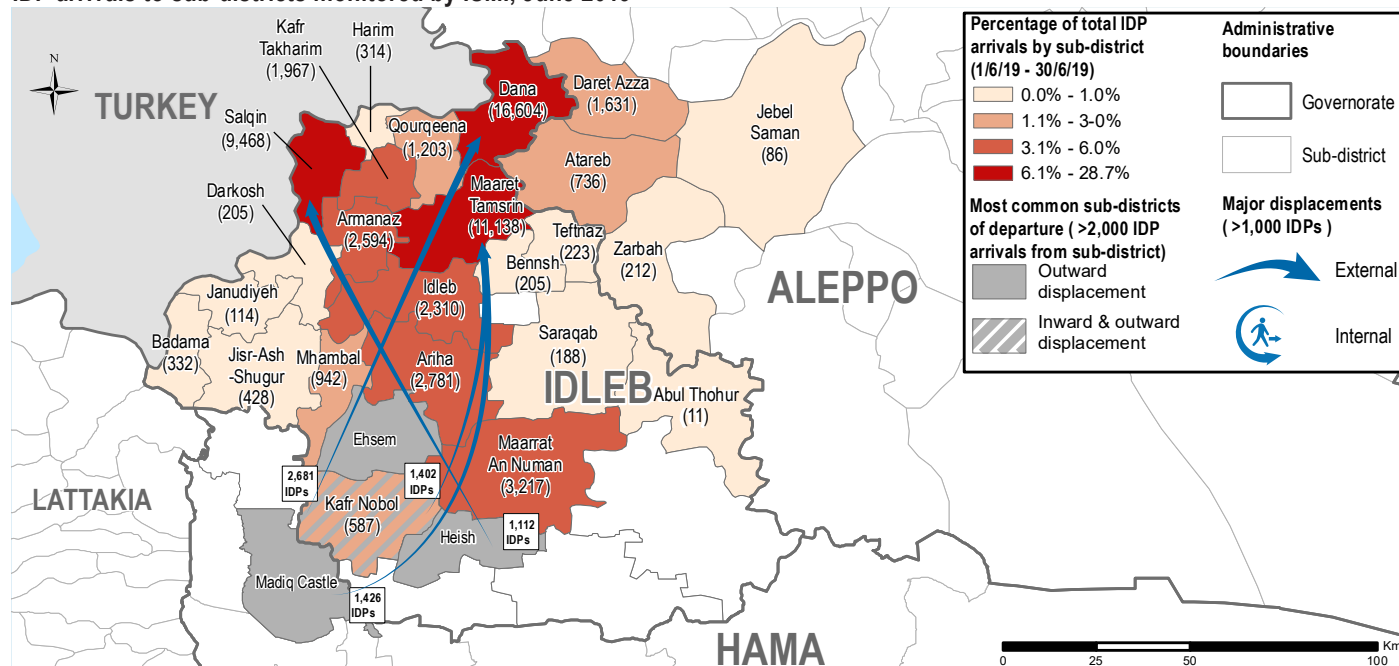
Total IDP arrivals, IDP departures and SRs:



Between 1 and 30 June, assessed communities in Idleb and surrounding areas witnessed a total of **57,805 IDP arrivals**, most of whom to **Dana (16,604)** and **Maaret Tamsrin (11,138)** sub-districts in northern Idleb governorate. Many people sought safety and security near the Turkey-Syria border, a densely-populated area that has already seen a large influx of arrivals within recent months. In comparison to what was seen in May, the total number of **IDP departures (32,137)** in June decreased by 79%. Meanwhile, assessed communities in Idleb and surrounding areas witnessed an increase in **SRs (92%)** throughout June. **Ma'arrat An Nu'man sub-district witnessed the highest number of SRs (2,730).**

Nevertheless, **hostilities and airstrikes** were reported around southern Idleb and northern Hama governorates with civilians bearing the brunt of the conflict. In June, several casualties were reported and critical civilian infrastructure was damaged or destroyed, in particular hospitals, preventing people from accessing life-saving medical assistance.⁵

IDP arrivals to sub-districts monitored by ISMI, June 2019



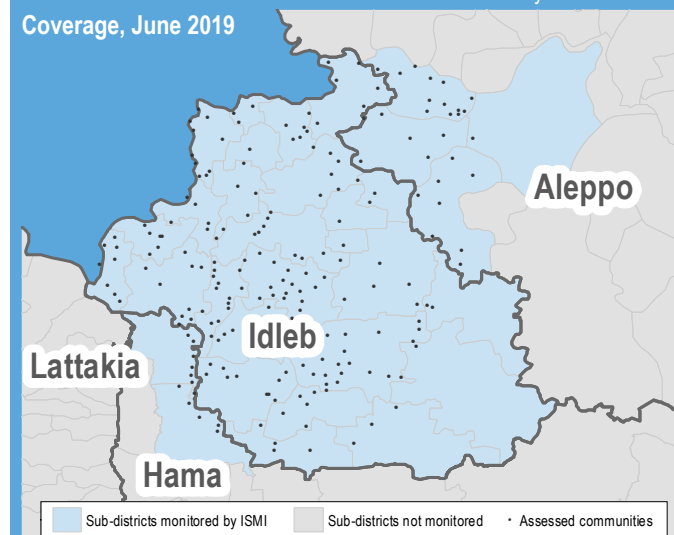
About ISMI & This Factsheet

The IDP Situation Monitoring Initiative (ISMI) is an initiative of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster, implemented by REACH and supported by cluster members.

Following a baseline assessment conducted at the end of 2016, weekly, bi-weekly and now monthly data collection cycles were initiated. This factsheet presents an overview of reported inward and outward movements of IDPs from 1 to 30 June 2019. Such displacements were reported in 220 communities in sub-districts monitored by ISMI. The coverage map in this section shows the sub-districts that were monitored for the most recent round of data collection, as well as the communities reporting movements. ISMI monitoring coverage varies over time depending on access. Displacements are identified through an extensive key informant (KI) network, either from alerts initiated by KIs or from follow-up by enumerators. At least two KIs are interviewed in each assessed community, and collected information is further triangulated through other sources, including CCCM member data and humanitarian updates. This approach allows for regular updates on IDP movements at the community level across sub-districts monitored by ISMI in Idleb and surrounding areas.

The data used for this product was collected, triangulated and verified based on submissions from ISMI's network and select CCCM cluster members following the ISMI methodology. Due to differences in methodology and coverage, figures presented in this output may differ from official CCCM Cluster or UNHCR data. All data is for humanitarian use only.

Coverage, June 2019



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IDLEB & SURROUNDING AREAS⁶

Key Figures

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Total IDP arrivals: 57,805 (+76%)

Sub-districts with most arrivals (# IDPs):

Dana	16,604
Maaret Tamsrin	11,138
Salqin	9,468
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	3,217
Ariha	2,781

Total IDP departures: 32,137 (+79%)

Sub-districts with most departures (# IDPs):

Heish	8,466
Kafr Nobol	8,336
Ehsem	3,824
Ariha	3,780
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	2,743

Total SRs: 4,509 (+92%)

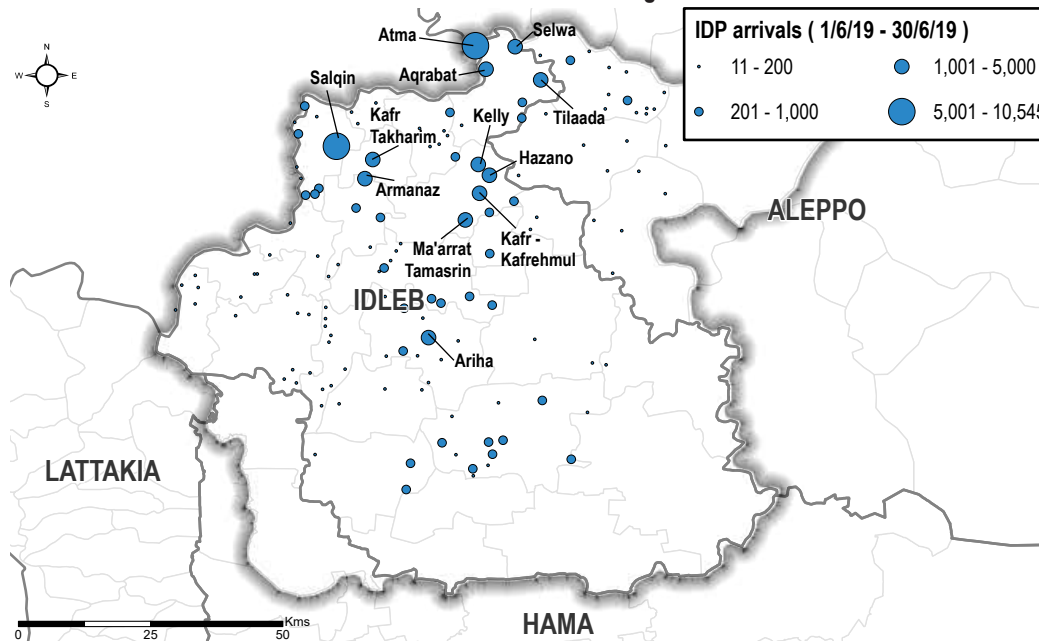
Sub-districts with most SRs:

Ma'arrat An Nu'man	2,730
Mhambal	941
Kafr Nobol	547
Badama	171
Abul Thohur	80

Overview

Hostility and clashes in Idleb and surrounding areas continue unabated since the end of April 2019. **Intense airstrikes and shelling continued to take a heavy toll on civilians with an increase in clashes along frontlines on 3 June.**⁷ Critical civilian infrastructure continued to be affected throughout the reporting period despite the announcement of a temporary ceasefire agreement on 12 June.⁹ Between 1

IDP arrivals to assessed communities in Idleb and surrounding areas⁸



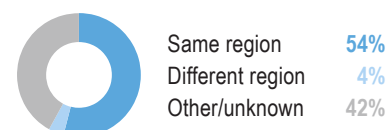
and 30 June, several hospitals were damaged or rendered inoperable, in particular around communities in southern Idleb and northern Hama governorates. This has prevented people from receiving life-saving treatment and from accessing vital services. **In the last two months alone, at least 26 healthcare facilities and 37 schools have reportedly been affected.**¹⁰

Following trends seen within recent months, people continued to flee communities close to frontlines, seeking safety and security in northern Idleb governorate along the Turkey-Syria border, in particular Dana sub-district. **Many people have arrived into already densely-populated areas**, which is likely to further compound the already precarious humanitarian situation in the region.

IDP Departures

More than half (52%) of all IDP departures were from **Heish (8,466) and Kafr Nobol (8,336) sub-districts**, of which 69% were primary displacements. The majority of residents left their communities of origin in **Moqa (3,993)** following an escalation in aerial bombardments on the region.⁷

Intended destinations of departures:



Some 330,000¹² people have been displaced

as of May 2019, many of whom have been displaced an average of five times since the start of the conflict,¹³ further exacerbating people's vulnerabilities and likely eroding resilience.

Top intended destination sub-districts (# IDPs):

Dana	7,240
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	2,477
Salqin	1,666
Maaret Tamsrin	1,336
Idleb	959

Most people reportedly intended to move to **Atma (1,873), Qah (526) and Sarmada (382) communities in Dana sub-district**. According to KIs, the most common push factors for people leaving assessed communities were a loss of income, an escalation in aerial bombardment, and anticipation of future conflict escalation.

As Idleb governorate and surrounding areas is the last opposition-held area in Syria and people likely face significant risks moving elsewhere, options for future movement are limited. With more than half (54%) of IDP departures intending to move to other communities within the region, additional pressures will affect the already stretched humanitarian response and increase gaps in services.¹⁴

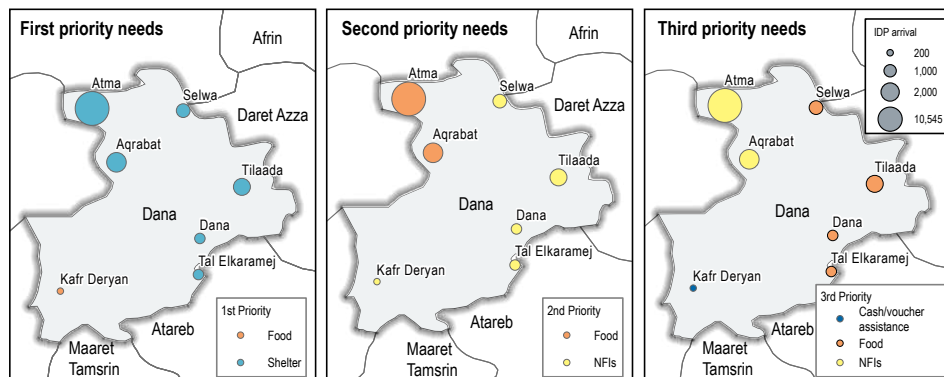
IDP Arrivals

Almost half (48%) of all IDP arrivals in June to assessed communities in Idleb and surrounding areas were to **Dana (16,604) and Maaret Tamsrin (11,138) sub-districts**. Most people (43%) arrived from other communities within the region, most of whom from **Kafr Nobol (6,334) and Heish (2,453) sub-districts**.

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Top 3 priority needs of IDP arrivals in Dana sub-district



Community	IDP arrivals	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority
Atma	10,545	Shelter	Food	NFIs
Aqrabat (Dana)	1,653	Shelter	Food	NFIs
Tilaada	1,425	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Selwa	1,140	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Tal Elkaramej	855	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Dana (Dana)	855	Shelter	NFIs	Food
Kafr Deryan	131	Food	NFIs	Cash/voucher assistance

Last sub-district of departure of arrivals (# IDPs):

Kafr Nobol	6,334
Heish	2,453
Ehsem	2,391
Madiq Castle	2,212
Kafr Zeita	1,700

More than half (51%) of all IDP arrivals to Dana sub-district were to **Atmeh camp (8,550)**, likely with hopes of receiving humanitarian assistance. Most people arriving to Dana sub-district reportedly arrived to **managed camps (10,965)**, **solid or finished houses (3,609)**, as well as **solid or finished apartments (735)**. According to a recent rapid needs assessment conducted by REACH, many people in the region live in overcrowded shelters.¹⁵

This is likely to pose inter-sectoral challenges, especially related to sanitation and hygiene.

Recently, many IDPs that arrived to assessed communities in Idlib and surrounding areas brought furniture, kitchen equipment and livestock with them upon arrival. This likely suggests that people are expecting to be displaced for a long period of time.¹⁵

Vulnerable groups among IDP arrivals:¹⁶



According to KIs, the top 3 priority needs for IDP arrivals in Dana sub-district were **shelter, NFIs and food**.

Endnotes

- Some figures may be repeated displacements.
- CCCM/REACH, [ISMI Monthly Displacement Summary](#), May 2019
- IDP departure figures reflect aggregated departures of both IDP and resident/pre-conflict populations.
- Spontaneous returns: Former IDPs and/or refugees who return to their community of origin, with the intention of staying for a prolonged period of time, but not necessarily to their places of habitual residence, and who do not necessarily enjoy the full spectrum of rights afforded to them prior to displacement.
- Action on Armed Violence, [‘27 civilians killed in Assad-Putin airstrikes in Syria’s Idlib region’](#), 11 June 2019; UNOCHA, [‘Statement attributable to Ms. Najat Rochdi, Senior Humanitarian Adviser to the United Nations Special Envoy for Syria on the Situation Across Syria’](#), 27 June 2019.
- Idlib governorate’s surrounding areas include communities in Atareb, Daret Azza, Haritan, Jebel Saman and Zarbah sub-districts in western Aleppo governorate, as well as in Kafr Zeita, Madiq Castle, Suran and Ziyara sub-districts in northern Hama. These sub-districts have been added to the larger Idlib and surrounding areas region as populations in these sub-districts demonstrate similar movement patterns and are served by the same cross-border responses.
- UNOCHA, [Situation Report 5: Recent Developments in Northwestern Syria](#), 14 June 2019.
- Community markers also account for camps, informal settlements and other IDP sites when they are in close proximity to a community; Only major departure movements for known communities of origin are shown with regards to large IDP arrival movements.
- Reuters, [‘Russia and Turkey broker ceasefire in Syria’s Idlib: Russian news agencies’](#), 12 June 2019.
- UN News, [‘Syria: ‘Deplorable’ violence in Idlib against civilians, humanitarian workers must ‘stop immediately’: UN Coordinator’](#), 21 June 2019.
- REACH, [Southern Idlib & Northern Hama Rapid Needs Assessment](#), May 2019.
- United Nations, [Statement by Mark Cutts, Deputy Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria Crisis on attacks on civilians in Idlib](#), 5 July 2019.
- European Commission, [ECHO Daily Flash](#), 17 June 2019.
- UNOCHA, [Syrian Arab Republic Critical Funding Gaps](#), 16 July 2019.
- REACH/UNOCHA, [North-west Syria: Inter-cluster Rapid Needs Assessment](#), July 2019.
- Vulnerable groups: ♀ Female-headed households/Women travelling alone ♀♀ Child-headed households ♀X Orphans ♂ Elderly-headed households/Elderly travelling alone ♂♂ Disabled-headed households/Individuals with disabilities travelling alone.

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