

FLASH UPDATE ON ALEPPO, IDLEB AND DAR'A

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This update is based on information from the UNHCR co-led Sectors/Clusters of CCCM, Shelter/NFI and Protection, and reflects recent displacement occurring in northern and southern Syria.

KEY STATISTICS

- Displacement in affected areas of Aleppo and Idleb governorates (as at 22 February) due to fighting since 1 February 2016:
 - **75,175** people newly displaced since 1 February.
- Displacement in affected areas of southern Syria (as at 25 February) due to fighting since November 2015:
 - **10,540** newly displaced in the last two weeks, since 9 February.
 - Around **53,540** newly displaced due to fighting since November 2015.

MAIN NEW POPULATION MOVEMENTS

- In northern Syria, there have been 63,702 newly displaced persons in Aleppo Governorate since 1 February, and 11,473 newly displaced in Idleb Governorate since 1 February (figures as at 22 February).
- In southern Syria, despite a calming of the situation in and around Dar'a city, recent assessments estimate that the overall number of displaced is 53,540 people (figures as at 25 February), an increase from 43,000 just two weeks ago.
- In addition, according to Government of Jordan sources there are now 27,100 Syrian asylum-seekers at the berm, the vast majority of them located at Rukban (figures as at 21 February). As of 28 February, UNHCR has registered 2,433 of the individuals at Hadalat and 19,910 of those at Rukban. Last week there were 163 arrivals at the berm, which is a reduction compared to last week's arrival figure of 647. Last week's arrivals were from Dar'a, Homs, and Deir Ez Zor (in nearly equal proportion).

CONTEXTUAL DEVELOPMENTS

- Overall, the cessation of hostilities is still holding, despite reports of violations.
- The International Syria Support Group (ISSG) Ceasefire Task Force chaired by Russia and US met in Geneva on 27 February to review status and possible violations.
- It is hoped that a de-escalation in fighting will result in increased humanitarian deliveries in coming days. Pending necessary approvals, the next cross-line convoys are tentatively scheduled for: Moadamiya on 29 February; 'Four Towns' on 2 March; and Kafr Batna on 4 March.
- A rapid needs assessment (RNA) of recently displaced people arriving in eastern Quneitra Governorate in southern Syria was conducted last week. All IDPs assessed originated from conflict-affected communities in Dar'a Governorate and moved west into Quneitra. Emergency shelter and food were identified as the top priority humanitarian needs, and while the majority of those assessed had been displaced for the first time, around one third had already experienced two or more displacements.

UNHCR CO-LED SECTOR/CLUSTER UPDATES

- No new developments.

MAP OF NEW DISPLACEMENTS IN NORTHERN SYRIA

