Response

In October 2019, 8 Protection Cluster members provided emergency response services for civilians recently displaced due to the ongoing hostilities. Cluster members provided 11,569 protection services to IDPs and affected host community members in 50 communities within 13 sub-districts in Idlib and Aleppo reaching 2,940 individuals (752 girls, 510 boys, 1,170 women, and 508 men). The main services protection actors provided are as follows:

- GBV SC members have continued to provide specialized GBV services in 123 communities/neighborhoods across northwest Syria. They were also able to reach 303,488 women, girls, boys, and men with GBV prevention and empowerment activities since the beginning of 2019. The GBV Capentre Building Taskforce for northwest Syria chaired by the GBV SC conducted 3 trainings on GBV basics, SOPs and risk mitigation in October targeting 16 GBV staff and 33 non GBV actors. In addition, the GBV SC is getting ready to celebrate the 16 Day Campaign Against GBV in both Syria and Turkey. The GBV SC campaign for this year will focus on sexual violence, as chosen by the GBV SC members, under the theme of "With Survivors, Against Perpetrators: We Are All Here to Listen and Support". The GBV SC has finalized and shared with members a guidance note which includes a brief introduction to the 16 Days of Activism as well as the plans of the GBV Sub-Cluster, Turkey hub. The GBV SC has also produced quarterly GBV trend analysis for Q3 of 2019 based on data shared by GBV SC members. In addition, GBV SC and Child Protection SC have conducted a rapid needs assessment to assess main GBV and Child Protection risks in the 3 sub districts of NW Syria that have received the biggest number of IDPs since April 2019. The escalation of hostilities decreased, CPSC and GBV SC members specifically 30 organizations in 37 sub-districts and 127 communities across North West Syria. Additionally, partners were able to reach 28,974 community members in awareness-raising as efforts to prevent and respond to child protection issues. This included family separation and violence against children amongst others. Structured, sustained child protection programmes including psychosocial support, reached 18,698 girls and 17,913 boys. Children’s psychosocial wellbeing continues to be of high concern in North West with increasing numbers of children presenting signs of psychological distress including an increase in aggressive behavior. With this intervention it is expected that girls and boys coping mechanisms and resilience are strengthened.

- GBV prevention and empowerment activities since the beginning of 2019. The CPSC partners have engaged in parenting programmes along this reporting period. Similarly, Parenting Programmes have strengthened parents and primary caregivers’ skills and resources to care and protect their children under severely overstretched communities’ capacities. Additionally, specialized services continued through case management and facilitated 647 girls and 834 boys. Case Management plays a central role in facilitating individual child protection assessments, monitoring of cases and referral. Multiple placements along the month of October. The CP SC members continued to engage and train child protection teams and communities both females and males at different levels on basics of child protection in line with the Child Protection Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Action. Building on earlier efforts, in October 2019; 159 women and 132 men across different communities in Northwest Syria were trained.

Gap

Reported incidents of rape are on the increase, which does not necessarily mean an increase in prevalence but signifies an improvement in the quality of services. However, there are still reported challenges in ensuring survivors, especially girls, have access to GBV specialized services following rape incidents in addition to ensuring that GBV guiding principles of safety and confidentiality are respected and followed by both medical and non-medical personnel as well as other individuals involved in working with survivors. Care for sexual assault survivors through strengthening Health/GBP coordination, referrals and building the capacity of actors involved in serving or working directly with survivors should be enhanced. In addition, persons with disability and elderly women continue to reportedly face challenges accessing GBV services. Programs with a focus on ensuring the accessibility to services for women and girls with disabilities and elderly women should be put in place to provide PFA, PSS and emergency case management services, there is a need to step up partners’ capacity to provide interim care in emergencies and early response for children with disabilities. The CP rapid need assessment showed us in this context the displacement impact high percentage of separation which is in average 30.77% for KIIs who answered YES for the question of seeing children separated since the last displacement that starts from May 2019 to August 2019, and the main three causes of separations of children that occurred were in average 53% for voluntary separation for many reasons like sending the children to extended family/friends or to work and education, 15% for losing primary caregivers or parents of children during relocation and 13.33% for disappearance or death of children primary caregivers or parents in the immediate aftermath of an attack and that include primary caregivers or parents left the country Also, CPSC members reported increase number of cases of street children especially at communities who received highly displaced people and according to the CP rapid need assessment showed us in this context 62% of displaced children was NOT enrolled in schools and the main reasons for that were in average 54% the schools are full, 32% there are no schools in the area and 34% the schools used as shelter and other reasons.

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