

FLASH UPDATE ON ALEPPO, IDLEB AND DAR'A

5 March 2016

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 of 29 February) due to fighting since 1 February 2016:
 - **75,775** people newly displaced since 1 February.
- Displacement in affected areas of southern Syria (as of 25 February) due to fighting since November 2015:
 - Around **53,540** newly displaced due to fighting since November 2015

MAIN NEW POPULATION MOVEMENTS

- In northern Syria, there have been 63,752 newly displaced persons in Aleppo Governorate since 1 February, and 12,023 newly displaced in Idleb Governorate since 1 February (figures as of 29 February).
- In southern Syria, the overall number of displaced is 53,540 people (figures as of 25 February).
- According to Government of Jordan sources, there are 35,000 Syrian asylum-seekers at the berm (figures as of 2 March). This is an increase from the 27,100 estimate provided a week ago. Given their status, UNHCR Jordan is leading the protection and assistance within its refugee mandate with full participation of the inter-agency partners.

CONTEXTUAL DEVELOPMENTS

- The UN Special Envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, said in an interview that he expects a staggered beginning to peace talks next week, which are now likely to resume on 10 March.
- Special Envoy de Mistura said the reduction in violence has made aid deliveries easier in some areas of the country, but that the Syrian government should be processing requests for aid deliveries faster. The Special Envoy also reported that in the last ten days, 242 trucks reached seven out of 18 besieged areas inside Syria, assisting 115,000 people.
- Yesterday (4 March) an inter-agency convoy carrying food and nutrition assistance reached 20,000 people in the district of Eastern Gouta, to the east of Damascus. The UN Resident Coordinator, Yacoub El Hillo, said the convoy reached the towns of Hazza, Saqba and Ain Terma, and that partners hoped to deliver to other towns in Eastern Ghouta in the next couple of days.
- The convoy to the Four Towns – Madaya, Zabadani, Foah and Kafraya – originally scheduled for 5 March, is now expected to proceed early next week.

UNHCR CO-LED SECTOR/CLUSTER UPDATES

- Since 1 March, CCCM Cluster members in northern Syria have distributed 2,150 NFI items, 1,100 hygiene kits and 300 tents in the IDP sites in northern A'zaz.
- The SNFI Cluster in northern Syria has identified NFI gaps in: A'zaz, Daret Azza, Big Orm, Afrin, Hur, Anjara, Kaljibrin, Batbu, Kafr Taal, Kafr Kalbein. The SNFI Cluster is currently mobilizing partners to address the needs.

MAP OF NEW DISPLACEMENTS IN NORTHERN SYRIA (as of 29 Feb 2016)

75,775

Reported displacements
Aleppo emergency, 1 - 29 Feb 2016

Arrows shown in the map donot reflect actual routes but only the places of origin and destination.

