

Overview of Internal Displacement Movements from East Ghouta and Ghouta Population Estimates:

 **158,000+** people were displaced from besieged East Ghouta since 9 March

 **44,703** people remain in IDP sites in rural Damascus

 **47,645** people obtained permission to leave the sites [52%]

 **66-67,000** people were evacuated to Idleb and Aleppo

 **100,000-140,000** people estimated to remain in east Ghouta, half of them in Duma

Key Concerns:



ACCESS CONSTRAINTS: The UN faces severe access constraints to East Ghouta.

- Since 15 March, the UN has not been able to reach Duma with life-saving assistance.
- Since 3 April, the UN has not been given permission to carry out an inter-agency needs assessment mission to Saqba, Kafr Batna and Hammouriya in east Ghouta.



OVERCROWDING: Despite departures from the sites, most remain overcrowded, hosting on average twice as many IDPs in the facilities as their intended capacity permits.



EXIT PROCEDURES FROM THE SITES: Requirements for IDPs to exit the sites are unevenly applied at different sites. The system has no provisions for men between 15 and 55 to leave, and some females eligible for departure indicated they did not wish to leave until their male relatives, oftentimes the family's only breadwinner(s), could come with them.

UN Humanitarian Assistance:

The UN and humanitarian partners continue to scale-up the response to IDPs from East Ghouta in sites, while also supporting some partners active inside East Ghouta. Some selected highlights of the response include:

FOOD		Some 49,500 ready-to-eat rations and canned food rations were provided to IDPs
HEALTH		Around 22,000 outpatient medical consultations are provided on a daily basis; Three primary health care centers were opened in Saqba, Hazzeh and Ain Tarma; medical teams reach several locations inside East Ghouta.
NUTRITION		Support is provided to the DoH Rural Damascus to extend health and nutrition services , including treatment for malnutrition, to the population inside East Ghouta
WASH		Access to safe drinking water is being provided through water trucking services . Over 1,200 toilets and showers were installed, upgraded or repaired in the sites
NFIs and Shelter		Over 472,000 NFIs have been delivered to IDPs in sites, and more than 39,000 IDPs benefited from shelter interventions
PROTECTION		Protection teams are on the ground for needs identification, referrals and to inform evidence-based advocacy. Mobile teams provide various protection services .

Funding Gap:



The UN and partners are appealing for **\$95m** to continue providing life-saving assistance and protection services to people displaced to IDP sites in rural Damascus as well as to people who have stayed in areas of east Ghouta.

Disclaimer: Numbers of IDPs in the sites and those who were released from the sites are MOLA numbers as of 18 April, evacuation numbers are triangulated by OCHA GZT and OCHA Damascus. Humanitarian assistance figures are as of 18 April. The funding requirement does not include funding required to assist people who were evacuated to the northern governorates.