As of 25 October, a total of 200,465\(^1\) population movements were recorded: 139,265 people remain displaced from Al Hasakeh (86,921), Ar-Raqqa (35,463) and Aleppo governorates (16,881), while 61,200 people returned to their areas of origin in Al-Hasakeh (32,200) and Ar-Raqqa (29,000) governorates.

Of those displaced, 124,445 are residing in host communities in Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir-ez-Zor governorates; the remaining 14,280 (2,630 families) are being accommodated in 69 active collective shelters in Al-Hasakeh (68) and Ar-Raqqa (1) governorates. Seventeen collective shelters previously hosting displaced populations (15 in Al-Hasakeh and 2 in Qamishli districts) are now empty. Almost all active collective shelters are schools, depriving thousands of children of learning opportunities.

The 28 October deadline can be seen as a continuation of uncertainty and anxiety for the civilian population affected by this crisis, and the probability of further displacement and those who already reside in collective shelters and host communities will remain. These displacements could also be short-term, depending on the implementation of the agreement after the 150 hours.

\(^{1}\) According to OCHA.
Emergency response update

Protection concerns and response

- Newrouz camp was reopened by camp administration and six IDP families arrived from Mabada collective shelter to the camp. Protection partners continue to advocate for any movement to be informed and voluntary in line with humanitarian principles.
- On 26 October one of UNHCR’s protection partners visited Mabada to assess the situation; where 60 families are living in three collective shelters. Reportedly, local authorities informed IDPs in Mabada collective shelters to move to Newrouz camp in the next two days. However, it was reported that families have stated that they do not want to go to the camp.
- Protection response is ongoing in eight collective shelters including PSS, activities for women and legal support including 19 cases who will be assisted in having their civil documentations issued, renewed and restored.
- UNHCR continues conducting awareness raising on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) at the majority of collective shelters with protection staff on the ground to receive and respond to any potential issues.
NFI and shelter response

- In total UNHCR has reached 17,280 HH, or an estimated 81,445 individuals with NFIs. This is part of a larger commitment to the north-east Syria. Prior to 9 October, UNHCR provided extensive support and had reached over 470,000 people in Deir-e-Zor, Hassakeh and Raqqa with core and winter NFIs between 1 January and 30 September 2019.
- Six families have arrived to Newrouz camp, which had been closed; local authorities expect additional arrivals in the coming days – if families stay repairs to camp infrastructure will be needed.
- UNHCR winter distributions have already reached more than 42,300 people in Al Hol, Areesha, Ein Issa before it closed, Roj and Mahmoudli camps – or 45% of the camp population in NES. Distributions will cover an estimated 92,000 new arrivals and camp residents.
- UNHCR NFI distributions are ongoing in urban areas and collective shelters to IDPs and host community in Hassakeh, Mabada Qamishli. To date, an estimated 7,948 HH or 42,521 individuals have received UNHCR NFI assistance in 110 collective centers, host communities and other areas where IDPs reside.
- UNHCR has completed basic shelter repairs in 10 shelters benefitting 375 HH and over 1,960 individuals; and another 11 collective shelters with 360 HH have been assessed with discussion underway on which organization will respond.

NFI distribution at one of the collective shelters in Hassakeh
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