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## Information bulletin # 2 Syria Floods

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<b>Date of disaster:</b> 31 March 2019	<b>Point of contact:</b> Tammam Muhrez, SARC <b>Head of Operations</b>
<b>Operation start date:</b> 1 April 2019	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> 6 months
<b>Host National Society:</b> Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC)	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 118,000	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> 45,000
<b>N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation:</b> SARC	
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation:</b> ICRC	

This Information Bulletin # 2 is being issued in response to heavy flooding in the Hasakeh Governate of Syria which has affected an estimated 118,000, including people living in camps for the internally displaced from recent conflicts. The Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) branch in Hasakeh has taken immediate steps to support the affected population.



*Flood waters inundate shelter in Al Hawel Camp, damaging household items Photo Credit SARC*

SARC, supported by the Movement partners, ICRC, is planning to request international assistance in the coming days to support work already being implemented by SARC. The plan is to cover immediate basic needs for three months. The operation will target the needs for 45,000 people in villages, towns and IDP camps that are not receiving humanitarian aid from other partners, noting the current focus from the international humanitarian community on the 73,000 IDPs in the Al Hol camp.

Recovery of livelihoods, especially in the agricultural sector will be assessed in the coming months and may be incorporated into a revised emergency appeal following assessments and discussions with Red Cross/Red Crescent partners, UN Agencies and I/NGOs.

SARC responded immediately to the floods with a rapid assessment and have already distributed 7,100 canned food packages; 900 plastic sheets; 11,000 blankets and 1,500 mattresses. A Mobile Health Clinic supported by two ambulances has already received over 200 patients.

A preliminary WASH assessment was completed on 10<sup>th</sup> April.

## The situation

Heavy rains on 31 March led to serious flooding in the Hasakeh Governate of Syria affecting **118,000 people** in towns and villages in the area and flooding many families located in camps for people internally displaced from recent military activity.



Affected community and SARC volunteers in one of the worse affected areas in Tal Hames Photo credit: SARC

Serious damage to homes and agricultural lands has been reported in Quamishli, Jawadiyeh, Ta'robiyah, Tal Hamis, Qahtaniyyeh, Al Hasakeh and the IDP camp in Areeshah. Schools in Tal Hamis, one of the worst affected areas, are being used as temporary shelters for 500 evacuated families; while a further 1,000 families have moved to stay with relatives in the area. There is an urgent need to move the tented IDP settlement in Areeshah which lies on the north-western side of the Khabour river Ad Dughayrat dam. Damage to houses and agricultural land has been extensive, especially in the district of Tal Hamis where the floods submerged many houses.

While the flood waters are receding in some areas new rains are forecast with further flooding a possibility. From preliminary assessments undertaken by SARC over 5,000 houses have been flooded, 1,500 families have been evacuated to five schools which are serving as temporary emergency shelters or have moved to relatives in the area. Two people have been killed by the floods and very large numbers of livestock have been killed. In most areas access is only possible by tractors which have been used to manage evacuations.

Area	Damaged agricultural lands/m2	Houses/Shelters
Tal Hamis	85,300,000	2,000
Ya`robiyah	8,000	1,500
Jawadiyeh	6,000	150
Eastern rural of Al Hasakeh	13,000	743
Western rural of Al Hasakeh	11,000	618

Tal Brak	3,000	53
Areesheh camp	N/A	2,500 families

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Hasakeh Branch of SARC responded immediately to the floods by providing basic supplies and first aid and health care to the affected population in Tal Hamis, the most seriously affected district.

Within the first days of the flood operation; SARC had served over 200 patients from the Mobile Health Unit in Hasakeh, provided 7,100 parcels of canned food, distributed 900 plastic sheets, 11,000 blankets and 1,500 mattresses from regional stocks. The larger response to the floods will require a scaled-up logistics response using supplies from the central warehouse in Tartous and will enable SARC to open three new emergency distribution points in the most affected areas in Al-Hasakeh Governate.

IFRC is planning to support SARC in an emergency response to the floods. The operation plans to provide health and medical support, household items including blankets, mattresses, and plastic sheets, jerry cans and water purification tabs, dignity kits, hygiene kits, as well as food parcels and parcels of canned food.

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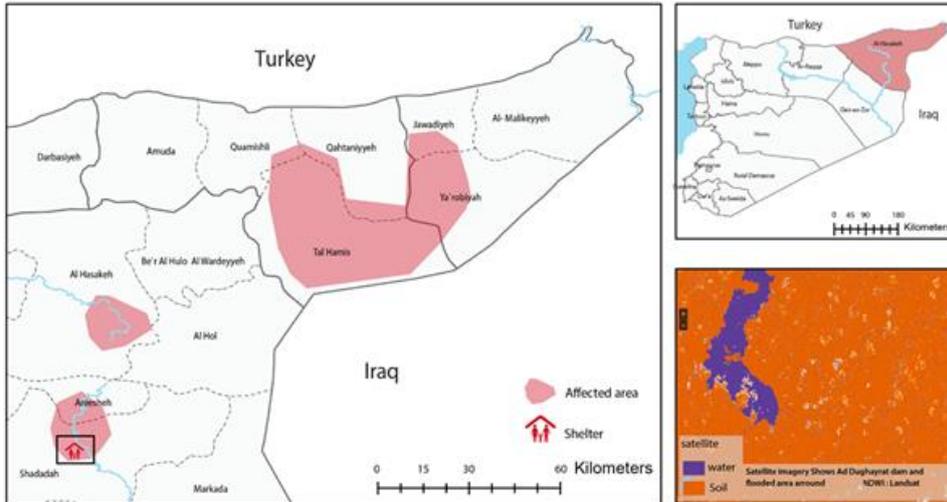
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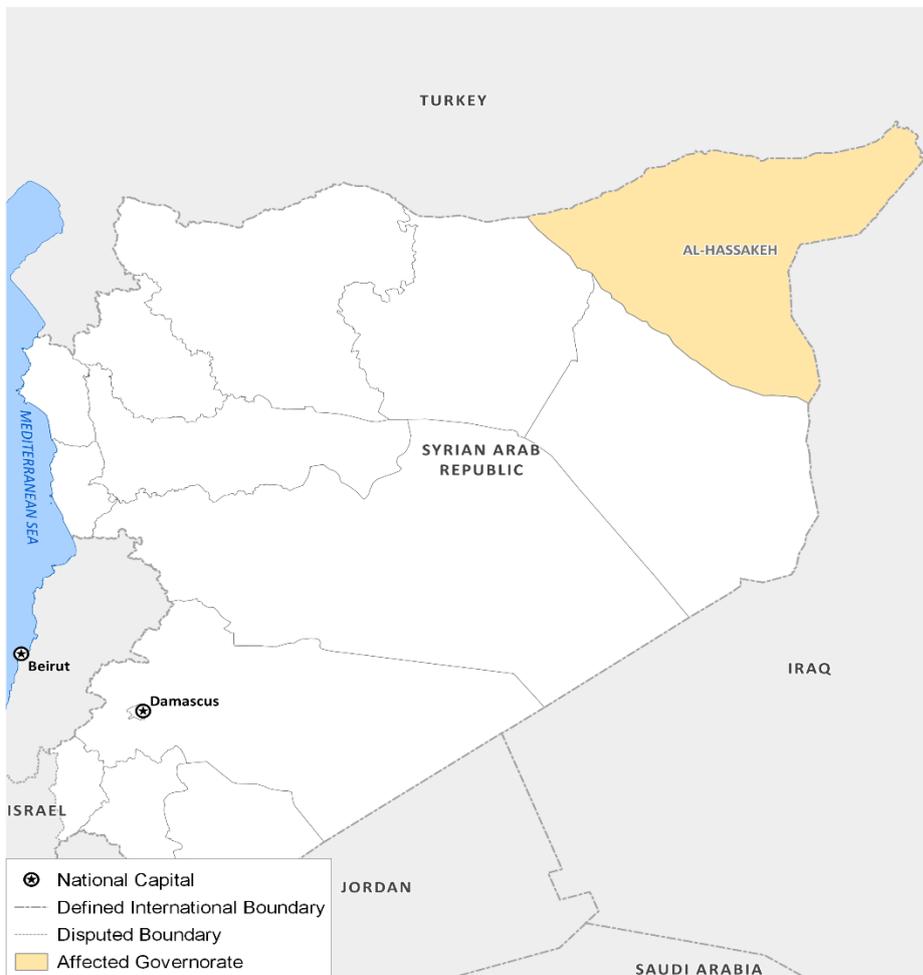
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