



Camp Profile: Roj

Al-Hasakeh governorate, Syria

October 2020



Background and Methodology

Roj is a formal internally-displaced person (IDP) and refugee camp in Al-Hasakeh governorate. This profile provides an overview of humanitarian conditions in sector A. Primary data was collected through household surveys from 27-28 October 2020. Due to access limitations, not all sectors in Roj were able to be assessed. However, a census survey (i.e. 100% of households) was conducted in sector A. Key informant (KI) interviews with camp managers in October have been used to support and triangulate some of the findings.

Location Map



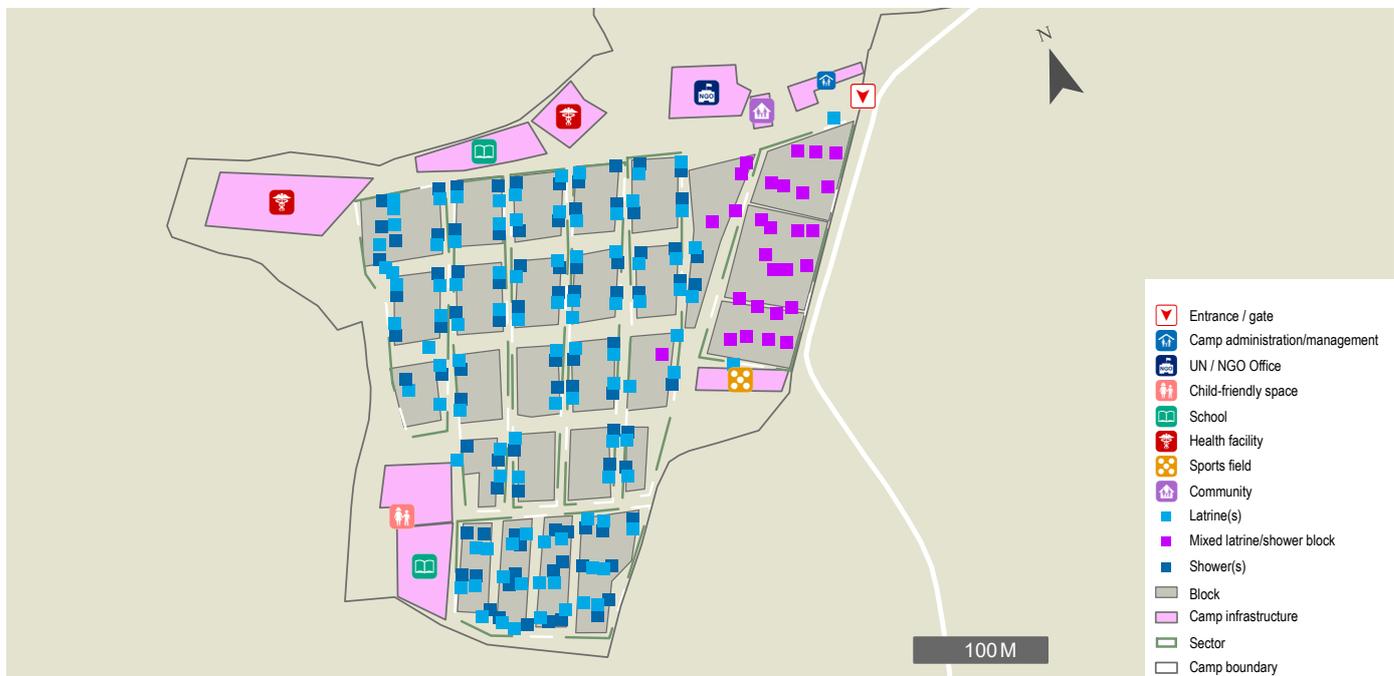
Camp Overview¹

Number of individuals: 2,376
Number of households: 650
Number of shelters: 705
First arrivals: September 2015
Camp area: 0.11 km²

Demographics

Men	Age Group	Women
1%	60+	1%
15%	18-59	20%
22%	5-17	25%
11%	0-4	6%

Camp Map



Camp mapping conducted in October 2020. Detailed infrastructure map available on [REACH Resource Centre](#).

Sectoral Minimum Standards²

		Target	Result	Achievement
Shelter	Average number of individuals per shelter	max 4.6	4.8	●
	Average covered area per person	min 3.5m ²	NA	
	Average camp area per person	min 35m ²	NA	
Health	% of 0-5 year olds who have received polio vaccinations	100%	86%	●
	Presence of health services within the camp	Yes	Yes	●
Protection	% of households reporting safety/security issues in past two weeks	0%	57%	●
Food	% of households receiving assistance in the 30 days prior to data collection	100%	100%	●
	% of households with acceptable food consumption score (FCS) ³	100%	53%	●
Education	% of children aged 6-17 accessing education services	100%	88%	●
WASH	Persons per latrine	max. 20	18	●
	Persons per shower	max. 20	20	●
	Frequency of solid waste disposal	min. twice weekly	Every day	●

1. As reported by KIs in October 2020.

2. Targets based on Sphere and humanitarian minimum standards.

● Minimum standard met ● 50-99% minimum standard met ● 0-49% of minimum standard met

[Sphere Handbook, Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response](#), 2018
[UNHCR Emergency Handbook](#)

3. FCS measures households' current food consumption status based on the number of days per week a household is able to eat items from nine standard food groups, weighted for their nutritional value.



COVID-19

Response infrastructure¹

Isolation area:	Yes
Sufficient handwashing facilities:	No

Sixteen percent (16%) of households in sector A reported experiencing difficulties in obtaining hand/body soap, specifically reporting the following issues:⁴

Soap is too expensive	10%
Soap is poor quality	6%
Soap is distributed infrequently	6%

Percentage of households in sector A reporting that communal latrines have handwashing facilities



COVID-19 Information

Main information sources about COVID-19 as reported by households:⁴

NGOs or charities	92%
Camp management	49%
Posters/flyers in the street	43%

16% of households in sector A reported having difficulties understanding information about COVID-19.

Of those that reported difficulties, the most commonly reported difficulties understanding information about COVID-19 were:

- There are not enough materials (12%)
- Information is not clear (comprehensible) (1%)

Prevention measures¹

Camp staff training:	Yes
Quarantine for new arrivals:	No (planned) ⁵
Temperature check for people entering:	No

Camp management KIs reported that hand sanitiser, hand/body soap and cleaning products have been distributed to the population, and that aid distributions have been modified to scheduled time slots for distribution.

Top measures taken by camp management in response to the pandemic as reported by households:⁴

Distribution of hygiene materials (soap, disinfectant, masks, etc.)	88%
Enforcing curfew	69%
Changing distribution procedures	59%

Top measures taken by households in sector A in response to the pandemic:⁴

Washing hands more regularly	69%
Wearing masks when going outside	63%
Staying at home as much as possible	61%

Attitudes and behaviors of camp population¹

Awareness of COVID-19:	Everyone (around 100%)
COVID-19 perceived as important issue:	A few (around 25%)
Awareness of social distancing:	A few (around 25%)
People engaging in social distancing:	A few (around 25%)

Camp management KIs reported that living conditions not allowing for social distancing was the main issue the population experienced related to social distancing.

HEALTH



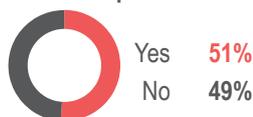
Number of healthcare facilities: 1
Service providers: NA
Types of facilities: Public hospital/clinic and mobile health clinic

Of the 57% of households in sector A who required treatment in the 30 days prior to the assessment, 46% reported that they had faced barriers to accessing medical care.

Of those that faced barriers, the most commonly reported barriers to accessing medical care were:⁴

- Inability to afford health services (77%)
- High cost of transportation to health facilities (46%)

Households in sector A reporting that a member had given birth since living in the camp:



Of the 51% reporting a birth in their household, 96% of women delivered in a health facility.

Households in sector A reporting members in the following categories:⁶

Person with serious injury	14%
Person with chronic illness	24%
Pregnant or lactating woman	27%

92% of households with a pregnant or lactating woman had reportedly been able to access obstetric or, antenatal care.

86% of children under five years old were reported to be vaccinated against polio.

Camp management KIs reported that no infant nutrition items had been distributed. The following nutrition activities have reportedly been undertaken:

Screening and referral for malnutrition:	Yes
Treatment for moderate-acute malnutrition:	Yes
Treatment for severe-acute malnutrition:	Yes
Micronutrient supplements:	Yes
Blanket supplementary feeding program:	No
Promotion of breastfeeding:	Yes

4. Households could select as many options as applied, meaning the sum of percentages may exceed 100%
5. Camp management KIs reported that COVID-19 facilities are in the planning phase and were therefore not yet available at the time of data collection.

6. As reported by households themselves.



MOVEMENT

Households planning to leave the camp:



Within 1 year **8%**
 Within longer timeframe **18%**
 Not planning to leave **73%**



On average, households in sector A had been displaced 3 times before arriving to this camp, and **100%** of households in sector A had been displaced longer than one year.

The most commonly reported reasons for leaving the camp among the 26% reporting their intention to leave:

- Wanting to return to area of origin (33%)
- Cost of living is too high in sector A (13%)

PROTECTION

Protection concerns



57% of households in sector A reported being aware of safety and security issues in the camp during the two weeks prior to the assessment.

The most commonly reported security issues among those reporting issues were:⁴

- Danger from snakes, scorpions, mice (61%)
- Disputes between residents (50%)

33% of households reported at least one member suffering from psychosocial distress.⁷

17% of households with children aged 3-17 reported that at least one child had exhibited **changes in behaviour**⁸ in the previous two weeks.

Freedom of movement



KIs reported that all residents who needed to **leave the camp temporarily** were able to do so at the time of data collection. However, 100% of households in sector A reported not being able to leave without disclosing the medical reason for wanting to leave.

Households in sector A reporting whether they experienced barriers when leaving the camp in the two weeks prior to data collection:



Yes **78%**
 No **22%**

Most commonly reported barriers to movement:^{4,9}

- Site departure conditions (need approval) (59%)
- Transportation options available but too expensive (16%)
- COVID-19 movement restrictions (14%)

Vulnerable groups

Proportion of total assessed population in vulnerable groups:¹⁰

Chronically ill persons	6%	Single parents/caregivers	0%
Persons with serious injury	3%	Pregnant/lactating women	18%
Female-headed households	20%		

Elderly and persons with disabilities

At the time of data collection, no interventions targeting elderly populations or persons with disabilities were reported in this camp.

Documentation



69% of households in sector A reported having at least one married person who was not in possession of their **marriage certificate**.

50% of households in sector A with children reported that at least one child did not have **birth registration documentation**.

7. As reported by households themselves. Assessed symptoms included: persistent headaches, sleeplessness, and more aggressive behaviour than normal towards children or other household members.
 8. Changes in sleeping patterns, interactions with peers, attentiveness, or interest in other daily activities.

Gender-based violence

Households in sector A reporting knowing about any designated space for women and girls in the site:



Yes **77%**
 No **23%**

Of the 77% of households who reported knowing about any designated spaces, **43%** reported that a girl or woman from their household attended one in the last 30 days prior to data collection.

Most commonly avoided camp areas by gender:^{4,9}

Men and boys

- Side streets (87%)
- Outskirts of camp (33%)
- Other (7%)

Women and girls

- Outskirts of camp (89%)
- Side streets (28%)
- Market (6%)

Child protection

Households in sector A reporting knowing about any child-friendly space in the site:



Yes **88%**
 No **12%**

Of the 88% of households who reported knowing about any child-friendly spaces, **70%** reported that a child from their household attended one in the last 30 days prior to data collection.

Households in sector A reporting the presence of child protection concerns within the camp (in the two weeks prior to data collection):



Yes **63%**
 No **37%**

Most commonly reported child protection concerns:^{4,9}

- Child labour (100%)
- Child headed households (29%)

Most commonly reported types of child labor by gender:^{4,9}

Boys (47%)

- Factory work (48%)
- Transporting people/goods (29%)
- Domestic labour (19%)

Girls (49%)

- Transporting people/goods (35%)
- Domestic labour (32%)
- Factory work (23%)

55% of households in sector A reported that they were aware of **child labour** occurring among **children under the age of 11**, most commonly reporting transporting people or goods (39%) and factory work (26%).^{4,9}

9. Question applies to subset of households who reported experiencing a given issue.
 10. Self-reported by households and not verified through medical records.



EDUCATION



At the time of data collection, there was **1** educational facility in the camp.

- Age groups: 3 to 17 years old
- Service providers: NGO
- Curricula on offer: Self-education
- Certification available: No

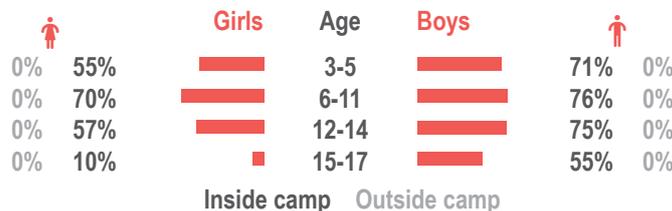
Barriers to education

Of the **88%** households in sector A reporting that their children are receiving education, **14%** reported that they faced **barriers to education**. The most commonly reported barriers were:⁴

- The school is not certified (informal) (100%)
- Schools lack trained teachers (50%)
- No education for children of a certain age (50%)

12% of households in sector A reported that their school-age children receive **no education**.

Proportion of school-age children attending education



Available WASH facilities in educational facilities

- Gender-segregated latrines:¹ Yes
- Handwashing facilities:¹ Yes
- Safe drinking water:¹ Yes

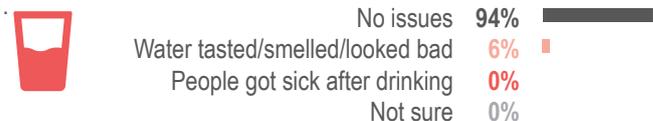
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Water

Public water tank was the primary source of water at the time of data collection. Eighty-two percent (82%) of households reported using the public tap/standpipe for drinking water.

14% of households in sector A reported they spent at least two consecutive days without access to drinking water over the two weeks prior to data collection.

Drinking water issues, by % of households reporting:⁴



14% of households in sector A reported that they treated their drinking water over the past two weeks prior to data collection using chlorine tablets, powder or liquid (10%), or boiling the water (4%).

Proportion of households in sector A that reported using negative strategies to cope with a lack of water (potable and not potable) in the two weeks prior to data collection:



Most commonly reported strategies:^{4,9}

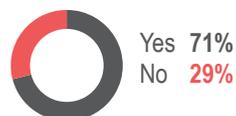
- Previously stored drinking water (18%)
- Modify hygiene practices (bathe less) (12%)
- Reduce drinking water consumption (6%)

16% of households in sector A reported someone suffered from diarrhoea in the two weeks prior to data collection; **24%** of households reported someone suffering from respiratory illnesses; and in **0%** of households someone was reported to be suffering from leishmaniasis.¹¹

Hygiene

100% of households in sector A reported having **hand/body soap** available at the time of data collection.

Proportion of households in sector A that were able to access all assessed hygiene items in the last two weeks prior to data collection:¹²



The most commonly inaccessible items included **washing powder and hand sanitiser**. Hygiene items were most commonly inaccessible because households reportedly could not afford to buy them.

Sanitation



Number of communal latrines: 130

Accessed defecation facilities

- Household:¹³ 24%
- Communal:¹³ 76%
- Open defecation 0%

0% of households in sector A reported that some members **could not access latrines**.

Communal latrine characteristics, by % of households reporting:¹⁴



Communal latrine cleanliness, by % of households reporting:



- Very clean 65%
- Mostly clean 35%
- Somewhat unclean 0%
- Very unclean 0%



Number of communal showers: 117

Access to shower/bathing places⁴

- Household:¹³ 37%
- Communal:¹³ 22%
- Bathing in shelter: 59%

Of the **22%** of households in sector A with access to communal showers, **6%** of households reported using them.

Waste disposal¹⁵



- Primary waste disposal system:** Garbage collection (NGO)
- Disposal location:** Landfill outside the camp
- Sewage system:** Sewage network

11. In the two weeks prior to the assessment, self-verified by household and not medically confirmed.

12. The assessed hygiene items included: hand/body soap, sanitary pads, disposable diapers, washing powder, jerry cans/buckets, toothbrushes (for adults and children), toothpaste (for adults and children), shampoo (for adults and babies), cleaning liquid (for house), detergent for dishes, plastic garbage bags, washing lines, nail clippers, combs, and towels.

13. Communal latrines and showers are shared by more than one household. Household latrines and showers are used only by one household. This may be an informal designation that is not officially enforced.

14. Excluding households who answered 'not sure'.

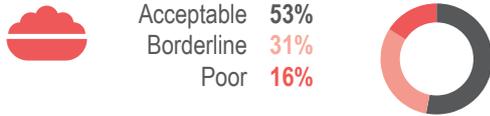
15. Reported by camp management through key informant interviews.



FOOD SECURITY

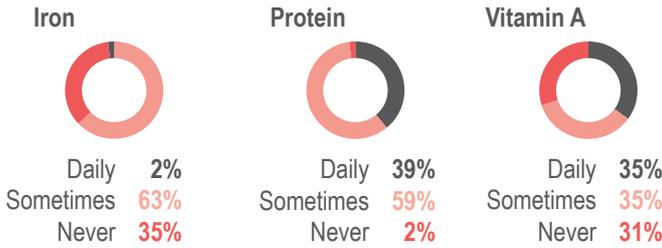
Food consumption

Percentage of households in sector A at each FCS level:³



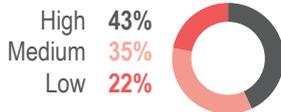
Nutrition

Percentage of households in sector A consuming iron, protein and vitamin A-rich foods by frequency:¹⁶



Dietary diversity

Percentage of households in sector A by Household Dietary Diversity score level:¹⁷

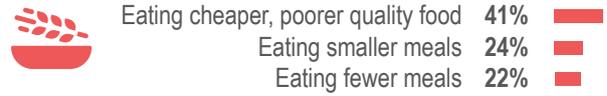


Food security

Percentage of households in sector A at each Arab Family Food Security Scale level:¹⁸



Top three reported food-related coping strategies:¹⁹

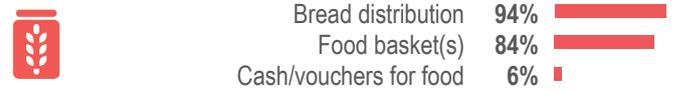


Most commonly reported main sources of food:^{4,20}



Food distributions

Type of food assistance received,²⁰ by % of households reporting:⁴



100% of households had received a food basket, bread distribution, cash, or vouchers in the 30 days prior to data collection.

Top three food items households in sector A would like to receive more of:²¹

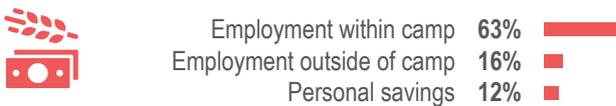


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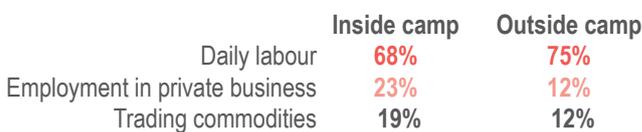
Household income

Average monthly household income:²⁰ **324,694 SYP** (142 USD)²²

Top three reported primary income sources:^{20,23}

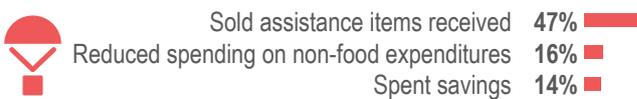


Most commonly reported employment sectors:^{4,20,23}



Coping strategies

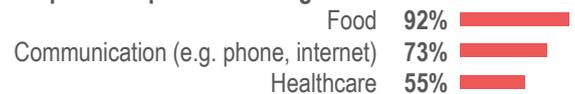
Top three reported livelihoods-related coping strategies:^{20,21}



Household expenditure

Average monthly household expenditure:²⁰ **214,224 SYP** (94 USD)²²

Top three reported expenditure categories:^{20,23}



Household debt

6% of households in sector A reported that they had borrowed money in the 30 days prior to data collection; on average, these households had a debt load amounting to **183,837 SYP** (81 USD).²²

Top three reported reasons for taking on debt:²¹



Top reported creditors:^{4,9,21}



16. Households were asked to report the number of days per week nutrient-rich food groups were consumed, from which nutrient consumption frequencies were derived. World Food Programme (2015) Food Consumption Score Nutritional Quality Analysis - Technical Guidance Note.

17. Households were asked to report the number of days per week they consume foods in different food groups, which was used to derive a Household Dietary Diversity score. UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (2011) Guidelines for Measuring Household and Individual Dietary Diversity.

18. Households were asked to respond to a series of questions which were used to derive a food security rating. Sahyoun et al. (2014) Development and Validation of an Arab Family Food Security Scale.

19. Households were asked to report the number of days they employed each coping strategy, graph only shows the overall frequency with which a coping strategy was reported.

20. In the 30 days prior to data collection.

21. Households could select up to three options.

22. The effective exchange rate for Northeast Syria was reported to be 2,280 Syrian Pounds to the dollar in October 2020 (REACH Initiative, NES Market Monitoring Exercise October 2020).

23. Percentage of households reporting income/expenditure in each category; households could select as many options as applied.



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SHELTER AND NFIs

Average number of people reported per shelter: **4.8**

Average number of shelters reported per household: **1.4**

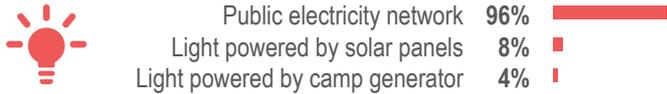
Average reported household size: **6.1** individuals

Tent status

In assessed households, **53%** of tents were in new condition.²⁴

Sources of light

Most commonly reported sources of light inside shelters:⁴



NFI needs

Top three reported anticipated NFI needs for the next three months:²¹



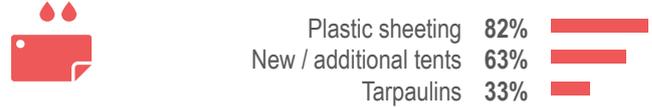
Shelter adequacy

Reported shelter adequacy issues:¹⁵



- Lack of privacy (no partitions, no doors, or locks are broken)
- No electricity
- Security (intruders, theft)

Top three most commonly reported shelter item needs:²¹



24% of respondents reported they had access to a communal kitchen.

Fire safety



Camp management KIs reported that **fire extinguishers** were available on each block and that actors in sector A **provided** residents with **information on fire safety** in the three months prior to data collection.

Flood susceptibility

Camp management KIs reported that **15% of tents are prone to flooding**, and there are **no drainage channels** between shelters.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Camp management and committees

14% of households in sector A reported that they did not know the camp management, with **18%** saying that they were not sure.

Committees reported by camp management KIs to be present in camp:

- ✓ Camp management
- ✓ Women's committee
- ✓ WASH committee
- ✓ Health committee
- ✓ Youth committee
- ✓ Maintenance committee
- ✓ Distribution committee

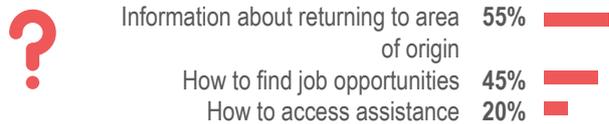
80% of households in sector A reported that they knew who to contact to raise issues or concerns.

Information needs

Top three reported sources of information about services:²¹



Top three reported information needs:²¹



24. Enumerators were asked to observe the state of the tent and record its condition.

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