

## FLASH UPDATE ON ALEPPO, IDLEB AND DAR'A

4 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

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- Displacement in affected areas of Aleppo and Idleb governorates (as at 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 at 25 February) due to fighting since November 2015:
  - Around **53,540** newly displaced due to fighting since November 2015.

### MAIN NEW POPULATION MOVEMENTS

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- 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 at 29 February).
- An estimated 1,000 IDPs who had originally fled from northern rural Aleppo to southern rural Aleppo (Daret Izza) have moved south-west towards Idleb. The displacement is due to the ongoing airstrikes on Jabat al-Nusra, a group excluded from the cessation of hostilities agreement, and increased shelling from Syria Democratic Forces (SDF) in areas north-west of Aleppo.
- In southern Syria, the overall number of displaced is 53,540 people (figures as at 25 February), an increase from 43,000 three weeks ago.
- In addition, according to Government of Jordan sources there are now 35,000 Syrian asylum-seekers at the berm (figures as at 2 March). This is a considerable increase from the 27,100 estimate provided a week ago, and significantly higher than the 21,841 figure of individuals registered with UNHCR. 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

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- It has been one week since the cessation of hostilities in Syria came into effect. The past week has seen an overall reduction in violence. However, violations of the agreement continue to be reported by both sides.
- Today, PM Cameron (UK), Chancellor Merkel (Germany), Prime Minister Renzi (Italy) and President Hollande (France) held a conference call with President Putin (Russia). Meanwhile in Paris, a meeting occurred today between the Foreign Ministers of Germany, France, the UK, the EU, and the head of the opposition High Negotiations Committee (HNC).
- Yesterday afternoon, 3 March, an inter-agency convoy carrying NFI and WASH materials reached Al Waer (Homs). Al Waer was last accessed a month ago, on 4 February. Another inter-agency convoy to the sub-district of Kafr Batna (Eastern Gouta, Rural Damascus) is ongoing.
- A rapid needs assessment (RNA) conducted earlier this week to monitor the situation in Dar'a Governorate found that an estimated 25-40 per cent of those recently displaced are children. In all communities assessed, the ability of the remaining population to meet their needs has stayed the same or worsened during the previous two weeks. The RNA found that safety and security remain the top ranked priority needs, along with shelter. Limited access to food items, fuel and medical supplies is also a key concern.

## **UNHCR CO-LED SECTOR/CLUSTER UPDATES**

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### **Protection**

- No new developments.

### **Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)**

- The CCCM Cluster members in northern Syria have started distributing 2,000 Ready-To-Eat meals to new arrivals in the informal IDP site in Aleppo. Existing IDPs are also being assisted with a monthly ration of dry food.

### **Shelter/Non Food Items (SNFI)**

- The SNFI Cluster in northern Syria is within its capacity to respond to current levels of displacement. The Humanitarian Pooled Fund (HPF) emergency allocation will assist around 84,882 individuals with emergency shelter kits and new arrival kits.
- In addition, the SNFI Cluster in northern Syria continues to coordinate with the Whole of Syria (WoS) Secretariat to avoid a potential overlap with the planned cross-line convoys from Damascus.

# 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.

