CONTEXT

A ceasefire for northwest Syria came into effect on 6 March following an agreement between the governments of Turkey and Russia. Consequently, airstrikes came to a complete halt and shelling occurred only in limited incidences in concentrated areas along the frontlines. According to local sources, hostilities in March resulted in the deaths of 39 people, including nine children and six women, and injured 60 people including 11 children and nine women. Under the ceasefire agreement, a six-kilometre wide “security corridor” was established on each side of the M4 highway west of Saraqab. As of end March, some 940,000 people displaced since 1 December 2019 remained in displacement in northwest Syria. The most urgent needs were shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, food and protection. Needs with longer term impacts, such as nutrition and education, increased in prominence as people became more settled in their places of displacement. According to humanitarian partners, three in every ten children under the age of five in the displaced population were stunted.

On 11 March, WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic. On the same day, Turkish authorities introduced additional public health measures at border crossings, including those with Syria. The Bab Al-Hawa and Bab Al-Salam border crossings remained open for humanitarian and commercial shipments, albeit with occasional delays, but were closed to individual movements other than emergency medical cases. Similar restrictions were applied at crossings between the Idleb area and northern Aleppo. To prepare for a potential COVID-19 outbreak, humanitarian organisations increased pre-positioning of critical assistance items in northwest Syria. As a result, 1,486 trucks of UN humanitarian assistance were sent across border in March, the highest number recorded since the start of the UN cross-border operation in 2014. Affecting communities were precautions introduced to mitigate against the potential spread of COVID-19. No cases of COVID-19 were identified in northwest Syria in March. On 24 March, a laboratory in Idleb city was capacitated to test for and diagnose COVID-19 cases, with all patient samples tested until 31 March returning negative results. In some instances, samples were sent for testing in Turkey, including prior to the activation of the laboratory in Idleb. In response to the threat of a COVID-19 outbreak, the Early Warning and Alert Response Network (EWARN) system in northwest Syria was revised for alert verification and investigation, while sample collection and rapid response teams were activated.
**Education**

The numbers refer to accumulated people reached since Jan-2020

**People Reached**

**0.58 Million**

Education cluster provided children and adolescents with regular self-learning materials and digital learning materials, provision/rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in TLS/schools, rehabilitation of learning centers, incentives/allowances for teaching staff, non-formal education (NFE), professional development to teaching staff (active learning, self-learning, life skills), textbooks, life skills based trainings, basic education materials, psychological support and recreational activities, provision of fuel for heating in learning centers and teaching kits, develop & strengthen M&E capacities of education actors, early childhood education (ECD) / early childhood development (ECD) and awareness raising campaigns.

**Early Recovery (Direct beneficiaries)**

The numbers refer to accumulated people reached since Jan-2020

**People Reached**

**0.35 Million**

31%  27%  20%  22%

Since the beginning of the year (January to March 2020), Early Recovery partners reached 354,775 direct beneficiaries in 33 subdistricts and 54 communities.

In particular, 332,330 directly benefitted from the rehabilitation of access to basic utilities (electricity, gas, water, sewage), 10,010 from entrepreneurial activities and 4,444 from short-term work opportunities provided.

The remaining ER activities mainly focused on the Regular employment opportunities provided from which 3,935 directly benefitted and on vocational and skills training provided for 3,529 direct beneficiaries, 330 benefitted from basic housing repair support. 66,466 HHs benefitted from the rehabilitation of basic utilities (electricity, gas, water, sewage), 3,449 m³ solid waste and waste removed while 15 local public service providers were provided incentives/allowances for teaching staff, non-formal education (NFE), professional development to teaching staff (active learning, self-learning, life skills), textbooks, life skills based trainings, basic education materials, psychological support and recreational activities, provision of fuel for heating in learning centers and teaching kits, develop & strengthen M&E capacities of education actors, early childhood education (ECD) / early childhood development (ECD) and awareness raising campaigns.

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People Reached

### Food Security: Food Baskets

**2.05 Million**

- **24%**
- **22%**
- **27%**
- **27%**

In March 2020, a total of 2,046,854 beneficiaries were reached with food baskets (through in kind, cash or voucher); 388,920 beneficiaries reached with emergency food rations (RTEs [ready to eat rations], cooked meals and one-off food basket); 145,342 beneficiaries reached with mixed food items, and 1,298,686 beneficiaries reached with bread/flour distribution.

### People Reached

- **Communities Reached**
  - January to March 2020: 278,677 beneficiaries with agriculture and livelihoods.

### Organizations Reported

- **2020-03-01**
  - People reached by sector severity:
    - Severity(1-2): 64K
    - Severity(3): 256K
    - Severity(4-5-6): 1,727K

#### People reached by funding source

- **UN**
- **NGO**
- **UN/NGO**

#### People reached by sector severity

- **Severity(1-2)**
- **Severity(3)**
- **Severity(4-5-6)**

### Cash & Voucher in response

- **Cash**: 26,319
- **Voucher**: 129,297
- **Other Modalities**: 1,891,238

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### Food Security: Livelihood

**0.28 Million**

- **24%**
- **22%**
- **28%**
- **26%**

FSL Cluster reached in January to March 2020: 278,677 beneficiaries with agriculture and livelihoods.

### People Reached

- **Communities Reached**

### Organizations Reported

- **2020-03-01**
  - People reached by sector severity:
    - Severity(1-2): 139K
    - Severity(3): 207K
    - Severity(4-5-6): 278K

#### People reached by funding source

- **UN**
- **NGO**
- **UN/NGO**

#### People reached by sector severity

- **Severity(1-2)**
- **Severity(3)**
- **Severity(4-5-6)**

### Cash & Voucher in response

- **Cash**: 3,335
- **Voucher**: 21,824
- **Other Modalities**: 252,896
**Shelter**

**People Reached**

0.16 Million

- 24% 20% 27% 29%

Shelter cluster provided rental assistance, construction materials/tools, emergency shelter kits (e.g. tents) and emergency shelter, also rehabilitation of private housing and collective centers. Moreover, shelter cluster provided information/counselling on housing, land & property rights.

**NFI**

**People Reached**

0.20 Million

- 19% 17% 31% 33%

NFI cluster provided NFI kits (in-kind, cash, voucher) and training of stakeholders on resilience oriented NFI skills and capacities.
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**WASH**

**People Reached**

- **2.96 Million**
- 31% 27% 20% 22%

WASH cluster reached beneficiaries with water provision via existing networks, water trucking and private boreholes, household water treatments, maintenance/cleanings of communal sewage, construction or rehabilitation of communal latrines and household. Solid waste management, hygiene kits distribution, hygiene promotion and vector control. Assistance was provided at the community, camp, collective center and school levels.

**# of people reached**

- 1 - 500
- 501 - 1,000
- 1,001 - 5,000
- 5,001 - 10,000
- >10,000

**Main activities**

- Water Trucking
- Water System
- Solid Waste

**Communities Reached**

- **2,963,875**

**Organizations Reported**

- **196K**

**People reached by sector severity**

- **Severity(1-2)** 66% 34%
- **Severity(3)** 52% 24%
- **Severity(4-5-6)** 0% 24%

**Communities Reached**

- **1,281K**

**Organizations Reported**

- **1,294,850**

**People reached by funding source**

- **UN**
- **NGO**
- **UN/NGO**

**Nutrition**

**People Reached**

- **0.09 Million**
- 52% 0% 24% 24%

Since the beginning of 2020, 24 Nutrition Cluster partners provided life-saving nutrition services covering 215 communities in 36 sub-districts. The delivery platforms were both static sites and 78 Rapid Response Teams (RRTs). Those reached included: treatment of 501 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM), 1,693 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) among children 6-59 months, and 2,396 cases of acutely malnourished pregnant and lactating women (PLW); 27,247 children 6-35 months received lipid-based nutrient supplement (LNS) for prevention of chronic and acute malnutrition; 11,688 displaced children 6-59 months and PLW received high-energy biscuits for prevention of acute malnutrition; 52,185 children 6-59 months and PLW received micronutrient supplements; 45,702 mothers and care givers were reached with messages and counselling on appropriate infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E).

**# of people reached**

- 1 - 500
- 501 - 1,000
- 1,001 - 5,000
- 5,001 - 10,000
- >10,000

**Main activities**

- Number of mothers and care givers received counseling on appropriate IYCF-E
- Number of children 6-35 months and PLW received LNS and micronutrient supplements
- Number of children 6-59 months and PLW treated for acute malnutrition

**Communities Reached**

- **276**

**Organizations Reported**

- **48**

**People reached by funding source**

- **UN**
- **NGO**
- **UN/NGO**

**Nutrition**

- **78**

**People reached by sector severity**

- **Severity(1-2)** 66% 34%
- **Severity(3)** 52% 24%
- **Severity(4-5-6)** 0% 24%
The GBV Sub Cluster developed a guidance note on GBV Service Provision during the time of COVID-19 which aims to provide certain key points to be considered by the front-line GBV service providers for ensuring timely, dignified and safe GBV service provision in the time of COVID-19 with its heightened risks. The GBV SC in partnership with health cluster colleagues has organized two training sessions for 38 GBV partners inside Syria on how to communicate correct messaging about how to prevent and respond to the COVID-19 in ways they can understand.

Protection cluster provided awareness raising through campaigns and contact initiatives, case management, child protection and psychosocial support, including parenting programmes, develop community level referral pathways, legal assistance, material/cash assistance, outreach activities, psychosocial support, recreation and early childhood development kits, risk education, specialised child protection services, training of front line responders and humanitarian actors, women and girls accessing safe spaces and other socio-economic support.
CCCM: IDPs Assisted

IDPs Reached

**1.24 Million**

31% ♂ 27% ♀ 20% ♂ 22% ♀

CCCM cluster tracked 1,023,176 IDPs and has coordinated the provision of lifesaving multi-sectoral response to 1,102,077 IDPs in February 2020.

# of IDPs reached
- 1 - 500
- 501 - 1,000
- 1,001 - 5,000
- 5,001 - 10,000
- >10,000

IDPs Tracked

**0.05 Million**

31% ♂ 27% ♀ 20% ♂ 22% ♀

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Notes and definitions

Inter-sector people reached for the reporting month:
People reached is the number of people provided with humanitarian assistance by one or more sectors [Food Security (Food baskets and livelihood), NFI/Shelter, WASH (HRP Only), ERL, Education, GBV, and Nutrition) for the month, taking the highest sector per community. People reached does not necessarily mean that all of their humanitarian needs are fully covered.

Inter-sector people reached since Jan-2020 to reporting month:
Cumulative people reached is the number of people provided with humanitarian assistance by one or more sectors [Food Security (Food baskets and livelihood), NFI/Shelter, WASH (HRP Only), ERL, Education, GBV, and Nutrition), taking the highest sector reach per community per month. People reached does not necessarily mean that all of their humanitarian needs are fully covered.

Note: Inter-sector reached figures are checked against population numbers and adjusted accordingly.

Funding source
UN: Assistance and services funded or implemented by a UN agency, or funded by a Humanitarian Fund (Country-based Pooled Fund)
Non-UN: Assistance and services implemented by a SNGO or INGO not funded by a UN agency or Humanitarian Fund (Country-based pooled fund)

Sector note
Food assistance includes food baskets, bread/wheat flour, cash/vouchers lifesaving and emergency food rations.
Food basket figures represent people assisted with food basket, cash & voucher lifesaving assistance livelihoods: This figure includes agricultural inputs, small-scale food production, livestock asset restoration, animal health, income generating activities, provision of services and rehabilitation of relevant infrastructure.
NFI beneficiary needs are met with core and essential NFIs.
Medical procedures: OPD consultations at PHC and hospital, referral cases, mental health consultations, persons with disabilities supported and total deliveries.
Interventions in protection cluster's overall reach figures represent the total number of distinct protection interventions conducted through the cluster’s prevention, response and capacity building activities. It includes achievements from child protection (CP), gender-based violence (GBV), and mine action (MA) areas of responsibilities (AoRs) and it is calculated as the total of all indicators in the HRP.

Limitations:
- The reporting of “people reached” does not convey the type, scale and quality of assistance people have received. For example, people could have been “reached” through a delivery of a pack of NFIs or a complex protection intervention.
- There is a high likelihood of under-reporting of NGO cross-border work, especially the reach of projects by Syrian and International NGOs from Turkey.
- The report does not cover ICRC or Turkish Red Crescent assistance.