Highlights

- As the offensive along the Turkey/Syria border enters its third day, the original planning figure of 100,000 affected people (scenario 3 in the inter-agency contingency plan) has been surpassed. The geographical area affected has also exceeded the initial plan. UNICEF and UN agencies are now preparing for scenario 4, which is for potentially 400,000 people being affected.
- The Allouk Water Station which serves Al Hassakeh city and other areas was not operational today. An assessment of Al Himme water pumping station revealed that the city could be served from there with an estimated storage capacity of 300,000 cubic meters. UNICEF is supporting water trucking to cover immediate water needs. There are initial reports that ICRC has been able to rehabilitate an old water pumping station which should alleviate the situation. On 11 October, a team of UNICEF facilitators conducted a rapid inter-sectoral needs assessment in 16 collects shelters in Al Hassakeh city hosting 345 households (1,634 individuals, including 351 children).

Humanitarian Situation

- Reports of airstrikes and shelling along the Turkey/Syria border from Jarablus, which is west of the Euphrates River to the Turkish/Syria/Iraqi border have been received from 9 October. The first reports of airstrikes were on sparsely populated areas, while the scope of the areas under current attack has increased. Locations up to 50 kilometres from the border have reportedly been hit near Ein Issa.
- Two crossing points are reportedly open: Tayha in eastern rural Aleppo and Debsi Afnan in rural Raqqa for civilians who may flee towards the west.
- Turkish forces reportedly took control of all surrounding suburbs/outskirts of both Tell Abiad and Ras al-Ayn, excluding the city centres, and possibly additional border villages in the Tell Abiad countryside. In addition, other villages reportedly taken over are in the proximity of Ras Al-Ayn city and in the surroundings of Tell Abiad city.
- The United Nations estimates that the displaced population from Ras al-Ayn and Tell Abiad, and its surrounding areas is increasing. Figures of civilians displaced remain just over 100,000 people. Ascertainning the exact numbers of people displaced remains a key challenge. The Humanitarian Needs Assessment Program (HNAP) on 11 October reported figures close to 200,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) in all three governorates of the Northeast.
- In Al Hassakeh city, 14 schools are now being used as collective shelters and many are ready to receive IDPs. In Tel Amar, 18 schools are also hosting IDPs.
• Raqqa Civic Council has not yet specified which schools will be used as shelters for displaced people from Tell Abiad in Raqqa

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

UNICEF Syria Country Office (SCO) has been supporting the coordination of the response in the North East from both Qamishli and Damascus. In Qamishli, partners have been coordinating efforts under the leadership of OCHA and UNICEF has been on the ground to lead the WASH, nutrition and child protection responses. In Damascus, UNICEF continues to coordinate the update of the response plans through the sector partners and feeding into the OCHA NES contingency plan at national level.

UNICEF cross-border has been supporting the response in the North East from Amman hub and in liaison with partners, who coordinate with the NES Forum mechanism, which works with 25 international NGO (INGO) partners in NES. NGO response plans continue to be adjusted. Forum sectors are developing emergency response strategies, with specific focus on approaches suitable to high levels of displacement in the form of hosting arrangements, rather than shelters (to be kept as a last resort) or camps.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

WASH
• A UNICEF partner in Al Hassekah City has distributed 269 hygiene kits, 200 jerry cans and 120 baby diaper packs to IDPs in the five collective shelters reaching 1,500 individuals. An additional 15 families received blankets.
• UNICEF has finalized plans for the installation of 100 water tanks inside Al Hassekah city with the works initiated on 12 October and expected to be complete in 10 days. This is in addition to 200m³ drinking water which will be provided daily from 13 October through water trucking to cover the current gap in demands.

Health and Nutrition
• Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening was conducted for 48 children in the collective centers through UNICEF partners on 12 October. No severe or moderate acute malnutrition cases were reported. Families with children under 5 years received high energy biscuits with a total of 400 families receiving these in the collective shelters.
• Reports of diarrhea among children under 5 were received from one of the collective shelters with 12 patients receiving treatment. Primary health care consultations were conducted by UNICEF partners in the shelters in Al Hassakeh reaching 315 women and children.
• A health partner is providing daily remote and visit support to the functioning of clinics, depending on the security situation. Most clinics are still open, including those supported by UNICEF, apart from those that are in areas occupied by armed opposition groups (AOGs) or under shelling. They are focusing on emergency room functionality, including Al Hassakeh hospital. They are also supporting the establishment of the trauma stabilization points, both mobile and static, and are redirecting ambulances from clinics and camps to the areas around the military operations.

Child Protection
• UNICEF partner al Mawaada conducted a rapid child protection assessment in the nine communal shelters in Al Hassakeh city and identified 13 (three boys and ten girls) separated children who are currently under interim care arrangements. The partners continue to monitor and document the children in need of more specialized care.
• All protection, child protection and gender-based violence actors have been mobilized to receive and provide protection services to the IDPs relocated from Mabrouka camp to Areesha Camp as of 12 October. There are some concerns on the voluntariness of the relocation, IDPs were not able to move to the locations of their choice, take all their belongings and retrieve their identifications.
• A UNICEF partner, al Hasan, is currently hosting 24 unaccompanied children in an Ein Eissa camp interim care centre and continues to provide services for them. The situation in Ein Eissa is being monitored with possibility of evacuation should the security situation deteriorate.
A child protection partner also reported the evacuation of Mabrouka camp to Areesha camp (1,049 families) due to fear that the Ein Issa camp will be targeted. UNICEF is concerned about the existing unaccompanied and separated children caseload and risks of further family separation. UNICEF is following up with KSA to advocate for the needs of children, especially vulnerable children, to be carefully considered. UNICEF Qamishli staff are staying in close contact with camp authorities and echoing the same message.

Response/distribution to date includes:

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