Use of Syrian Martyr’s database as a source: There are a variety of sources for data on the number of deaths from the conflict in Syria. A report by OHCHR details seven key databases with documented killings from the conflict. The Syrian Shuhada (SS) database (Syrian Martyr’s database) has been used for the purposes of mapping the number of death data by settlement and / or Governorate for the following reasons:

- Willingness of SS to share raw data files for city / province and death count (useful for verification and mapping against P-codes as issued by OCHA)
- Ability to report killings by Governorate, City, Date
- Extent of documented killings (excess of 50,000)
- Evidence such as pictures / videos to verify the killing
- Trend is in line with results of other databases

OHCHR was able to verify 71% of the SS database. The remaining 29% of reported deaths were not able to be verified due to insufficient data to be expected from documenting during a conflict. (Benetech 2013/01/02, SS n.d.)