January 2021 updates

In January 2021, the humanitarian community recorded some 13,600 spontaneous IDP return movements across Syria, similar to numbers tracked in December 2020. Over 6,000 of these (48 percent) occurred within and between Aleppo and Idleb governorates. At the sub-district level, As-Suqaylabiyah in Hama governorate received the highest number of spontaneous return movements in January, with around 3,500 returns, while Jebel Saman in Aleppo governorate and Ehsem in Idleb governorate respectively received some 1,400 and 1,300 spontaneous IDP return movements. More than 600 spontaneous IDP return movements were received by Anaha sub-district in Idleb governorate over the same period. At the community level, the As-Suqaylabiyah community in Hama governorate received the most return movements recording around 3,500 returns while Aleppo city received some 1,000 spontaneous IDP return movements in January. Sarmin town in Idelb governorate and the Homs community in Homs governorate respectively received some 500 and 400 return movements, while Deir Khabiyeh town in rural Damascus governorate received some 300 return movements.

Notes:
- The returns refer to IDP spontaneous returns and do not necessarily follow the global definitions of ‘Returnees’ or durable solutions for IDPs.
- The IDP spontaneous returns include IDPs returning to their homes or communities of origin.
- The IDP spontaneous returns term used in this monthly report refers to the return movements occurred in the reported period only.
- The process of verification is based on triangulation of verified IDP spontaneous returns reported by different mechanisms and further examined by the IDP TF through cross-checking population numbers from previous years.

IDP spontaneous returns map

(K: thousand)