October 2021 updates

In October 2021, the humanitarian community recorded some 9,600 spontaneous IDP return movements across Syria, which was 60 per cent less than the return movements that were tracked in September. Over 4,900 of these movements (51 per cent) occurred within Aleppo and Idlib governorates.

At the sub-district level, the Jebel Saman sub-district in Aleppo governorate received the highest number of spontaneous return movements in October, with around 1,200 returns, while Ehsim sub-district in Idlib received some 1,000 spontaneous IDP return movements. Over the same period, Muhasan sub-district in Deir-ez-Zor governorate received more than 600 spontaneous return movements. The Homs sub-district in Homs governorate received more than 500 spontaneous return movements.

At the community level, the Aleppo city center received some 1,100 returns, the highest number of spontaneous return movements in October, while Gete Elbuie in Deir-ez-Zor received about 600 return movements. Dar'a city center and Homs city center received about 500 return movements in October.

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

IDP spontaneous returns map

(K: thousand)