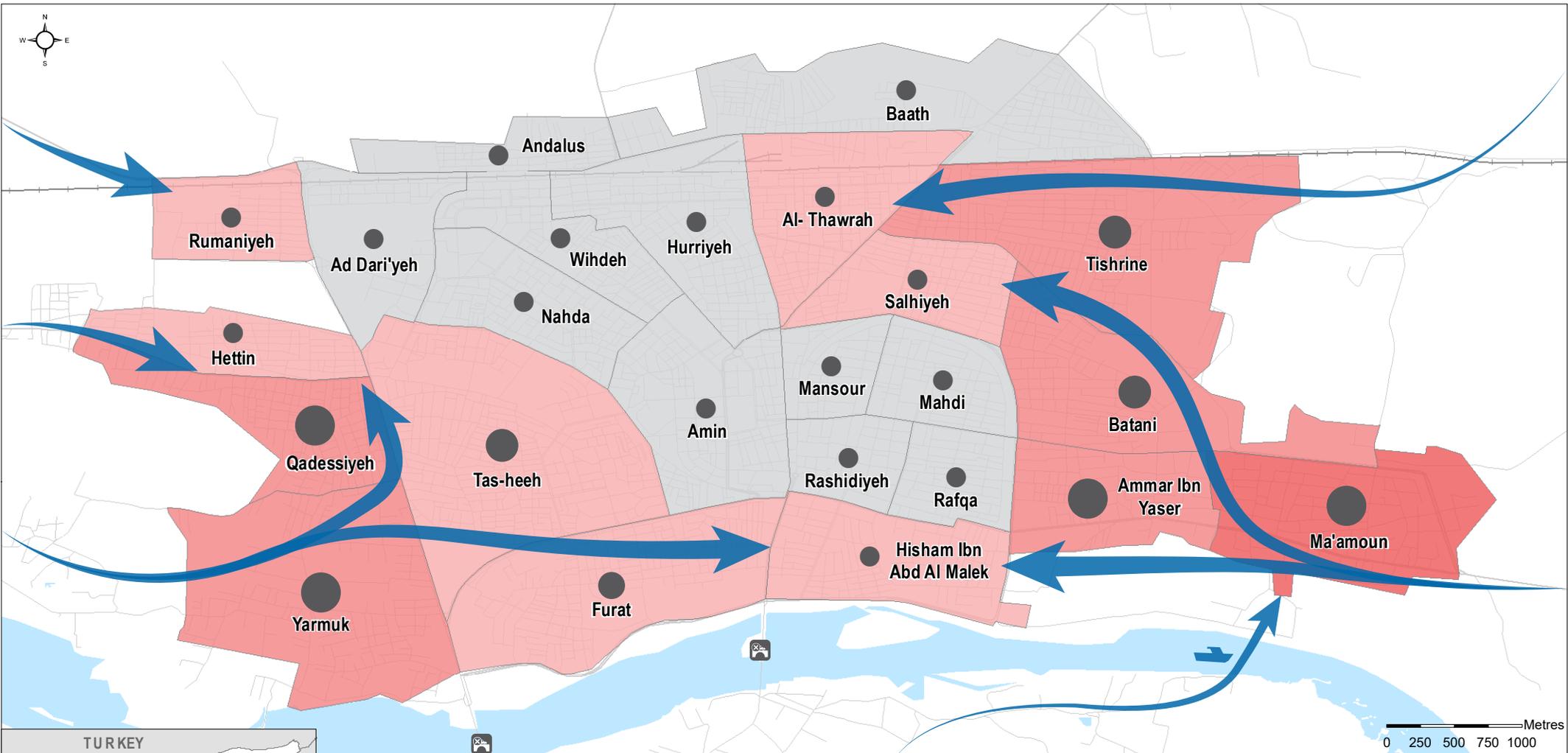


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Raqqa City Returns - As of 15 December 2017

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Methodology

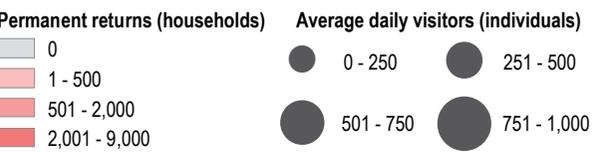
This map shows the findings of the first returns assessment conducted by REACH to monitor civilian returns to Ar-Raqqa city following the cessation of conflict in late October 2017. Data was collected through interviews and participatory mapping exercises with 24 key informants (KI) between 10 and 13 December 2017. Findings should be considered as indicative only.

Key Findings

KIs reported:

- There are now between 15,000 and 20,000 families residing in the city, primarily in the eastern and western neighbourhoods.
- The neighbourhood to feature the most returns is Ma'amoun (Meshlab), where there are reportedly 8,000 to 10,000 households residing. Only 26% to 50% of the households currently there are originally from the neighbourhood, with the remainder mostly staying until they are able to return to other neighbourhoods.
- The central neighbourhoods of the city are largely uninhabited, although there are some short-term visits to check and repair shelters.

- Civilians are reportedly returning to the city from the east and the west. There is heavy mine and unexploded ordnance contamination throughout the city, severely limiting access from the north, while damage to the two bridges crossing the Euphrates river is limiting access from the south.
- Civilians are reportedly accessing most areas of the city by using the main roads; there are reportedly few obstacles to accessing the neighbourhoods to the east and the west on foot or with vehicles. Northern and central neighbourhoods are mostly accessed with on foot, with major difficulty.



Data sources:
Population data: REACH
Neighbourhood boundaries: OCHA / REACH
Roads, railways and rivers: OSM
Coordinate System: GCS WGS 1984
File: Raqqa_City_Returns
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