

Displacement Updates in North-West Syria

Some 2.7 million IDPs are living in north-west Syria, bringing the total population to over 4.3 million.

As reported by HNAP, 20,548 IDPs were displaced in October, the majority of whom have been displaced three or more times (77%). The top three sub-district of arrival were Maaret Tamsrin, Afrin and Dana. **Close to half (48%) of the October IDPs reported NFI as a priority need, whereas 39% reported shelter as a priority need.**

Just over half of all persons recently displaced (10,274 IDPs) are reportedly living in adequate housing. However, around 43% are living in emergency shelter, predominantly tents, while 7% are living in sub-standard buildings, most of which are unfinished buildings.

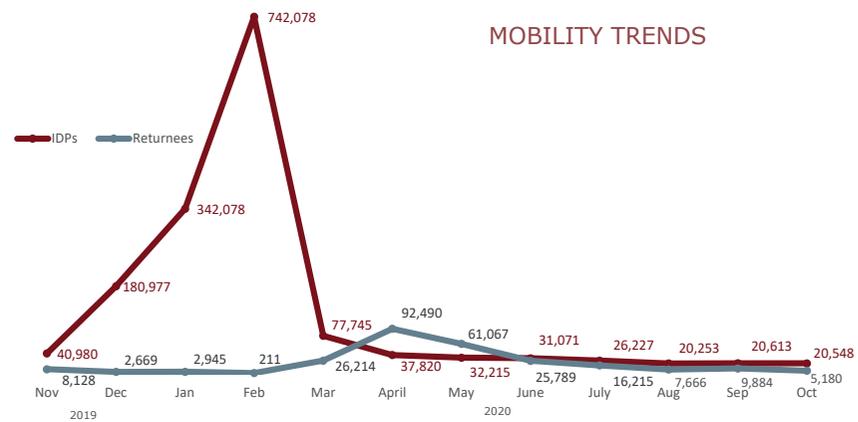
Response

SNFI Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs north-west Syria.

In October, more than 66,000 individuals received NFI assistance in the form of NFI kits, kitchen sets, mattresses, jerry cans, carpets, solar lamps, tarpaulin and blankets.

Shelter needs of over 103,000 people were addressed during October. Of this support, 88% was related the provision of emergency shelter and 12% to shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters.

SNFI continues to actively coordinate with the Health and WASH Clusters, as well as the Early Recovery Cluster and Cash Working Group, to respond to the needs of the IDP population in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Soap and fabric masks are recommended by SNFI to be included in NFI distributions, with the suggestion to procure items locally. In October, **around 5,000 individuals were reached with additional soap distribution** alongside the ongoing provision of NFI assistance.



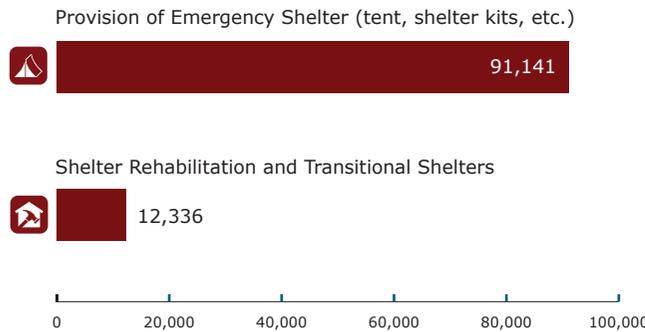
Graph: Number of IDPs in NWS and returnees from within Syria for the past 12 months, as reported by HNAP in October 2020.

Shelter Response

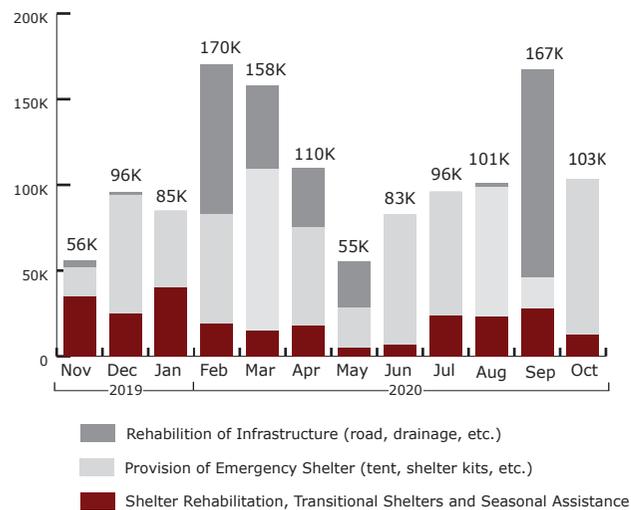


1,132,829 people were reached in 2020 with rehabilitation of infrastructure (320,124 people); provision of emergency shelter (616,968 people); shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters (163,117 people), and seasonal assistance (32,620 people).

People reached in October by sub-activity



People reached in the past 12 months by activity

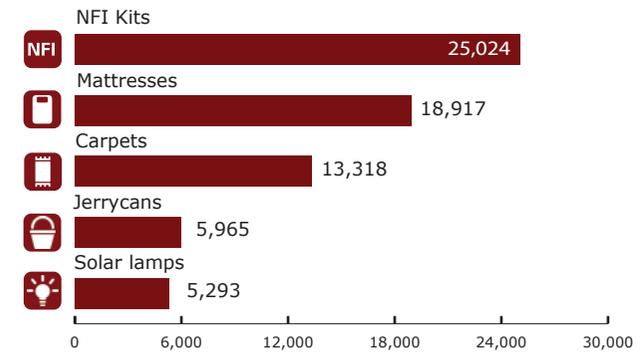


NFI Response

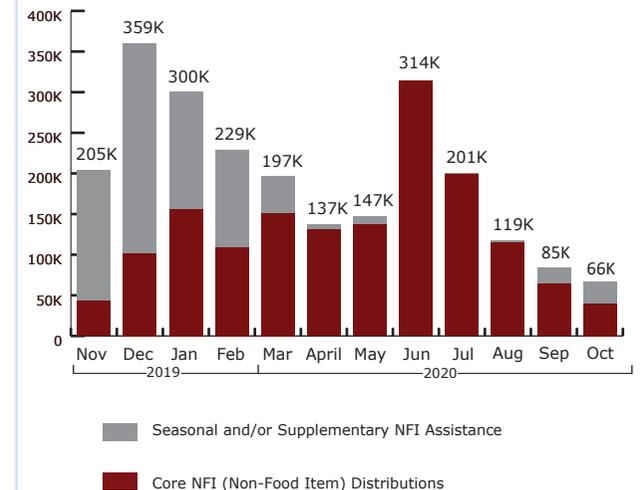


1,836,929 people were reached in 2020 with seasonal and/or supplementary NFI assistance (375,607 people), and core NFI distributions (1,461,322 people).

People reached in October by item (top 5 items)



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



The Shelter/NFI Cluster developed and published a **Guidance Note on Shelter and NFI Kits for NWS**. This document aims to provide detailed, technical guidance for cluster partners on shelter and NFI lifesaving activities.

The guidance note comprehensively outlines the various items and their appropriate usage, as well as **technical specifications, advice on quality control measures and prices**. Details can be found on the emergency shelter kit and comprehensive shelter kit, minimum basic repairs and shelter winterization activities. In addition to information on the new arrival NFI kits, and additions to the NFI kits such as kitchen sets, and winter top-up items (for instance stoves and fuel, winter clothing, and other NFI winter items).

Notably, the last module of the guidance focusses on the **Monetization of Shelter/NFI Activities**. Here the guidance note provides clear recommendations on the monetization of activities, including restrictions and conditions related to the cash modality, as well as suggested durations and value amounts.

In case of questions or feedback related to the guidance note, cluster members are encouraged to reach out to the Cluster Coordination Team.



GUIDANCE NOTE ON THE SHELTER AND NFI RESPONSE IN NORTH-WEST SYRIA

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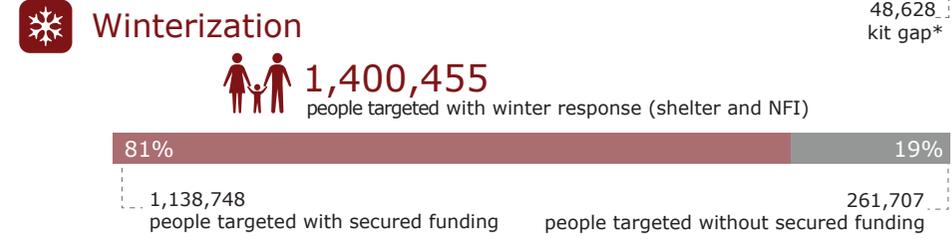
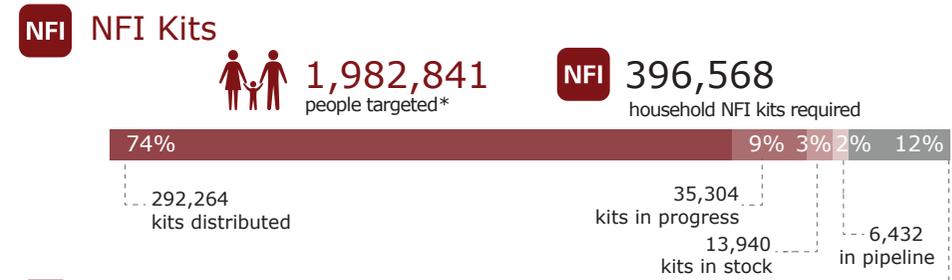
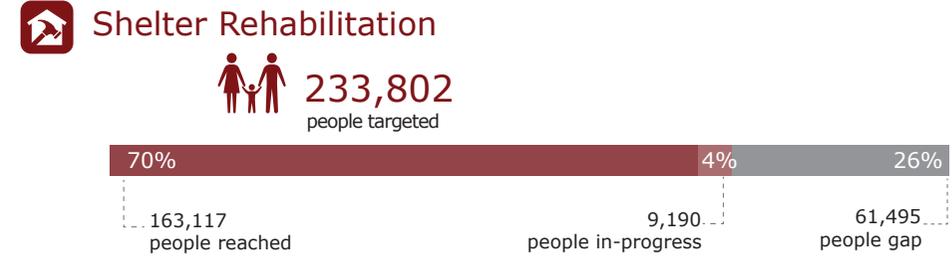
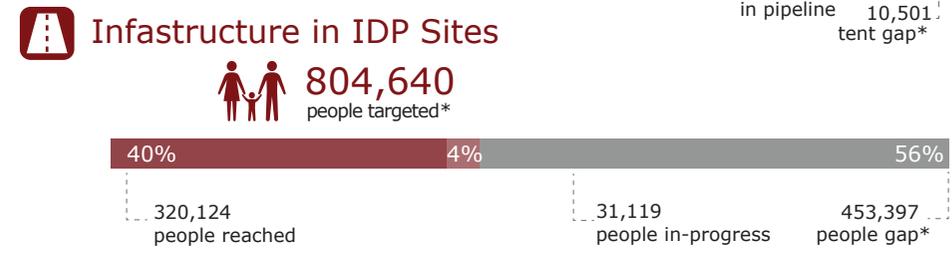


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*The updated targets and resulting gaps for tents, infrastructure, and NFI includes preparedness for an estimated 120,000 individuals in case of a new major displacement.