



North-East Syria Flash update #11

22 December 2019 – 04 January 2020



Picture Credit: UNFPA, SYRIA

Situation Overview

To date, 75,438 people, including 18,860 women of reproductive age, remain displaced from Al-Hassakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Aleppo governorates. 117,132 people have returned to their areas of origin. A large number of this population has been displaced more than once. Displacement continues from conflict-affected areas between Ras al-Ain and Tal Tamer such as Alahras, Alamiriyah, Abu Rasian, Um Alkhair, Dahr Alarab, Almahmoudiya and other villages. Partners formerly in these locations have diverted programs and resources to respond to protection needs of newly displaced populations in Tal Tamer, Al-Hassakeh, Areesha camp, Mahmoudli camp, Ar-Raqqa city and surrounding areas. With the continued drastic drops in temperatures, women and girls are adversely affected by the cold weather as there are dire needs for NFIs that will protect them from the weather.¹



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¹ OCHA Sitrep #12- https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ocha_syria_sitrep_12_nes_1-19nov_final.pdf

Immediate Response

Gender Based Violence (GBV):

- UNFPA through its implementing partners operates a total of 6 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) in NES including: 1 Emergency WGSS in Al-Hol Camp and 1 in Areesha Camp, 1 WGSS in Al-Hassakeh City, 1 in Qamishli and 2 in Raqqa (Ar-Raqqa and Tapqa cities) Governorate.
- UNFPA WGSSs provide a range of GBV services including: GBV Case Management, Psycho-social Support (PSS), GBV awareness raising, vocational trainings, recreational activities, referral to more specialized services such as mental health. The WGSS serve newly displaced women and adolescent girls as well as the people in the host communities.
- The number of operating mobile teams supported by UNFPA is 6: 3 with Alyamama to cover Areesha Camp, Al-Hol Camp and Tabqqa City, 1 with Mar Asia NGO covering Al-Hassakeh City and 2 with BICA covering the collective shelters. A total of 54 collective shelters are covered through the mobile teams.
- UNFPA provides immediate response GBV services integrated with reproductive health services through mobile teams and Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinics and through integrated RH/GBV mobile teams (MTs) to the newly displaced people including referral to existing services in the camps and shelters.

Reproductive Health (RH):

- During the period 22 December 2019 - 4 January 2020, UNFPA and its implementing partners continued the provision of RH services including: pregnancy care, family planning, infectious diseases treatment and care, pediatric, primary health care, PSS, and referral services for **2,676 individuals** in 38 shelters (30 shelters in Al-Hassakeh City and 8 shelters in Rural Hassakeh) in addition to 22 villages in the rural areas of Al-Hassakeh (9 in Rural Tal-Tamer and 13 in Abdul Aziz Mountain), Ar-Raqqa City (Tabqa and Jurinia)
- In Areesha Camp, UNFPA reached **376 women** of reproductive age (WRA), out of which 128 pregnant.
- In Mahmoudi Camp, UNFPA reached **195 WRA**, out of which 72 pregnant.
- TweiHina Camp, UNFPA reached **113 WRA**, out of which 42 pregnant.
- Abou Khashab camp, UNFPA reached **276 WRA**, out of which 108 pregnant.
- To meet the dire needs of the most vulnerable population (women, adolescent girls and children), UNFPA provides ante-natal care (ANC), post-natal care (PNC), family planning (FP), treatment of reproductive tract infections (RTIs) and urinary tract infections (UTIs), pediatric, primary health care (PHC) and referral services, in addition to deliveries.
- With the relocation of people from Mabrouka Camp to Areesha Camp, this has put pressure on the UNFPA RH clinic in Areesha Camp since there is a population of 8,475 that need to have access to the services.
- From the 9th of October 2019 until the 4th of January 2020, UNFPA supported **39 deliveries**: 28 normal deliveries and 11 C-Sections.

Beneficiaries Reached through RH and GBV (Except Al-Hbl Camp)

- **38,357** beneficiaries reached with health services between 09th October and 04th January 2020 (RH, Paediatric & PHC).
- **RH** services were provided to **37,051** WRA (10,904 of them pregnant).
- **Pediatric** services were provided to **1,051 children** due to the dire health needs.
- Primary Health Care services were provided to **255 men** due to the dire health needs.
- **35,400** beneficiaries reached with GBV services between 09th October and 04th January 2020.
- Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS): **5**.
- RH\GBV integrated Mobile teams: **27**.
- RH static clinics: **15**.
- Kits distributed: **36,381**.
- Sanitary Napkin packs distributed: **22,686**.

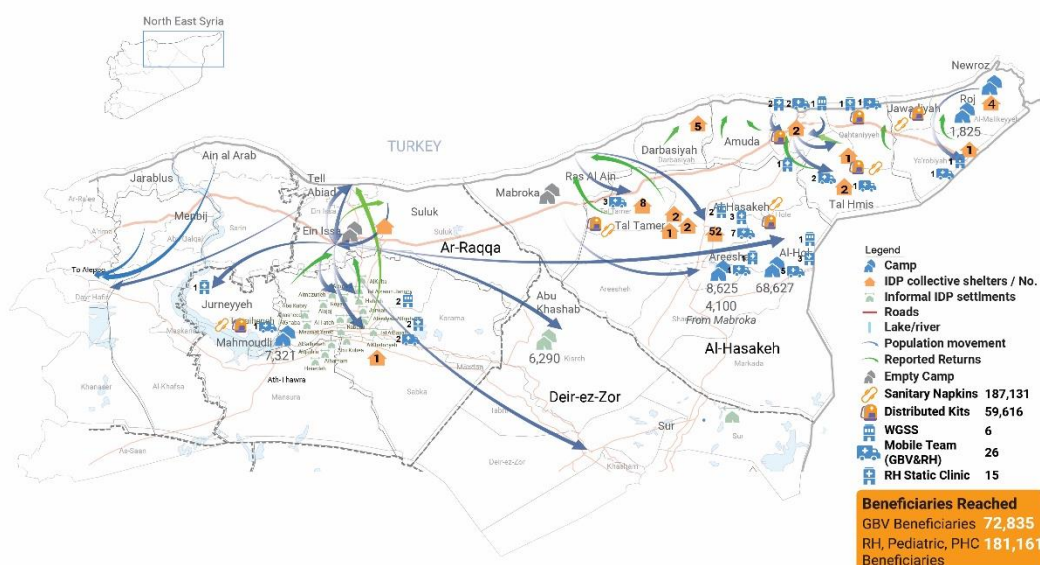
Al-Hbl Camp

UNFPA continues providing integrated RH/GBV services through its Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS) including: PSS counselling, literacy courses, and vocational training. Additionally, ANC, PNC, family planning, treatment of UTIs and RTIs RH services are provided through a maternity clinic which operates 24/7, in addition to 2 RH static clinics, 1 RH MMT and 1 RH/GBV MMT4 RH/GBV mobile teams (MTs), as well as a *hospitainer*.

Literacy classes are provided for women and girls in coordination with UNICEF.

- **180,239 beneficiaries reached** between 13 March 2019 and 04 January 2020.
- **2** RH/GBV integrated mobile teams.
- **2** GBV mobile teams.
- **1** emergency WGSS.
- **1** RH Mobile Team.
- **2** RH Static Clinic.
- **1** Normal Delivery Clinic.
- **1** Hospitainer.
- **23,235 kits²** distributed.
- **164,445 Sanitary Napkins** distributed.

[2 UNFPA Standard Dignity Kit Items](#)



Next in the Response

- Capacity development of humanitarian actors on integrating GBV risk mitigation in humanitarian interventions in NES.
- Distribution of kits and sanitary napkins available in warehouses.
- Rapid assessment of GBV response capacity.

Challenges

- The continued challenges in NES collective shelters include: overcrowding, insufficient supply of winterized clothes to meet the needs, lack of drinking water, GBV and protection concerns such as lack of adequate lighting and common WASH facilities in shelters. Additionally, poor living conditions in collective shelters and lack of livelihood opportunities further put women in protection risks including GBV.

Immediate Needs

The UNFPA funding gap for the NES (including Al-Hol Camp) immediate needs (services and procurement), for the period Jan. - March 2020 is:

Kits: 5,650,300 USD

Services: 1,102,000 USD

Total 6,752,300 USD