

Food and Agriculture Sector Meeting Report

Minutes of 15 October 2017

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Venue: Syria – Damascus – Four Season Hotel – Palmyra Venue

Agenda:

Subject	Agency Presenting	Time
Introductions (of agenda and participants)	All	5 min
Review and approval of previous minutes	All	5 min
Alerts/ongoing emergency response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raqqa update - Deir-ez-Zor update 	Coordinators/OCHA	20 min
Sector update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September Actuals maps ○ November plans 	IMOs/All	10 min
HNO/HRP updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● People in number ● F&AS HRP strategy (Objectives/Targets) ● Project Review (Process/Criteria) 	Coordinators	45 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resilience ● Integration strategy roll-out ● Update on IPC training 	FAO	15 min
	Coordinators	10 min
	Coordinators	5 minutes

Food and Agriculture Response and Plans Updates

AGENCY	Notes/highlights
AKF	<p>September Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical training for 363 farmer’s supervision of farmer field schools in Hama and Tartous. • Distribute local layer hens to 54 women and vet kits and lab screening services to 48 livestock farmers. • Establish 2 farmer field schools on rain crops. • Conduct 3 field day about Sesbania cultivation as one of the alternatives for livestock feed and household best practices of quail and rabbits. <p>Plan for October/December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish green fodder intensive production unit (hydroponic) as a pilot. • Follow up agro-processing, dairy, molasses and home and kitchen gardens and saving groups. • Provide training for livestock and crop farmers and technicians through farmer field schools in Hama and Tartous • Distribute agriculture assistance (wheat, vetch and barley) and drip irrigation to winter crops. • Implementing Cash for Work projects.
FAO	<p>August/September Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 biogas unit out of 36 were established in Hama – home – Latakia and Rural Damascus. • 2279 HHs received tomato seeds in Tartous. <p>October/November Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poultry farm units for income generating business developed for 900 beneficiaries in Homs, Hama, Lattakia, and Tartous. • 25 households will have a Silkworm Breeding as an income generating activities in Tartous. • 500 households will have support and building capacity for beehive and honey production in Aleppo. • 3,400 Households will be provided with Mushroom Production tools in Aleppo • 2 unit of Milk Processing will be installed in Homs and Hama • 100 HHs will be provided with Mushroom Production tools and 50 HHs will be provided with Soap production tools as an income generating activities. • 2,700 HHs will have winter vegetable seeds packages (2,700 HHs, sets of manual vegetable farming tools, olive saplings 25000, and shredders for composting (1 /District = 4 shredders) - irrigation kits for 42 HHs. • Distributing 1,800 vegetable packages in Homs and Rural Damascus in cooperation with UNFPA.

<p>ICRC</p>	<p>September Update (ICRC-SARC joint activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 1 million beneficiaries were reached with food parcels, canned food parcels, bulk food and bread packs • Area and beneficiary selection for the cereal and vegetable seeds program almost finalized, procurement process is at the final stage (30'000 HHs in 10 governorates) • Planning process on-going for the 2018 ICRC-SARC relief and livelihood programs <p>ICRC-SARC Plan for October/November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover over 1 million beneficiaries with various food packages per month, increase response in the North East • Complete the distribution of agricultural inputs (30'000 HHs/10 Governorates) • Launch Post Distribution Monitoring of Agro program • Supporting bakeries and flour mills with new production lines and generators - 6 structural support (production lines - Rural Damascus, Homs, Aleppo)
<p>COOPI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Tender issued for 650 winter and summer seeds with fertilizers and tools for Qatana to be distributed during November 2017
<p>IFRC- in partnership with SARC</p>	<p>Achievement September and plan for October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised the list of communities which will receive vegetable kits (6,000HHs). Details of communities per governorate to be provided later. • Approval got for the distribution of sheep and feed in Hama (300 HHs) and Lattakia (250HHs) • Distribution of 16,509 food parcels (Homs and Aleppo) • Distribution of 13,000 food parcels in Deir Azor <p>Plan for October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of vegetable kits • Launch the tender to purchase sheep • Distribution of 20,000 food parcels according to the needs requested by SARC
<p>MSJN</p>	<p>Achievements for August/September and plan for October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed 5,000 hot meals and 5,000 bread bundle to 5,000 family 5 days a week every month and 22.600 individuals were served in Eastern Aleppo country side (Al-Khafsa - Der Hafer) funded by PLC. <p>8th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed 300 cans of milk and 300 bags of CERELAC to 300 family and 1548 individuals in Der EzZor funded by MSJM • Distributed 5 tons of boiled potatoes and 10,000 boiled eggs to 5,000 family and 27,876 individuals in Der Zor funded by MSJM. <p>30 of September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed 5 tons of boiled potatoes and 10.000 boiled eggs to 5,000 family and 28,287 individuals in Der Zor funded by MSJM • Distributed 5,000 bread bundle to 5,000 family and 28,287 individuals in Der Zor funded by MSJM.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed 1,000 ration to 1,000 family 6,704 individuals in Der Zor funded by DLC. <p>Plan for October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To open a popular kitchen in Deir-ez-Zor for 10,000 families: consortium between MSJM + SARC Deir-ez-Zor and SOS VILLAGES SYRIA.
TDH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for a national tender for the provision and the delivery of 18,500 Parcels is to be issued upon approval by CHF This is change of modality-as initial proposal was for using paper vouchers
UNRWA	
WFP	<p>Achievements August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During Aug 807,762 FRs distributed assisting 4,038,810 beneficiaries. <p>Achievements September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During Sep 666,309 food rations dispatched enough to assist 3,331,545 Beneficiaries (88% of the plan): this includes 5,365 MT of WHF. During Sep, WFP completed the distribution of Normal rations in Raqqa with a plan of 37,100 rations (around 100% completed). The same plan will be implemented in a monthly basis. A contingency plan prepared to cover the evacuee civilians from the city (around 10,000 people). The distribution extended to cover IDPs from DZ either to Hassaka or Raqqa by which WFP covered most of the IDPs communities in: Ein Issa, Tal Abiyad, Journiya, Karama, Tabqa, Abo Khashab, Mabrouka camp, Slouk, Raqqa Farms, Mansoura, Bara camp (Areasha), Malha point, and Al Hol camp. Regarding Malha point, 1000 RTEs have been distributed and additional 2000 RTEs were prepositioned there. <p>Overall notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The operational plan for the period Sep/Nov 17 has been reduced to 3.8 million beneficiaries including IACs. Additional reduction is expected by Dec 17 up to 3.3 million. WFP delivered 14,000 bags of WHF to DZ for direct distribution to beneficiaries especially in Rural Areas. Road deliveries continue: from Tartous and Lattakia to Qameshli carrying food rations, RTEs, WHF, Yeast and Plumpy Doz. WFP opened a warehouse in Aleppo to cover Aleppo's allocation from this central warehouse. 10,000 RTEs been prepositioned in Qameshli for new IDPs and sudden displacements. Additional 5000 RTEs will be delivered soon.

FAO Resilience Concept:

FAO deliver a presentation about [Experiences of FAO in resilience building](#)

NES Responses Updates:

- ✓ A total of **197,540** beneficiaries were reached in September in Ar-Raqqa Governorate, in Tall Abyad, Suluk, Ein Issa, Jurneyyeh, Ath-Thawrah, Mansoura, Karama and Ar-Raqqa sub-districts.
- ✓ A total of **47,192** beneficiaries were reached in September in Al-Hasakeh in Ras Al-Ayn, Al-Hole, and Areesheh sub-districts respectively in Mabruka, Al-Hole, Areesheh Camps, and Areesheh surroundings, with Food Assistance
- ✓ A total of **2,052** beneficiaries were reached in September in Aleppo Governorate, in Menbij sub-district
- ✓ A total of **15,000** beneficiaries were reached in September in Der ez-Zor Governorate, in Kisreh sub-district in Abu Khashab and Mkman

NES Immediate Food assistance Response Plan-October 2017:

- ✓ 9 FSS partners (WFP from Syria Hub and 8 INGOs from NES/Iraq XB Hub) have prepositioned various types of food assistance modalities across the North East Syria Region (RTE covering food needs between 5 to 7 days; GFR covering food needs for a month; Food Vouchers; and Cash Grants) to cover food needs for a total of **434,356** beneficiaries.
- ✓ Additionally, two “micro plans” for both Areesheh and Twehina Transit Camps are being updated to ensure maximum and regular coverage of IDPs arriving and residing in these camps with specific allocations, including back-up responders for new influxes of IDPs.
- ✓ Similar close field coordination mechanisms are being put in place for Tabqa and Mansoura City and Surroundings.
- ✓ Partners continue to heavily preposition stocks in order to respond at scale to the extreme fluidity of the Situation related to the ongoing offensive in Der ez-Zor.

NES Response Gaps and Challenges:

- ✓ Coverage of Menbij District, Al hasakkeh in informal settlements and host communities.
- ✓ Coverage of increasing needs in Tabqa City and surroundings due to large IDPs influxes and heavy strain on host communities already greatly affected by the conflict.
- ✓ Coverage of villages around Raqqa City (north, south, east and west), that have not been either sufficiently or regularly covered or reached at all, due to security risks and large presence of IEDs, UXO and ERWs.
- ✓ Accessing Al-Malha Checkpoints assessed as highly unsafe where increasing numbers of IDPs are arriving daily.
- ✓ The delivery of humanitarian assistance continues to be highly challenging in Twehina informal camp due to the complete absence of a formal and civilian camp management.

SHF Standard Allocation:

- Sector priority activities

- ✓ **Lifesaving Food Assistance**:-Ready to Eat Rations (RTER),cooked meals and monthly rations based on minimum food assistance package developed by the FSA sector.
- ✓ **Quick impact/short term livelihood responses**:-small scale vegetable production; support to poultry production; income generating activities (mushroom production, medicinal plants); and provision of animal feeds for winterization.

- Sector priority target group and location

- ✓ IDP camps, sites, informal settlements and overburdened host communities in Ar Raqqa, Deizor and Hassekeh governorates.

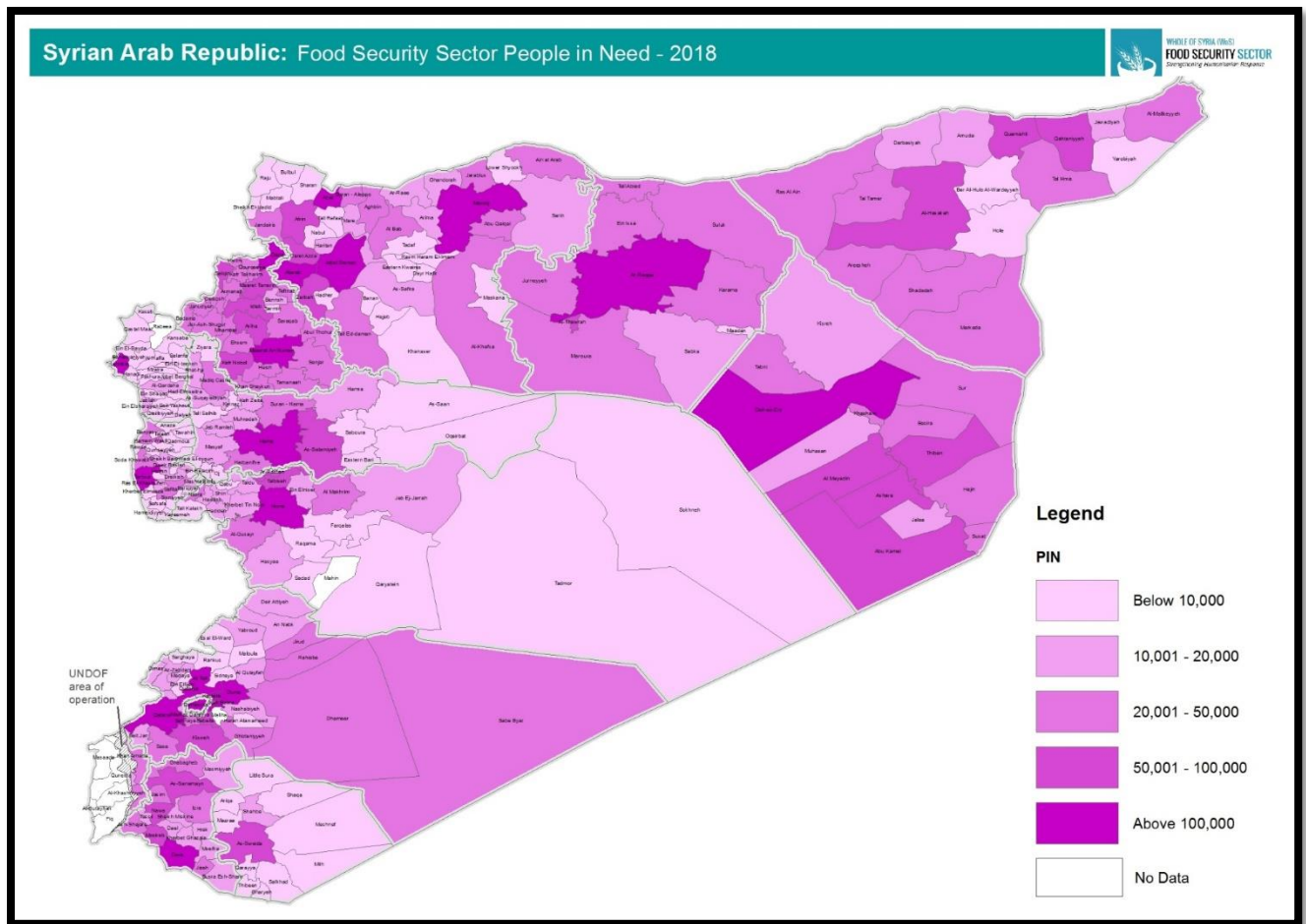
- Some of the identified locations

- ✓ Menbij District, Hassekeh -Informal settlement and host communities
- ✓ Tabqa City-IDPs and host communities.
- ✓ Raqqa city and neighbourhood
- ✓ Al-Malha checkpoints

HNO 2018 Figures:

SYRIA FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR <i>Strengthening Humanitarian Response</i>		Adjusted PIN Summary				% of Population		
Gov PCODE	Governorate	Population	Acute	At Risk	PIN	% Acute	% At Risk	% PIN
SY01	Damascus	1,925,387	550,139	233,792	783,931	29%	12%	41%
SY02	Aleppo	3,570,540	904,684	1,236,770	2,141,454	25%	35%	60%
SY03	Rural Damascus	3,261,246	1,406,700	320,216	1,726,916	43%	10%	53%
SY04	Homs	1,415,805	391,720	216,458	608,178	28%	15%	43%
SY05	Hama	1,466,242	555,951	159,165	715,115	38%	11%	49%
SY06	Lattakia	1,086,781	251,322	142,028	393,350	23%	13%	36%
SY07	Idleb	2,086,051	727,966	629,778	1,357,744	35%	30%	65%
SY08	Al-Hasakeh	1,107,159	330,839	175,970	506,809	30%	16%	46%
SY09	Deir-ez-Zor	895,878	425,594	245,947	671,541	48%	27%	75%
SY10	Tartous	831,522	257,482	97,587	355,069	31%	12%	43%
SY11	Ar-Raqqa	440,276	214,976	169,203	384,178	49%	38%	87%
SY12	Dar'a	898,910	341,375	287,486	628,861	38%	32%	70%
SY13	As-Sweida	328,452	83,001	41,727	124,727	25%	13%	38%
SY14	Quneitra	100,561	45,681	33,979	79,659	45%	34%	79%
GRAND Total		19,414,810	6,487,428	3,990,105	10,477,534	33%	21%	54%

HNO 2018 PIN

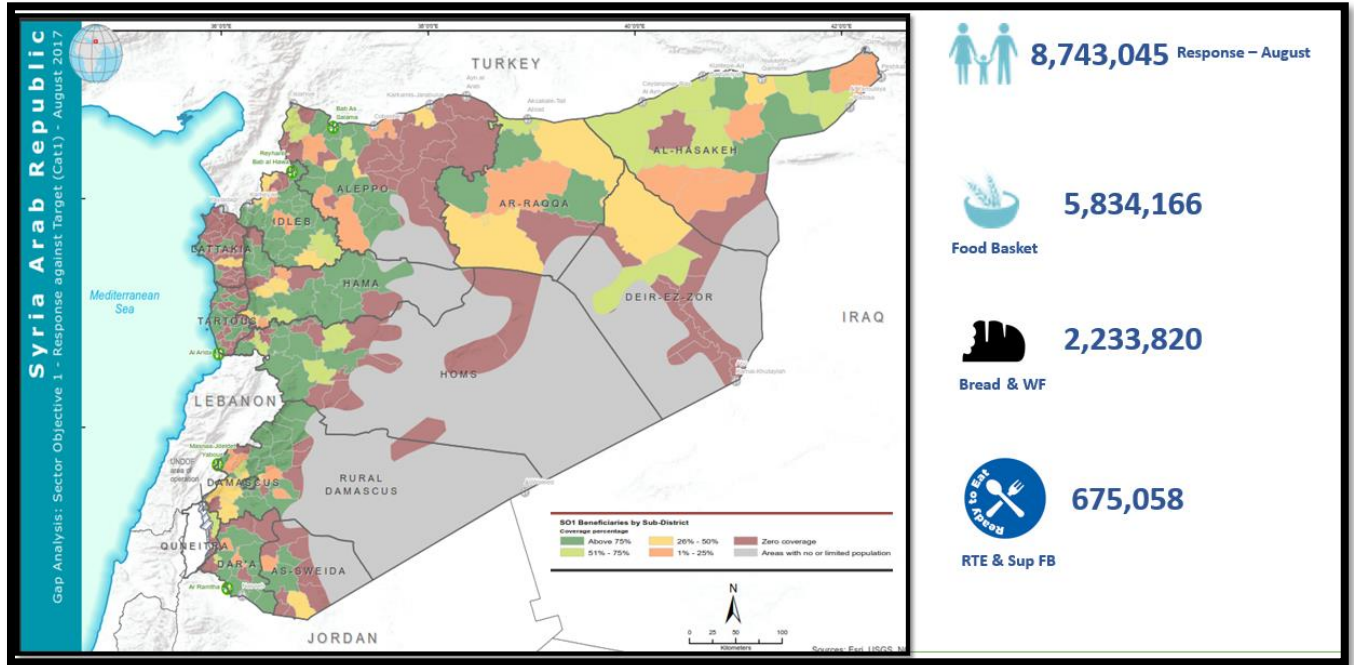


Reminder on HRP Inter-sector guidance:

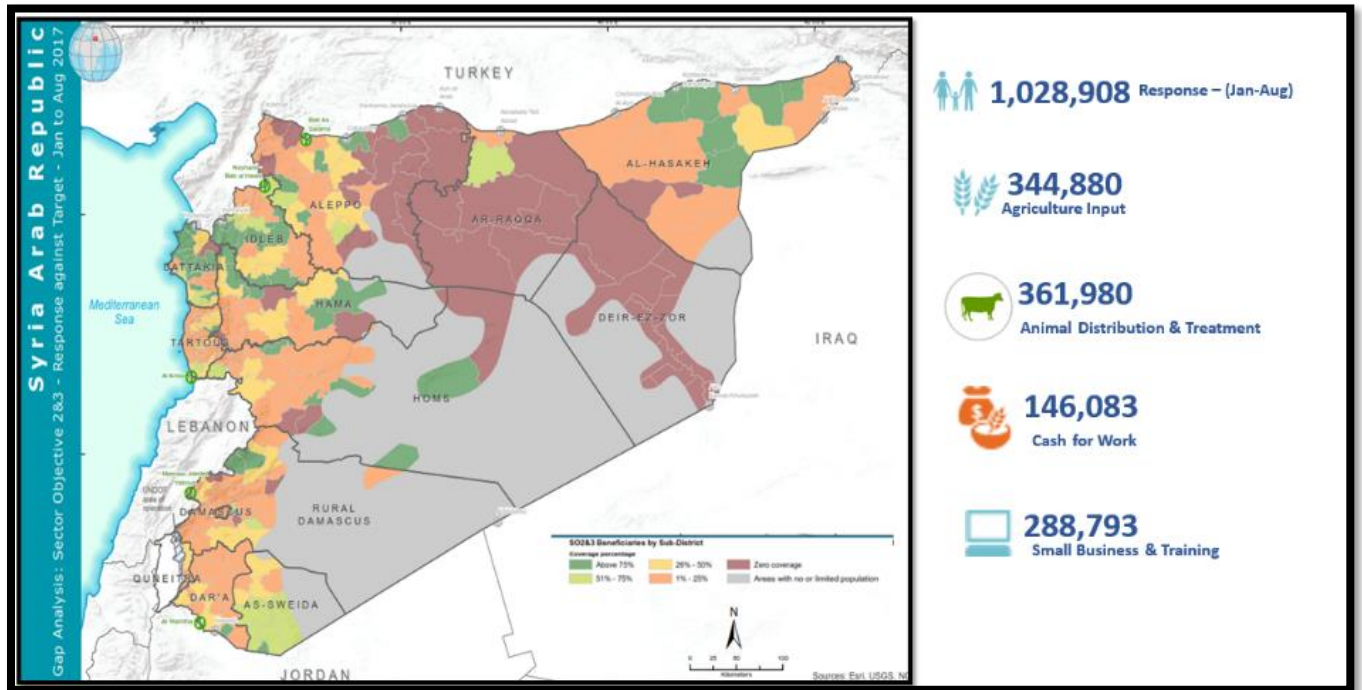
- ✓ HPC and OPS Project Development
- ✓ Protection Mainstreaming
- ✓ Guidance on Protection Risk Analysis for 2018 HRP – English and Arabic
- ✓ WoS Review of Compliance, Impact and Monitoring opportunities for the Syria HRP 2017 Protection Risk Assessment
- ✓ Guidance on Youth and adolescent mainstreaming for the 2018 HRP
- ✓ Guidance on No Lost Generation for the 2018 HRP
- ✓ Presentation on Gender Analysis and Gender Marker and link to :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSK3D0pTd-s> on Gender in Emergencies
- ✓ Glossary of Cash Transfer Programming Terminology by CALP (The Cash Learning Partnership)
- ✓ Key Social Protection Terminologies and definitions
- ✓ Guidance on Resilience Tagging – DRAFT

Coverage and Gaps Analysis:

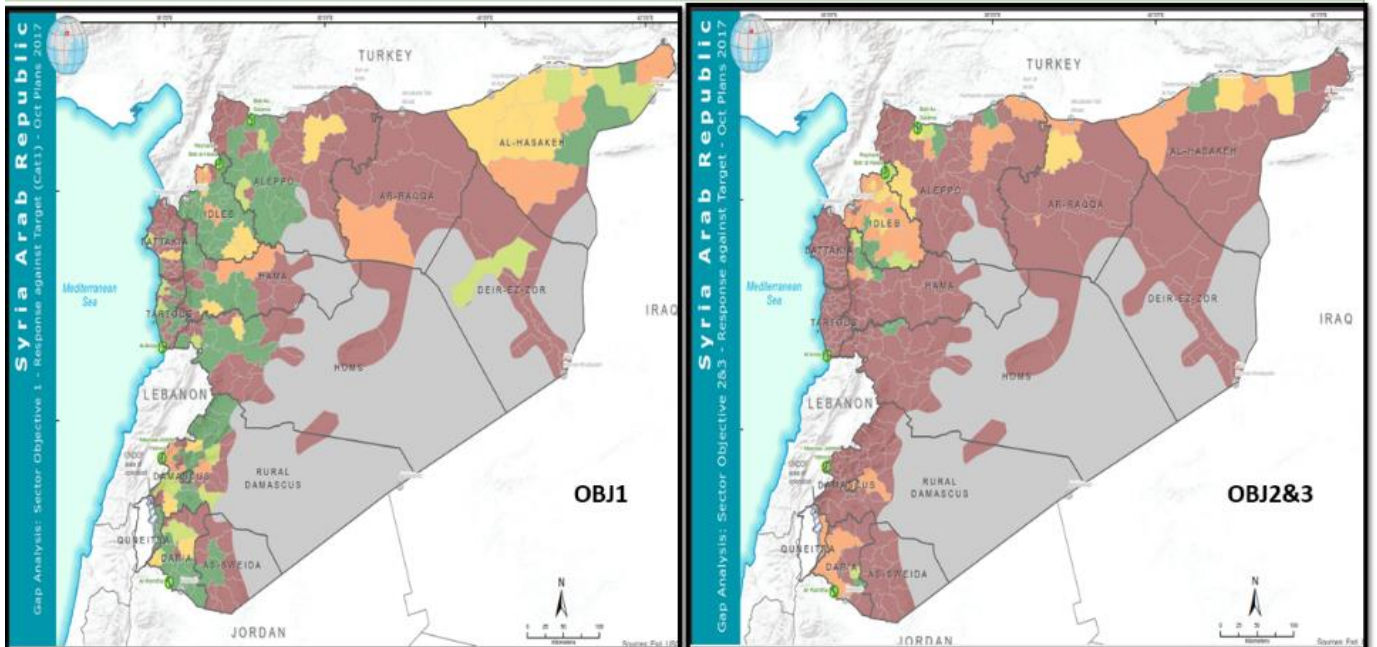
- Sector Objective 1 – WOS August 2017 Cycle



- Sector Objective 2&3 – WOS August 2017 Cycle



WOS October 2017 Plan:



Damascus HUB Maps Links - October 2017

Obj1: <https://goo.gl/6o8qdx>

Obj2&3: <https://goo.gl/tKg6be>

Next Meeting: To be held on 13 November 2017.