

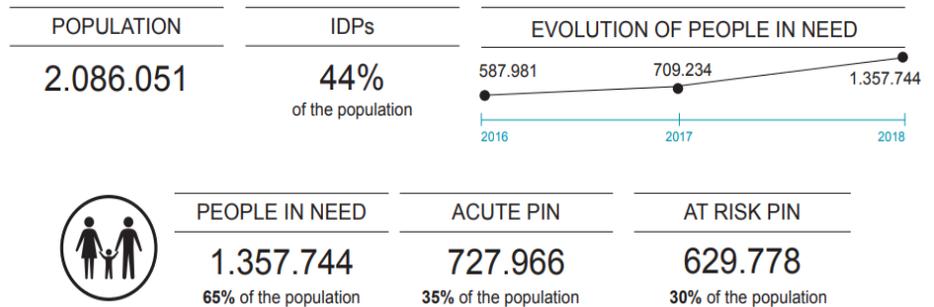


Idleb Situation Report #2

Situation Update

Highlights:

- High concentration of IDPs increasing vulnerability, in particular with displacements from the southern parts;
- Pressure on local markets with expected price increases;
- Unemployment and high inflation rates.



As per Food Security Sector estimates (HNO 2018) almost 65% of the total population in Idleb are People in Need (PiN) which corresponds to 1.36 Million people. Of which 35% are acutely food insecure and 30% are at risk of food insecurity. Nearly half of the population are IDPs (44%) which have been one of the main drivers of food insecurity in Idleb. Thus, the recent developments with massive displacements from the southern parts of the governorate is putting further stress on the food security status of the affected people.

In Idleb governorate, most of the people in need of humanitarian assistance are living in open random and informal settlements while 16% of the displaced people are in the camps. In the camps in Dana sub district number of displaced people is increasing at a rapid rate. A recent Syria Displacement report by ACAP (Assessment Capacity) shows that IDP sites in northern Idleb have reported needs of food, including cooked meals and Ready-to-Eat rations. The IDP influx has increased demand on local markets, which is likely to result in price increases. This is likely to negatively impact both IDPs and the host communities, which is already experiencing widespread unemployment and high inflation rates (OHCHR 12/2017). Negative coping mechanisms relating to food consumption are often reported in IDP camps in Syria (REACH 12/01/18). REACH through its recent reports indicate that displaced and host households are already adopting distress strategies to protect livelihoods and mitigate the gaps in food access in Idleb governorate: slightly less than half of 143 communities assessed reported that children below the age of eighteen were being sent to work or beg to supplement insufficient household incomes.

Latest price monitoring (December edition) by WFP indicates that the average food basket in Idleb governorate is SYP 29,665 (69.8 USD), which is still higher than the national average of 28,415 SYP (66.8 USD) and reduced by 6 percent as compared to November 2017. The average cost of food basket in Idleb was calculated based on the prices collected in 2 locations, thus more data is needed to establish the effects of the escalation of conflict and displacements on the food prices and availability, especially in the hot spot areas.

The needs overview table below shows an analysis drawing from the findings of the core food security indicators from the Food Security and Livelihood Assessment (FSLA) conducted in the summer of 2017. In this analysis, sub districts that have received high proportion of IDPs have been highlighted in orange to indicate high alert. In these sub districts the food security status of households' in such areas is expected to deteriorate and should be prioritized hotspots for improved and well-coordinated response from the cluster.



NEEDS OVERVIEW

Sub Districts	CCCM	HNO 2018	FSLA Core Indicators			
	IDP tracking (22 January 2018))	FSS PiN %	Food Insecure	Average rcsi	LCSI (Crisis and Emergency)	Household Share of Food Expenditure
Heish*	7,070	49%	0%	4	60%	52%
Kafr Nobol	12,494	60%	63%	5	72%	54%
Khan Shaykun	8,852	80%	17%	12	63%	56%
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	28,652	75%	34%	11	63%	59%
Sanjar*	4,672	74%	8%	17	82%	51%
Tamanaah	342	82%	96%	4	48%	48%
Ariha	18,729	75%	20%	7	57%	54%
Ehsem*	9,851	74%	6%	32	61%	51%
Mhambal	7,849	69%	28%	6	81%	62%
Armanaz	7,892	67%	96%	8	59%	65%
Dana	63,744	79%	22%	5	49%	68%
Harim*	390	57%	1%	0	22%	63%
Kafr Takharim	1,750	89%	8%	6	17%	57%
Qourqeena	2,220	55%	19%	17	31%	64%
Salqin*	4,729	50%	1%	21	29%	69%
Abul Thohur	574	59%	28%	11	73%	67%
Bennsh	85	52%	35%	6	49%	67%
Idleb*	12,861	44%	0	0	39%	65%
Maaret Tamsrin	6,009	57%	47%	12	77%	67%
Saraqab	18,117	42%	31%	12	49%	60%
Badama	177	75%	1%	6	45%	65%
Darkosh	68	70%	55%	24	61%	68%
Janudiyeh	1,022	60%	41%	7	57%	70%
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	3,346	70%	82%	1	57%	38%

NOTE:

*Even though food insecure is small percentage as per FSLA, the percentage of marginally food insecure is from 50-99% in these sub districts.

Orange highlight indicates high alert in response and coordination

Yellow highlight indicates alert in response and coordination

RESPONSE AND GAPS

The Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster tracked a total of 221,495 displacements (of which some may be secondary displacements) to Idleb between 01 December, 2017 and 22 January, 2018. However, by the time of the issuance of this sit rep the number of displaced people has further increased to 271,000. In the months of December, 2017 and January 2018, FSL Cluster partners from south Turkey reported

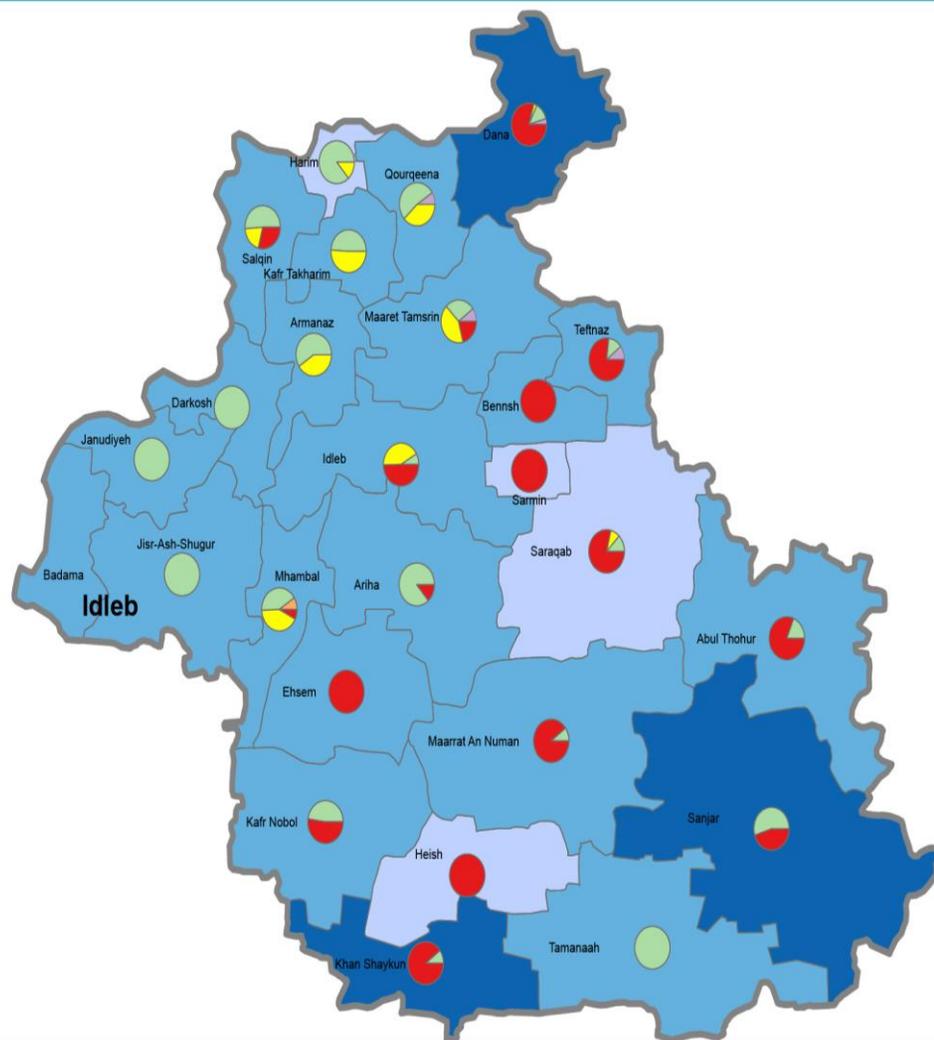


to have responded in some of the sub-districts to which the IDPs moved. As per data received up to January 26th, 2018:

- WFP and 2 NGOs provided Ready to Eat Rations (RTERs) to 129,173 IDPs (116,211 people by WFP and 12,962 people by 2 NGOs),
- 11 NGOs provided monthly Food Rations to 61,115 IDPs.
- 1 NGO provided cooked meals to 6,095 IDPs.
- 2 NGOs provided bread to 883 IDPs
- 2 NGOs provided Multi-Purpose Grants (MPGs) to 24,540 IDPs.

The table below on Needs, Response and Gaps indicates that in several locations response seems higher or lower than the reported number of IDPs. The cluster is following up with partners, especially in areas where the reported response is much lesser than reported IDPs to further verify the numbers and to reconcile the January data. The table also provides an overview of planned response in February as shared with the cluster. It is important to also highlight that in sit rep 1, the cluster highlighted the need for animal feed distribution as many IDPs have reportedly moved with their livestock. In February, cluster partners reported to have a plan for animal feed distribution for up to 1170 households (7025 people).

Needs by Sub-district (Number of IDPs)		Response and Gaps (Number of IDPs)											
		Animal feeds		Bread distribution		Cooked meals	Food Baskets		MPGs		RTERs		
Sub-district	CCCM IDP Tracking 22 January 18	Planned	Completed	Planned	Completed	Completed	Planned	Completed	Planned	Completed	Planned	Completed	
Heish	7,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	295	-
Kafr Nobol	12,494	-	-	-	-	155	5,000	-	-	-	-	170	-
Khan Shaykun	8,852	-	-	-	-	280	-	-	-	-	-	2,505	-
Ma'arrat An Nu'man	28,652	-	-	1,000	-	2,380	-	-	-	-	-	20,890	-
Sanjar	4,672	-	-	-	-	10,798	-	-	-	-	-	8,890	-
Tamanaah	342	-	-	-	-	905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ariha	18,729	-	-	-	-	994	-	-	-	-	-	156	2,000
Ehsem	9,851	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-
Mhambal	7,849	1,850	545	-	-	2,500	-	2,510	-	-	-	450	1,750
Armanaz	7,892	1,200	-	-	-	4,585	-	3,160	-	-	-	-	-
Dana	63,744	1,375	206	20,690	3,074	9,433	-	2,045	-	-	-	56,247	13,920
Harim	390	-	-	-	-	5,035	-	785	-	-	-	-	-
Kafr Takharim	1,750	-	-	-	-	150	-	155	-	-	-	-	-
Qourqeena	2,220	-	-	-	853	4,993	-	3,630	-	-	-	-	-
Salqin	4,729	-	-	-	-	3,135	-	1,205	-	-	-	1,780	-
Abul Thohur	574	-	-	-	-	1,039	-	-	-	-	-	4,481	-
Bennsh	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,656	1,055
Idleb	12,861	1,100	-	500	-	294	5,500	1,480	-	-	-	1,740	5,300
Maaret Tamsrin	6,009	525	132	500	1,718	4,780	5,500	7,140	-	-	-	3,605	9,515
Saraqab	18,117	325	-	40,155	-	3,588	-	2,430	-	-	-	22,399	-
Sarmin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	594	2,000
Teftnaz	-	-	-	-	450	535	-	-	-	-	-	3,274	265
Badama	177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darkosh	68	350	-	-	-	1,745	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janudiyeh	1,022	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	3,346	300	-	-	-	3,781	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	221,495	7,025	883	62,845	6,095	61,115	16,000	24,540	-	-	-	129,173	35,805



STOCKS AVAILABLE

- WFP has a current stock of 22,000 RTERs (110,000 people) in Idlib and Aleppo, with an additional stock of 16,200 RTERs (81,000 people).
- WFP has also increased its monthly allocation of Food Rations by 8,500 to scale up its response, especially in the camps of Dana. Additionally, 5,000 Food Rations are being redirected from Sanjar to Abul Thohur for these areas where majority of IDPs have arrived.
- Available stock inside Syria as reported by other FSL Cluster partners
 - ✓ 2,260 RTERs in Idlib
 - ✓ 1,116 Food Rations
 - ✓ 10,000 RTERs will be available by early February



CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

- As GoS is advancing towards the strategic towns of Saraqeb and Maarat An-Numan in central Idleb the fragile security situation led to the suspension of food distributions for 20,000 people for two days. Moreover, food distributions in Sanjar and Abul Thohur in eastern Idleb for 25,000 people remain suspended since early January. In response, WFP is shifting the allocation to IDP camps in northern Idleb, where the majority of the displaced families have reportedly arrived.
- The United Nations' transshipments of humanitarian assistance through Bab al Hawa border crossing have resumed, however transshipment operations at the Bab al Salam border crossing remain closed. The closures come as a result of recent security developments with the Turkish offensive. WFP was able to complete January dispatches prior to the suspension, achieving 100 percent of the plan to delivering food assistance for about 435,000 people in Aleppo, Idleb, and Hama governorates through Turkey.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- FSL cluster partners are requested to conduct Rapid Needs Assessments and Price Monitoring wherever feasible with recommended tools and share their data/findings with the members.
- Partners are also requested to align their response with sector recommended package and targeting criteria.
- Partners are requested to share their capacity, pipelines, response and challenges with the FSL cluster in south Turkey and to coordinate closely in covering the needs especially in the sub districts under alert.
- Sector recommends blanket coverage for newly displaced people with Ready to Eat Meals for up to first few weeks and then to move such caseload to regular monthly food rations based on sector recommended vulnerability criteria.
- Multi-Purpose Cash Grant should be well coordinated with food response to either cover critical geographic gaps or to complement in kind assistance to access top up fresh food for the most vulnerable caseload.
- Close coordination needed with nutrition, S/NFI and CCCM to triangulate numbers and respond multi sectorally.
- The FSL cluster in south Turkey hub has developed an operational plan for with an estimated caseload of 250,000 newly displaced people to cover the needs over the next three months. Partners that have secured resources/pipeline are requested to highlight it to sector to take that into view in the 3 months' plan.