

In the evening, Anwar, 49, and his family watch TV in their home in Darashkran refugee camp in northern Iraq, to check what is going on in Syria, their home. They eagerly look for a glimmer of hope pointing to an end to the prolonged conflict that has displaced millions within Syria and to neighbouring countries, since 2011. But to Anwar, nothing seems to indicate the end is near. "We do not know where the situation in Syria is headed. We have grown tired of it," said Anwar, whose family of six is among the more than 200,000 Syrian refugees living in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Anwar and his family, who fled from Qamishli, are trying to find a new dream to follow, as they rebuild their lives. Many Syrian refugees integrated into communities in northern Iraq and found jobs or established their own businesses, aided by the fact that many speak Kurdish, like their host community, and share similar culture, customs and traditions. "We consider ourselves to be among family and friends here, especially because my family and friends are close to us in this camp or nearby. Many people think of migrating to Europe because they are in a critical financial situation; if they received support to start a business, or found a job, they would stay here," Anwar concluded. Anwar runs a bakery at Darashkran camp with the help of his two daughters, Robeen and Shireen. IOM assisted Anwar in establishing the bakery in June 2018 with funding provided by PRM. IOM's partner, UNIDO, provided equipment and business development training. Anwar has obtained a hygiene certificate from the Kurdistan Regional Government's Department of Health, as well as a business license; he is already baking and selling his products. "I want to establish my own bakery brand, such as the famous Abu Afif sweets in Erbil and Baghdad. I sell my products for 3,000 Iraqi Dinars per kilogram, which is almost half the price of what is found in the market in Erbil, because I want to be competitive to sell more and have people recognize and appreciate my products."



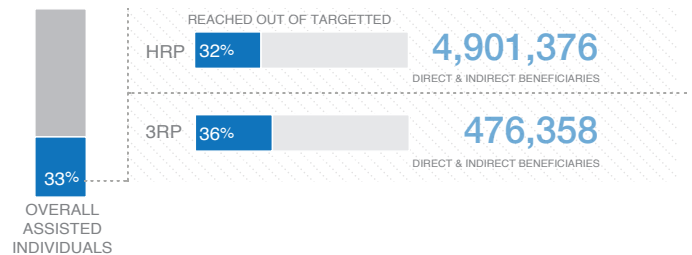
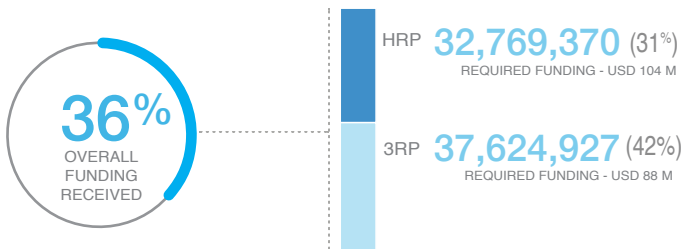
Anwar and his daughters make different types of cookies. © IOM 2018 (Photo: Raber Y. Aziz)

## USD 70.4 M

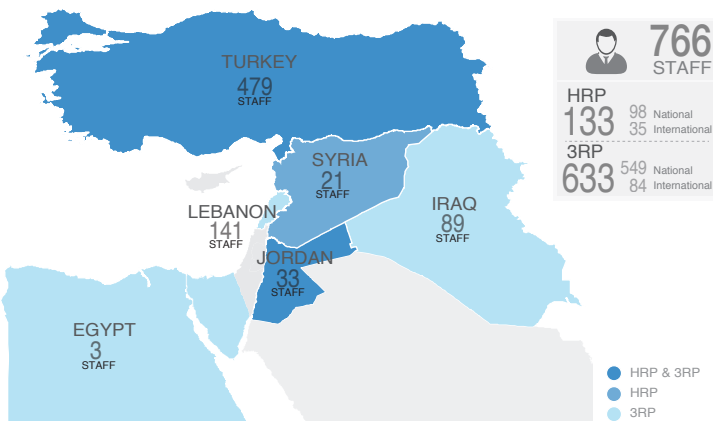
Funding received of USD 193 M required

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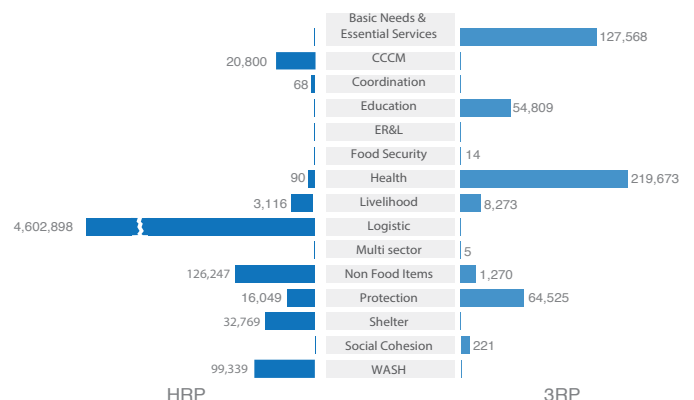
Assisted individuals of 16.4 M targeted



### IOM PRESENCE

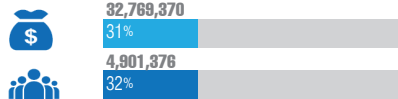


### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



# IOM WHOLE OF SYRIA RESPONSE (HRP) - AT A GLANCE

## HRP - RESPONSE



Although the security situation inside Syria witnessed some stability after the Sochi Agreement between Turkey and Russia in September, armed attacks and changes in the political environment inside Syria continue to take place. This adds more complexity to humanitarian planning and jeopardizes humanitarian partners' access.

According to the UN, over 30,000 individuals got newly displaced in October 2018, mostly in North West and North East Syria. The top three displacement sub-districts were Zurbah in Aleppo Governorate, Hajin in Deir-ez-Zor Governorate, and Ma'arrat An Nu'man in Idlib Governorate. 22 per cent of the IDPs are staying in

abandoned buildings and 18 per cent in self-settled camps, which highlights the continuous need for shelter and CCCM support. Non-food items are especially a priority need in Idlib (46%), Ar-Raqqa (35%) and in Rural Damascus (27%). The number of returnees continues to increase, and in October, nearly 89,000 people returned to their communities of origin, mostly to governorates in the South and North West of the country. 95 per cent of these individuals returned from locations within Syria and only five per cent from other countries. Returnees' priority needs include livelihood (54%), basic services (50%) and health (48%).

**Shelter:** In October, IOM's partners

distributed shelter units to 22 households (131 individuals, 51% of whom are females). The households also received transportation services from their original location to new shelter sites. In addition, 172 households (794 individuals) at an IDP collective centre received shelter rehabilitation assistance. Rehabilitation works included replacing and repairing of damaged windows, doors and ceilings, mostly caused by adverse weather conditions.

**CCCM:** On 16 October, a newly established camp supported by IOM and CCCM partners in North West Syria received the first beneficiaries, 34 IDP families (144 individuals) who moved from reception centres. IOM's implementing partners have provided camp management activities, such as registration, establishment of feedback mechanisms, water trucking and desludging. Moreover, in coordination with other partners, multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance is being delivered to IDPs in the camp on a daily basis, which includes distribution of food, NFIs, protection, health and nutrition services.

The context in Northwest Syria was re-evaluated and in coordination with the CCCM Cluster, it was agreed on to prioritize relocating vulnerable IDPs from congested sites to the newly established camp. Community sensitization and vulnerability screening was completed in 43 congested IDP sites in Northwest Syria to identify IDP families who are eligible and willing to move to the camp. In November, IDPs assessed as eligible are planned to be relocated.



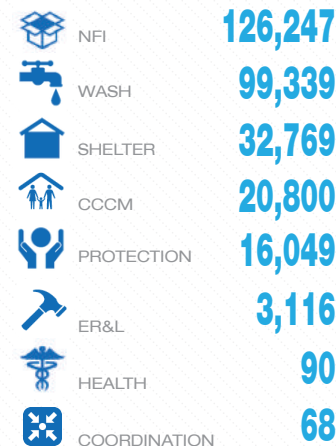
Fatmaa and her family at an IOM camp, Idlib. © IOM 2018

## OVERVIEW

### BENEFICIARIES REACHED

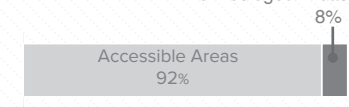


### REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



### REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



### GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



### Through Their Eyes

*Fatmaa is originally from rural Idlib but has moved around a lot in her adult life for different reasons. After meeting Ibrahim and marrying him, she moved to Damascus with him and then later on they relocated to Al Hassakeh, where they settled and had five children. As conflict broke out in the area, the family fled to Idlib and stayed close to Fatmaa's parents for support. The family could only afford to rent a tiny one-room house, with a leaking roof that let in the cold in winter. One day, Ibrahim went out to get fuel for the fire and never returned home. Devastated, Fatmaa carried on and struggled to find a way to support her five children. Layered with blankets in a freezing house, the family made it through the winter. Fearful of the future for her children, she accepted a marriage proposal from another man and had two more children. Her marriage was unhappy and her husband extremely unsupportive of her children from her first marriage. When he began refusing to support Fatmaa's children, she decided to escape. Using the last remaining money she had, Fatmaa ran away. She made it to a nearby camp supported by IOM and CCCM partners, which offers basic vital services to newly displaced people when they are in their most vulnerable moment. Providing shelter facilities, clean water, and MHPSS services, the camp has given Fatmaa some much needed space to breathe. The children have some routine, meeting other children who have been through similar experiences and spending their time playing in the playground outside. Fatmaa worries for her long-term future but is determined to see her children in education. "I can't wait to see them at school. I'd feel so proud."*

### SECTOR ICONS

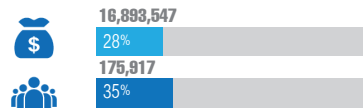


### ABBREVIATIONS USED

- CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management
- ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods
- HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan
- IBC - International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation
- IDP - Internally Displaced Persons
- MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
- NFI - Non-Food Items
- WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- SRP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

# IOM SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE (3RP) - AT A GLANCE

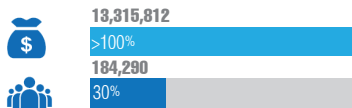
## TURKEY



**Social Support Services:** With funding from PRM, IOM continues support the IBC foundation in providing Syrian refugees in Turkey with improved access to information for services, increase overall reported wellbeing and building capacities of both refugee and host communities in the district of Sultanbeyli, Istanbul. Between 1 and 31 October, 531 individuals attended legal awareness and information dissemination sessions; 118 persons took part in Turkish and English Language courses; 260 beneficiaries benefitted from MHPSS activities including group and individual counselling sessions; and 270 Syrian refugees and host community members participated in intercultural events provided by IBC.

**School Transportation:** As agreed with Ministry of National Education, IOM is providing school transportation assistance to 8,297 students in Adana (5,170), Mersin (2,814), Sakarya (198), and Yalova (155).

## JORDAN

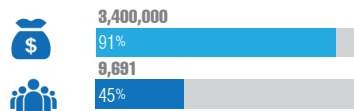


**Winterization Assistance:** Preparations are ongoing to provide winterization cash assistance to 1,500 Syrian refugee and Jordanian families facing extreme vulnerabilities for the upcoming winter season. IOM is coordinating closely with UNHCR and the Winterization Task Force to prioritize families with specific protection vulnerabilities, who are not supported through regular cash programmes. Selected families will receive one-time cash support to meet their most urgent winter needs, or to offset costs incurred for up-front winterization investment. IOM will distribute winterization assistance through the Common Cash Fund, an innovative platform through which UN agencies and I/NGOs deliver cash assistance to Jordan's most vulnerable refugees living outside of camps.

**Trainings for National Authorities:** Two trainings on first aid and the use of emergency trauma bags engaged 42 frontline officers from the Jordanian authorities during October 2018. This initiative helps ensure preparatory measures are in place to provide adequate medical response in border areas and remote sites where no clinic exists. Participants were trained in CPR; AED; response to injuries related to respiratory and musculoskeletal

systems; splinting; wounds; bleeding; burns; injuries related to the weather and environment; and triage, among other topics.

## IRAQ

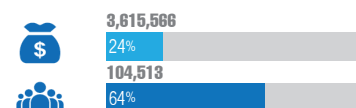


**Livelihoods:** During the reporting period, IOM interviewed and profiled potential new livelihood assistance beneficiaries who had been identified and referred by the mayors and local authorities, other Syrian businesses, and from the camp management for in-camp businesses.

After the profiling phase and based on the programme selection criteria, IOM has selected 188 beneficiaries in Dohuk (70), Sulaymaniyah (69), and Erbil (49) who will receive the business enhancement service including business development trainings, vouchers to a cash payment system, and cash allowance in November 2018.

Furthermore, in October, IOM disbursed 32 livelihood cash allowances for agriculture of USD 1,000 each to 32 individuals in Erbil (21), Sulaymaniyah (7), and Dohuk (4) who had previously received training in agriculture (basic greenhouse skills and pesticide safety). The allowance is intended to help them put in place what they learned during the training sessions.

## LEBANON



**MHPSS:** During October, IOM MHPSS team provided psychosocial support services to both Syrian refugees and Lebanese hosting communities. The activities were implemented in the two Counselling and Recreational Centres established by IOM: Dari Centre in Baalbek (Beqaa) and Al Multaqa Centre in Bissariyeh (South), as well as in several informal tented settlements.

During the reporting period, 493 individuals (164 women, 172 girls and 157 boys) benefitted from psychosocial services such as individual and group counselling, focus-group discussions, awareness raising sessions, storytelling, educational and recreational activities, and art-mediation activities.



Jordanian frontline officers participating in a First Aid training. © IOM 2018 (Photo: IOM Jordan)

