

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of people in Al-Hol camp has reached 73,477 individuals, out of which 64,087 have arrived after 4th of December as a result of security situation in North-East Syria. With this high number of people as well as random installment of tents by residents, the camp capacity has been overstretched. In order to accommodate the whole population of Al-Hol camp in family tents, there is a need for 19,000 tent plots, while the camp capacity is 14,500 tent plots. Advocacy for extension of camp is taking place by humanitarian actors. Shelter sector partners have been extending various shelter support activities; to date 209 big size tents, 9 rub halls and more than 10,905 family tents have been installed.
- A meeting between Rural Damascus governorate and UNHCR/Rural Damascus SO was held, in which the Governorate informed that families started returning to Daryaa. To-date number of already returned IDP families to Daryaa is between 200 and 400 family. Another 5,000 IDP families have received approvals to return. The Governorate encouraged partners to provide humanitarian assistance to the returnees as there is a need for all kinds of assistance, especially rehabilitation of damaged houses and infrastructures by shelter partners.
- 3,600 individuals have left Rukban camp to Homs governorate, firstly
 they were accommodated in collective shelters before returning back
 to their areas of origin or joining relative host families mainly in
 Qariatien and Hesyah. Still, there are 1,200 individuals in 4 collective
 shelters, to which SARC has access.
- A Technical Working Group (TWG) has been formed to revisit the "Unit Rate of Shelter Activities". This document was drafted early 2017, and deemed by shelter partners to need update. The TWG held its meeting on the 23rd of April and came up with an updated document. The new version will be discussed in the coming shelter sector meeting for finalization and endorsement.

OVERALL FIGURES



Total no. of people covered with emergency and durable shelter support in Syria as of April 2019

TARGET 1,591,516

REACH **55,700**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE COVERED WITH VARIOUS SHELTER SUPPORTS

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVISION



EMERGENCY SHELTER REHABILITATION



DURABLE SHELTER SUPPORT



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GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Access and safety are the key challenges in some parts of the country as well as partner capacity and heavy processes along with funding constraints;
- Increasing needs, diminishing coping capacities
 of both the IDPs and host communities, and
 limited financial resources of the government to
 provide shelter compensation require sector partners to scale up operational presence;
- Shelter and infrastructure needs are huge and the Shelter Sector partners collectively do not have capacity to meet all the needs;
- Issues related to the loss of occupancy documents deprived some population from accessing shelter supports;
- Opportunities for systematic field-based data collection remain very limited due to access or authorization restrictions, resulting in incomplete needs analysis in some areas.

The crisis in Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that has displaced around 6.2 million people in various parts of the country. As per the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview, around 11.7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 4.7 million people are in need of shelter support and other multi-sectorial assistance. Due to the protracted nature of the crisis, many of both displaced and host communities become more vulnerable and their ability to cope and find safe and durable shelter solutions have been greatly affected. The humanitarian community has been challenged to both provide emergency and life-saving shelter solutions while building back community cohesion and resilience through provision of adequate shelter assistance

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HUMANITARIAN STORY



"Living in displacement, Om Mohammad says, is not easy"

After seeking safety with her family in Afrin, the 67-year-old woman had to flee violence again with her sick husband and daughter's family heading to Tal Refaat.

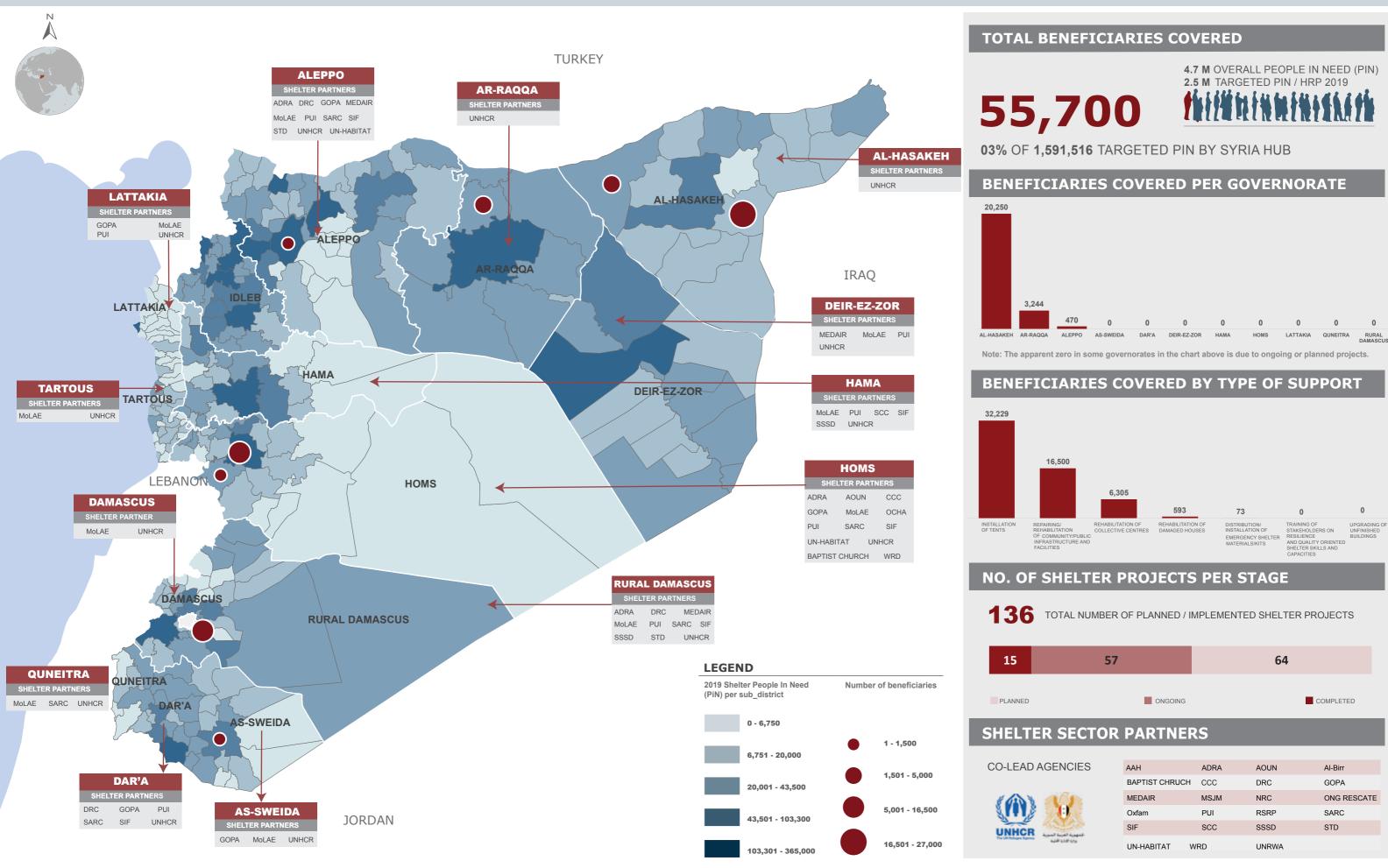
Om Muhammed is among some 4,000 displaced Syrians in Tal Refaat who benefited from UNHCR's shelter kits in the month of May. 1,600 shelter kits were used to install doors and windows in unfinished buildings to ensure family's like Om Muhammed can live in comfort and safety.



SYRIA: SHELTER SECTOR RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

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