



IDP SHELTER SITUATION IN NORTH-WEST SYRIA

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Methodology

Between late September and mid-October 2022, the Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme (HNAP) conducted a nationwide demographic household (HH) survey for Internally Displaced (IDP) households across all 14 governorates of Syria. Fieldwork was carried out through face-to-face interviews by experienced HNAP field teams who were trained on coded surveys by data collection experts. Using Kobo Toolbox, the survey collected data on key demographic and socio-economic indicators, representative at the country, governorate and sub-district level.

The sample frame was sourced from the list of (p-coded) locations, updated by OCHA in August 2020, while the IDP population figures were obtained from HNAP's population baseline, updated in August 2022. IDP households were estimated considering an average household size of 5 members throughout the country. In total, 1,327,051 IDP households (6,635,257 individuals) living in 232 sub-districts were considered for the sample frame. Accordingly, a stratified random sample of 20,107 IDP households were selected to be interviewed and were

ultimately assessed, representative of the Syrian IDP population at sub-district level and location type (camps and non-camps), with a 95% confidence interval and a 10% margin of error.¹ Although the scope of data collection was across the whole of Syria, this report only utilizes the data collected in select locations across 39 sub-districts² in Idleb and northern Aleppo, comprising north-west Syria (NWS). In total, 5,885 IDP households were interviewed in NWS.

Weights were calculated with reference to the population estimates at sub-district level and by location type. The design weights were computed as the inverse of the probability of inclusion of each household. These weights were then adjusted to represent the exact population of households living in each sampling strata.

The figures in the report are weighted population estimates, i.e., they represent the reference population not the sample population. Figures on absent members rely on the recall of the interviewed households, and as such may not be representative of the entire absent population.

An IDP household is a household who has been forced to flee their location of origin to another location within Syria for at least one month. They are either displaced from one location in Syria to another, or displaced within Syria after having had returned from abroad.

Please note, the geographical scope of this joint-report is north-west Syria (NWS), which is considered for operational purposes, and therefore only includes relevant sub-districts in Idleb and northern Aleppo. For the purposes of this joint-report, 'NWS' differs from the way in which it was reported for HNAP's Summer 2022 Report Series.

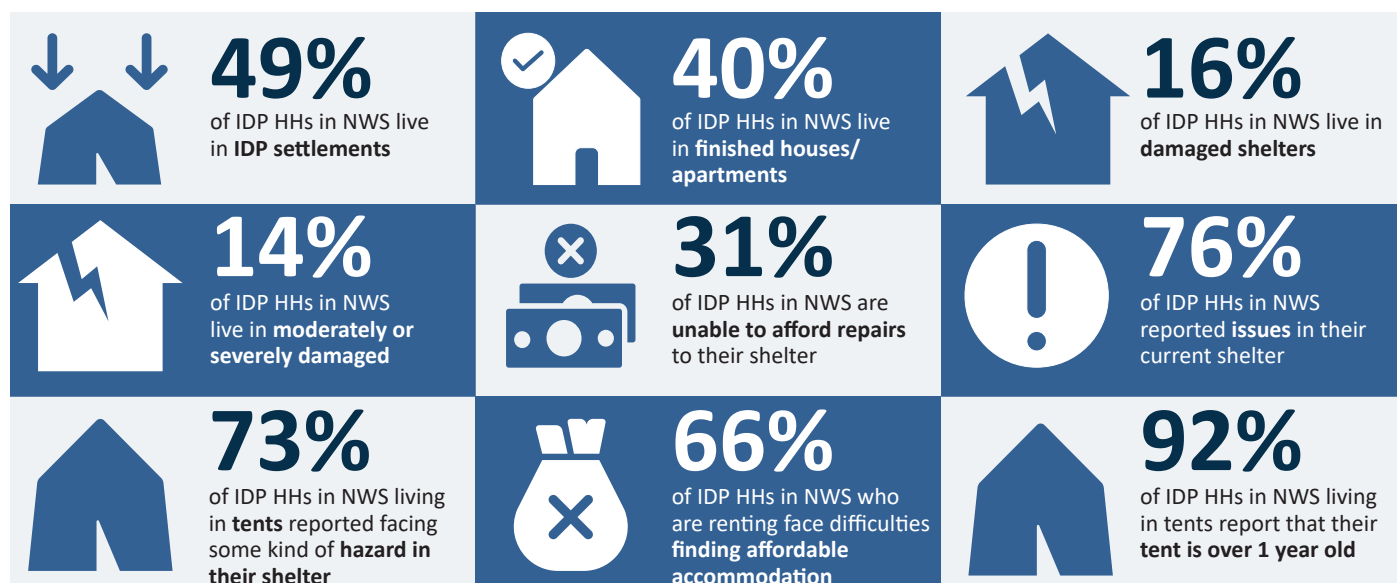
Survey questions pertaining to shelter situation were designed in conjunction with NWS Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster (S/NFI), who provided technical expertise and guidance. This report - a joint HNAP and S/NFI report - provides an overview of shelter conditions across the north-west of Syria.

KEY FINDINGS

This fact-sheet investigates shelter conditions across north-west Syria. Specifically, the following areas are explored: shelter types; settlement types; shelter damages; problems or issues

reported in shelters; hazards; evictions; occupancy status, tent status, rental conditions and access to fuel and markets.

Key findings are summarized below:



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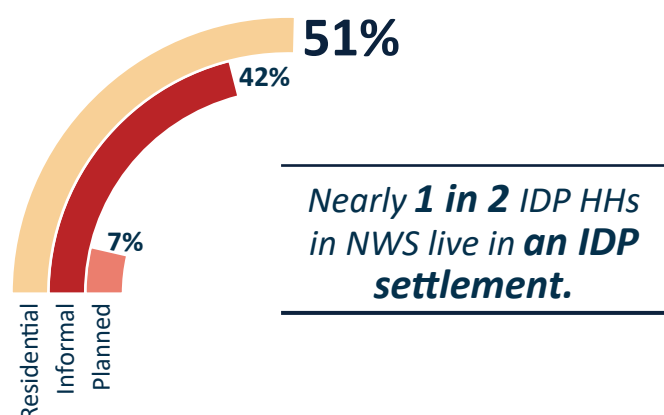


¹ For a more detailed sampling methodology, please do not hesitate to contact us at hnap-syria@un.org.

² For the list of sub-districts included in the analysis for this report, please see the Annex on the last page.

Settlement and shelter type

TYPE OF SETTLEMENT IN NWS (% IDP HHs)



Aleppo



Idlib



Residential area

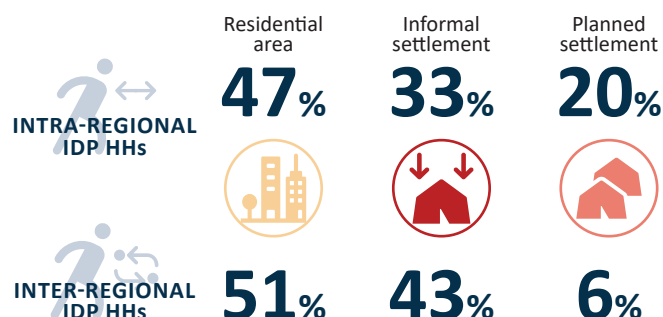


Informal settlement



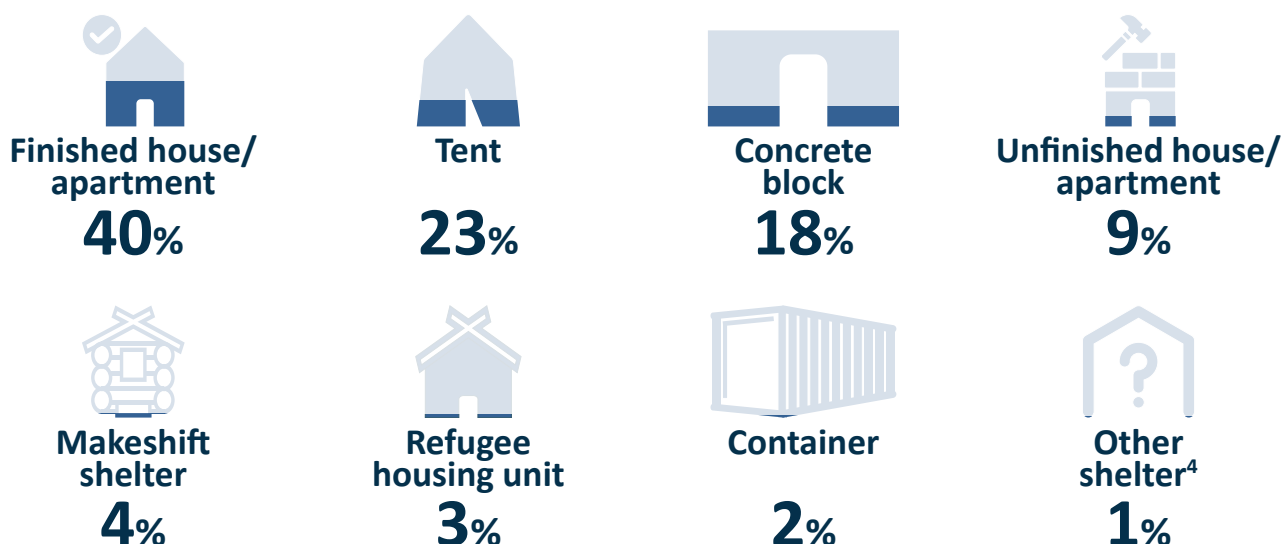
Planned settlement

TYPE OF SETTLEMENT BASED ON REGION OF DISPLACEMENT³ (% IDP HHs)



*IDP households **displaced outside their region of origin** are **more likely to reside in informal settlements**, compared to IDP households displaced in the same region as their origin.*

TYPE OF SHELTER IN NWS (% IDP HHs)



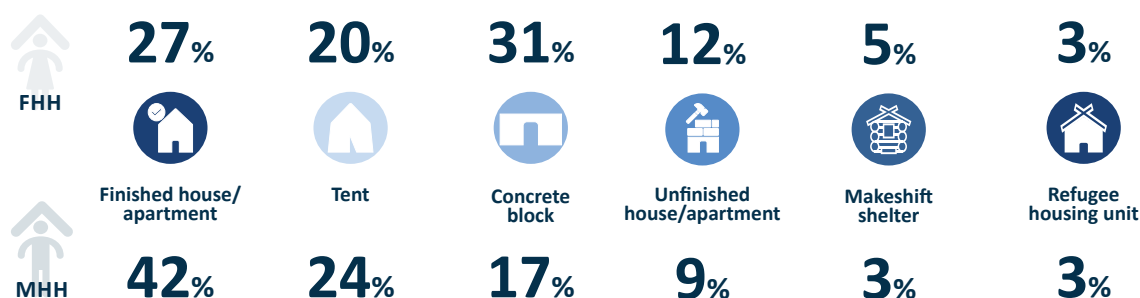
*More than **1 in 4** IDP households in NWS live in **emergency shelters**.⁵*

³ Inter-regional displacement occurs when IDP household crosses from their region of origin to a different region of displacement, while intra-regional displacement refers to IDP household displacement from one location in the region of origin to another location in the same region. Isolation from the region of origin can contribute to multiple, increased barriers for accessing official documentation, which can hinder the protection of assets and properties, thereby diminishing motivations to return. For more information of intra/inter-regional displacement please see our report on Future Intentions of Syrian IDPs in the 2022 IDP Report Series.

⁴ Please note that 'other' shelter type category includes the following: mud houses, collective shelters and non-residential buildings.

⁵ Emergency shelters are considered to be tents and makeshift shelters.

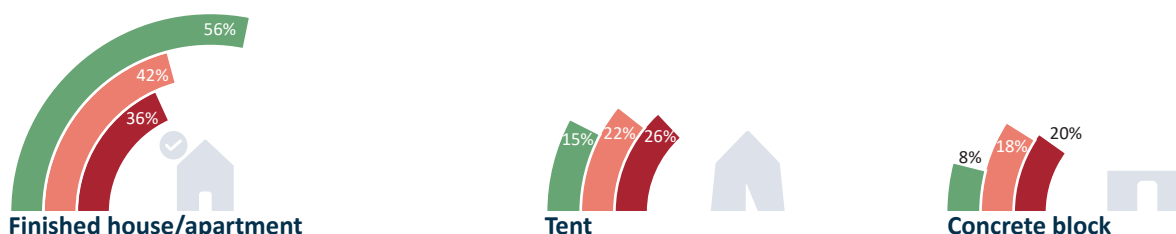
TOP SHELTER TYPES BY SEX OF IDP HoH (% IDP HHs)



Significantly fewer female-headed households live in finished houses or apartments (27%), compared to male-headed households (42%).

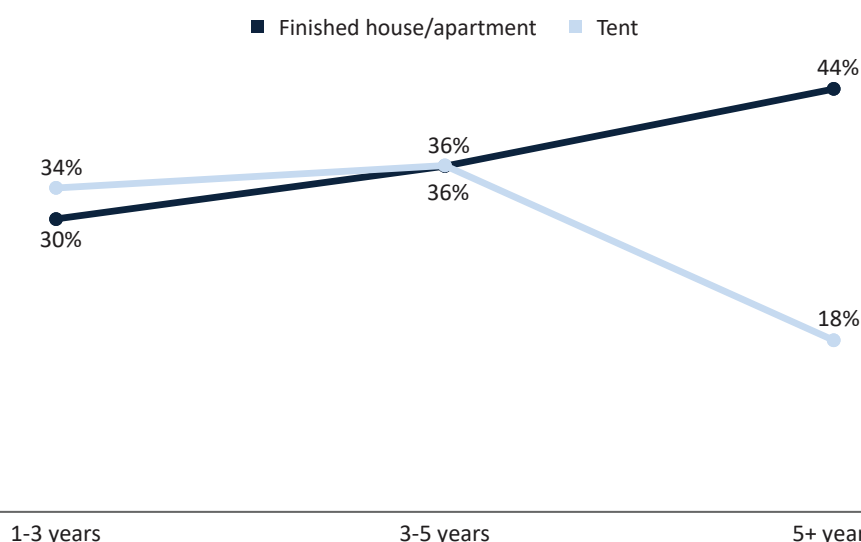
TOP SHELTER TYPES BY IDP HH VULNERABILITY⁶ (% IDP HHs)

■ Less vulnerable ■ Vulnerable ■ Very vulnerable



More than 1 in 2 less vulnerable IDP households live in finished houses or apartments, compared to just over 1 in 3 very vulnerable households. The latter are also more likely to live in tents (26%) and concrete block shelters (20%).

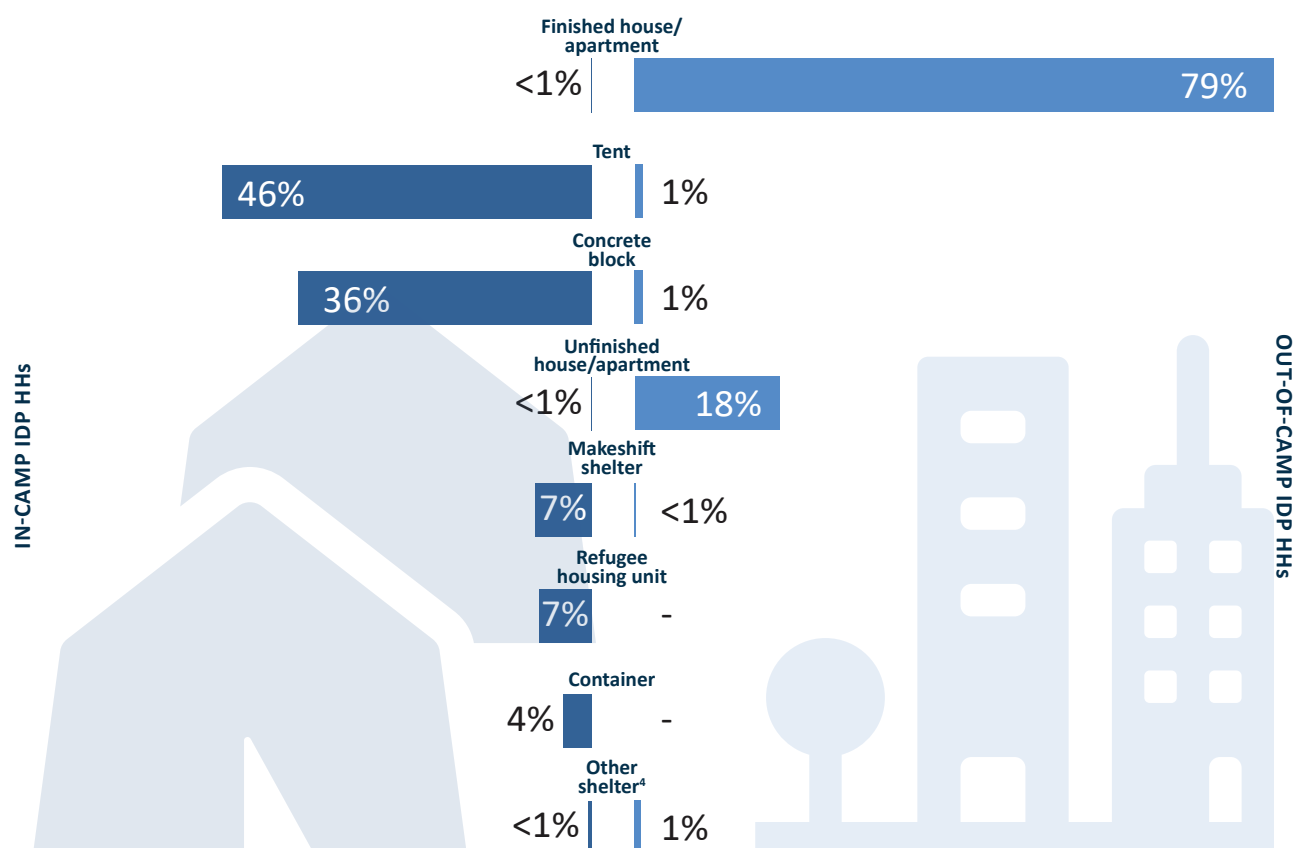
COMPARISON OF TOP 2 SHELTER TYPES BY LENGTH IN DISPLACEMENT (% IDP HHs)



The longer an IDP household is in displacement, the more likely it is to reside in a finished house or apartment. Nearly 1 in 2 households displaced longer than 5 years reside in durable housing, compared to just over a third who have been displaced for 3 years or less. Similarly, IDP households are less likely to reside in tents the longer they spend in displacement.

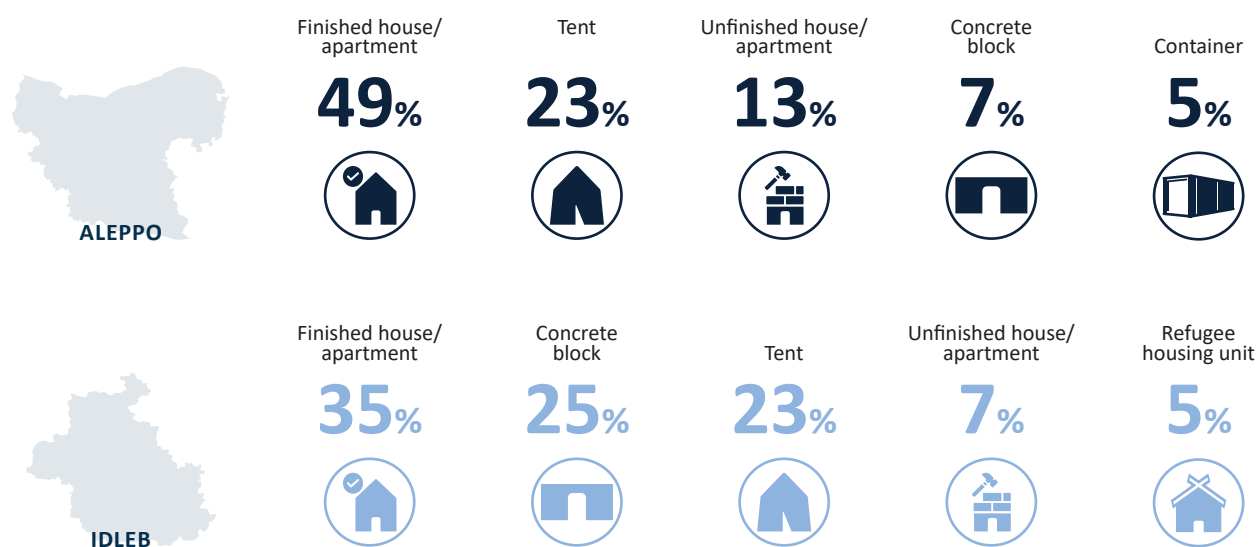
⁶Vulnerability has been calculated as a composite indicator, taking into account indicators which increase household risk to external factors. Household risk exposure was determined according to the extent to which they reflected the vulnerability criteria. Scores were weighted, summed and ranked accordingly. For more information on the weights and the process by which the weights were assigned, please contact HNAP at hnap-syria@un.org.

TOP SHELTER TYPES BY SETTLEMENT TYPE(% IDP HHs)



Over half of IDP households (53%) in camps live in emergency shelter.
 For IDP households displaced in residential areas, the majority live in durable housing (79%), while **a critical 18 percent shelter in unfinished buildings.**

TOP SHELTER TYPES FOR IDP HHs BY GOVERNORATE⁷ (% IDP HHs)



Almost half of IDP households (49%) in Aleppo live in finished houses/apartments, compared to just over 1 in 3 in Idlib.

⁷ In this governorate breakdown, along with all the following governorate breakdowns, Idlib and Aleppo refer only to those sub-districts which are operationally relevant.

Shelter characteristics

22%
of IDP HHs
in NWS with access
to a functioning
toilet share it with
another HH

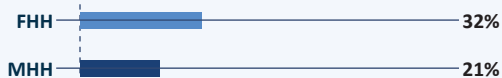
20%
ALEPPO

24%
IDLEB

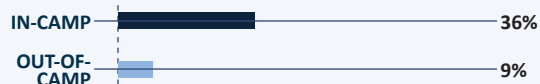
More than **1 in 5** IDP households in NWS share their toilets. This proportion is **higher in camps** where **1 in 3** share toilets.

BREAKDOWNS

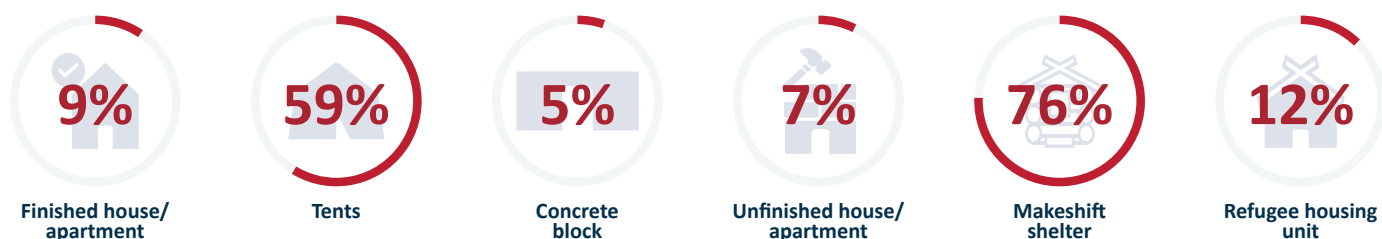
SEX OF HOH



SETTLEMENT TYPE

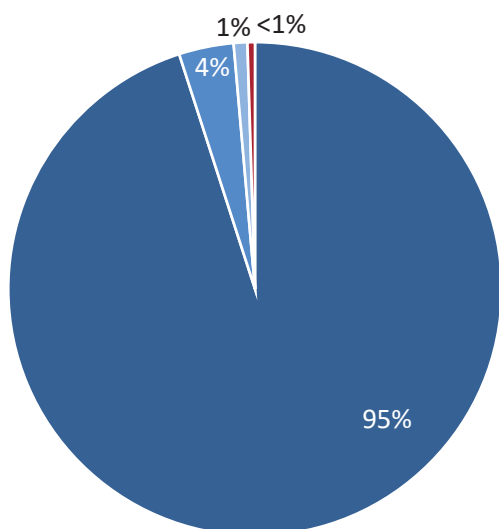


SHARING TOILET BY SHELTER TYPES (% IDP HHs WITH ACCESS TO A FUNCTIONING TOILET)



Nearly **3 in 5** IDP households living in tents and **3 in 4** living in makeshift shelters share their toilets.

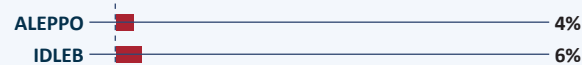
SHELTER SHARING (% IDP HHs)



- No other HHs
- One other HH
- Two other HHs
- Three or more other HHs

BREAKDOWNS OF SHELTER SHARING WITH ONE OR MORE IDP HHs

BY GOVERNORATE



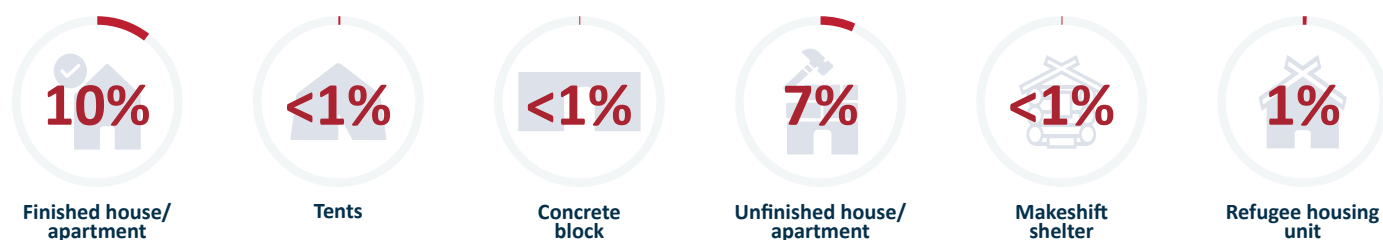
BY SEX OF HOH



TOP 3 SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST RATES OF SHELTER SHARING

Governorate	Sub-district	% of IDP HHs
Aleppo	Mare'	28%
Idleb	Salqin	21%
Idleb	Idleb	20%

SHELTER SHARING WITH ONE OR MORE HHs BY SHELTER TYPES (% IDP HHs)



*The highest reported rates of **shelter sharing** are among households living in **finished or unfinished houses/apartments**.*

Shelter damages (SELECTED SHELTER TYPES ONLY)⁸

16% of shelters inhabited by IDP HHs in NWS are damaged⁹

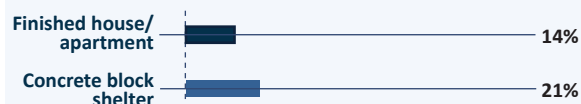
20% in Aleppo **14%** in Idlib

MOST IMPACTED SUB-DISTRICTS

Governorate	Sub-district	% of HHs
Aleppo	Sheikh El-Hadid	91%
Aleppo	Aghtrín	64%
Idlib	Kafr Nobol	62%
Idlib	Saraqab	56%
Idlib	Ariha	49%
Idlib	Teftnaz	48%

BREAKDOWN OF SHELTER DAMAGES BY SHELTER TYPE AND SEX OF HOH

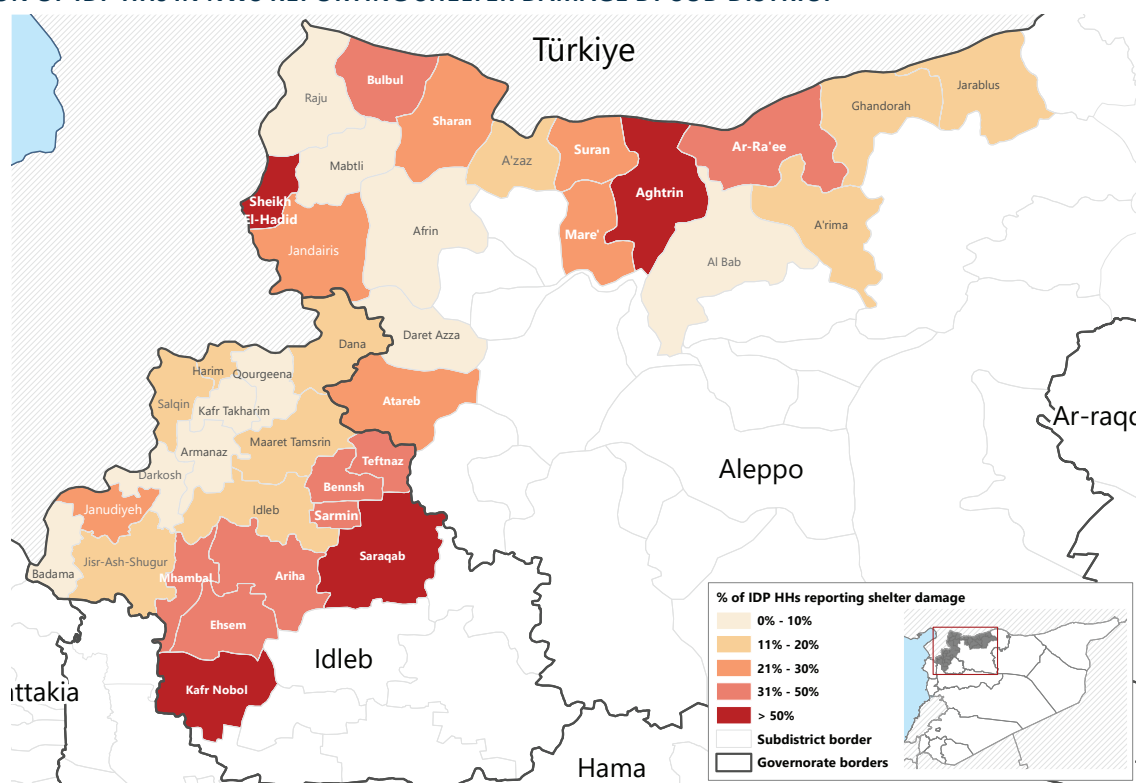
SHELTER TYPE



SEX OF HOH



PROPORTION OF IDP HHs IN NWS REPORTING SHELTER DAMAGE BY SUB-DISTRICT

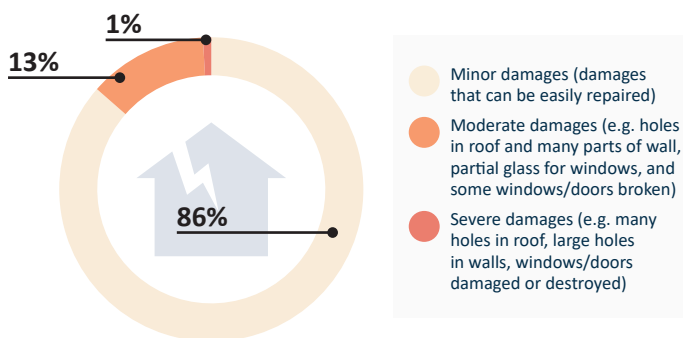


⁸ For the purposes of shelter rehabilitation, households residing in unfinished houses/apartments, tents, makeshift shelters, refugee housing units and containers were not asked about the damages during the survey.

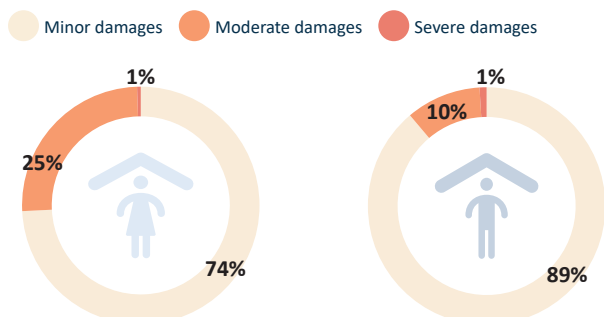
⁹ It is important to note that relatively low rates of reported damage across certain types of shelters do not imply that they are suitable for residence. Many will, for example, still be host to numerous issues or problems. See 'issues with shelter' section below.

EXTENT OF DAMAGES (% IDP HHs who reported damages)¹⁰

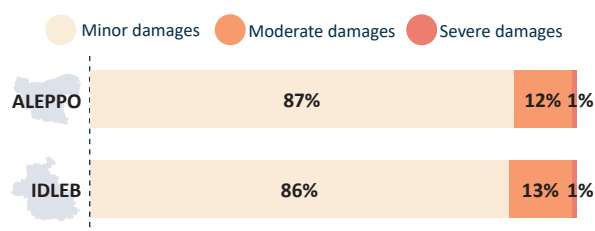
EXTENT OF DAMAGES (% IDP HHs)



EXTENT OF DAMAGE BY SEX OF HoH (% IDP HHs)



EXTENT OF DAMAGES BY GOVERNORATE (% IDP HHs WHO REPORTED DAMAGES)



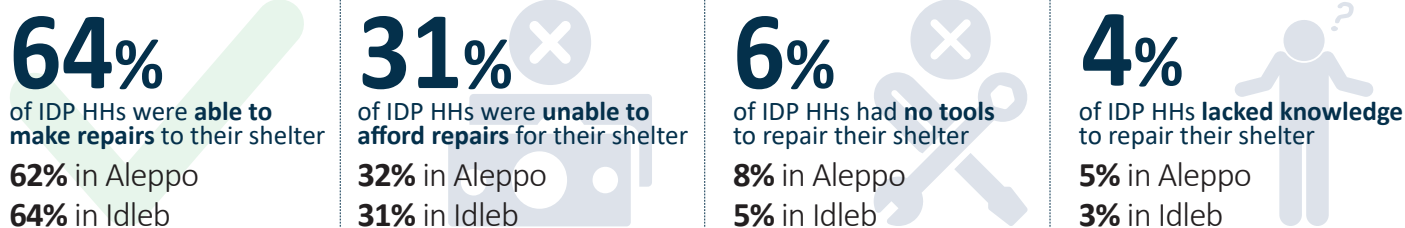
SEVERE DAMAGES BY SUB-DISTRICT

Governorate	Sub-District	% of IDP HHs
Aleppo	Sheikh El-Hadid	16%
Aleppo	Sharan	16%
Idleb	Maaret Tamsrin	10%
Idleb	Sarmin	4%
Aleppo	Suran	2%
Aleppo	Aghtrin	1%

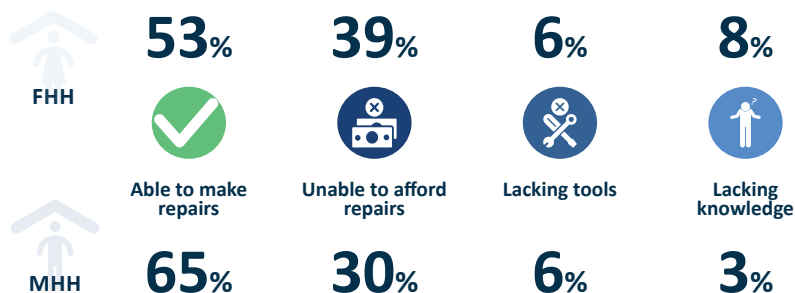
In NWS, more than 1 in 4 FHH IDP households live in moderately or severely damaged shelters.

SHELTER REPAIRS

SHELTER REPAIRS IN NWS AND BY GOVERNORATE (% IDP HHs)

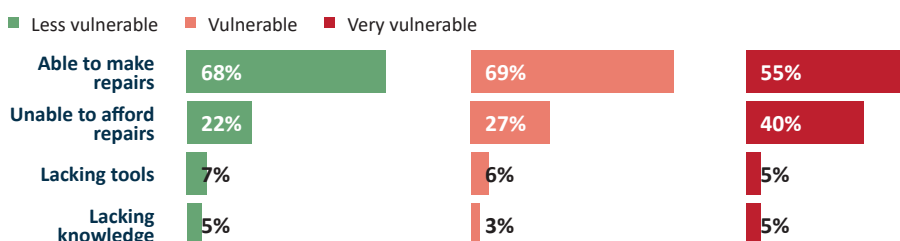


SHELTER REPAIRS BY SEX OF HoH (% IDP HHs)



2 in 3 male-headed IDP households in NWS are able to afford repairs to their shelter, compared to just over half of female-headed IDP households.

SHELTER REPAIRS BY HH VULNERABILITY (% IDP HHs)



¹⁰ Note that only occupied shelters were assessed in this survey; therefore, the proportion of shelters with severe damages is low, as these shelters are usually uninhabitable.

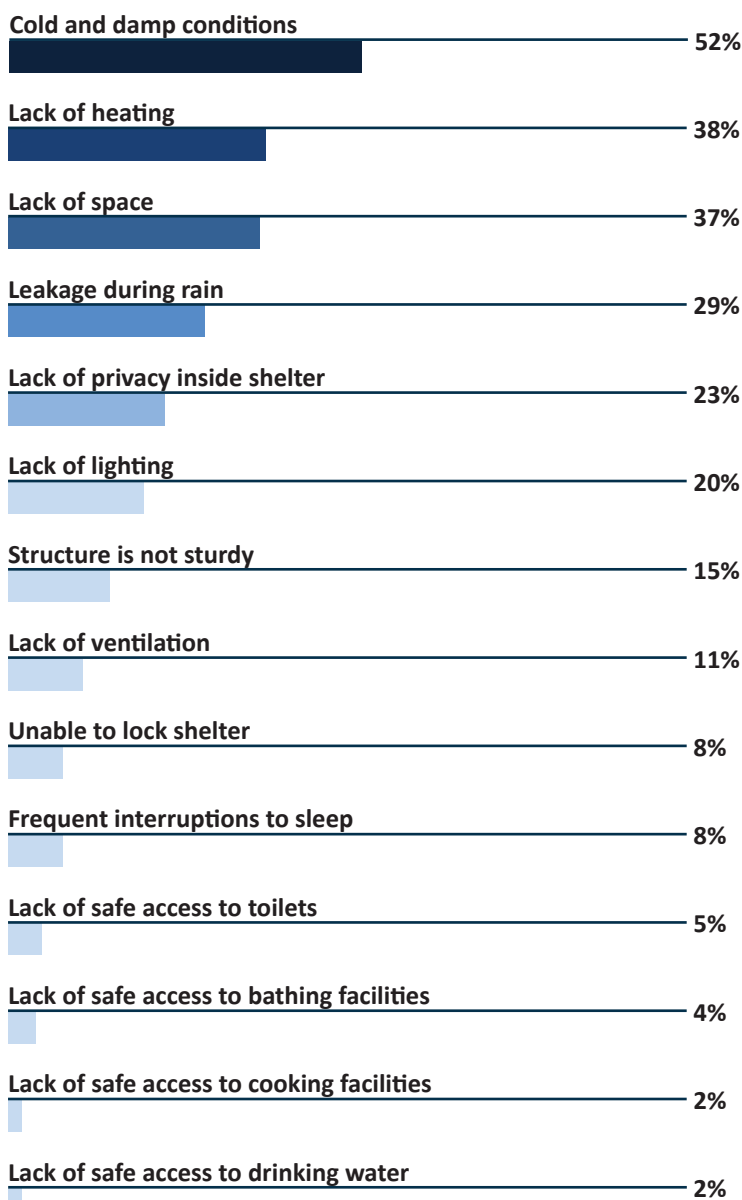
ISSUES WITH SHELTER

76%
of IDP HHs in NWS
report having faced some kind of
issue in their current shelter

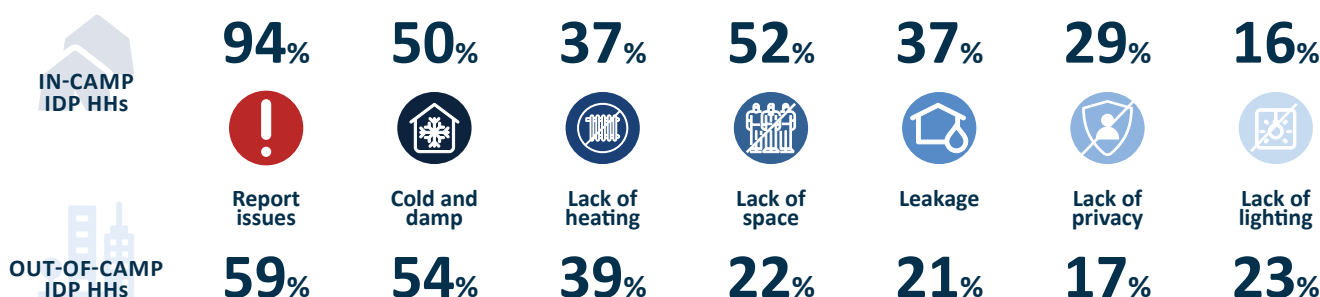
70%
ALEPPO

80%
IDLEB

SHELTER ISSUES (% IDP HHs)¹¹

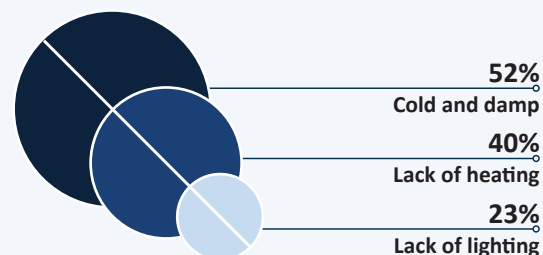


TOP 6 REPORTED SHELTER ISSUES BY SETTLEMENT TYPE (% IDP HHs)

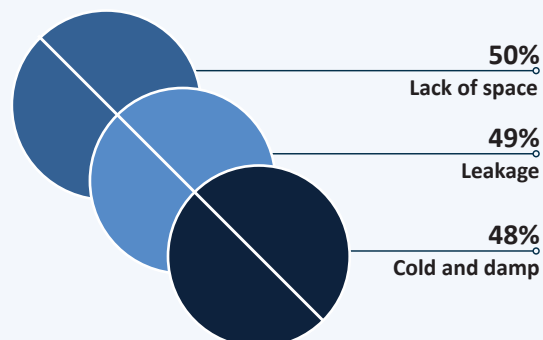


BREAKDOWN BY TOP 4 SHELTER TYPES

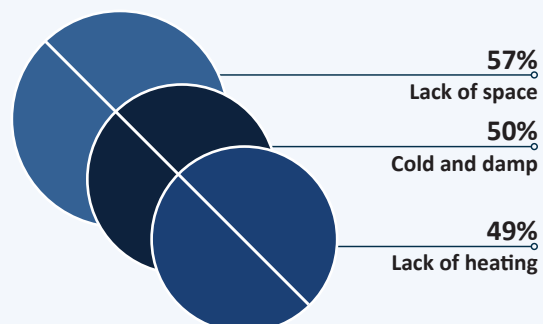
FINISHED HOUSE/APARTMENT



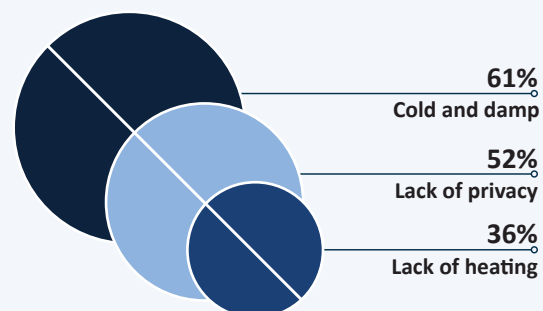
TENT



CONCRETE BLOCK SHELTER

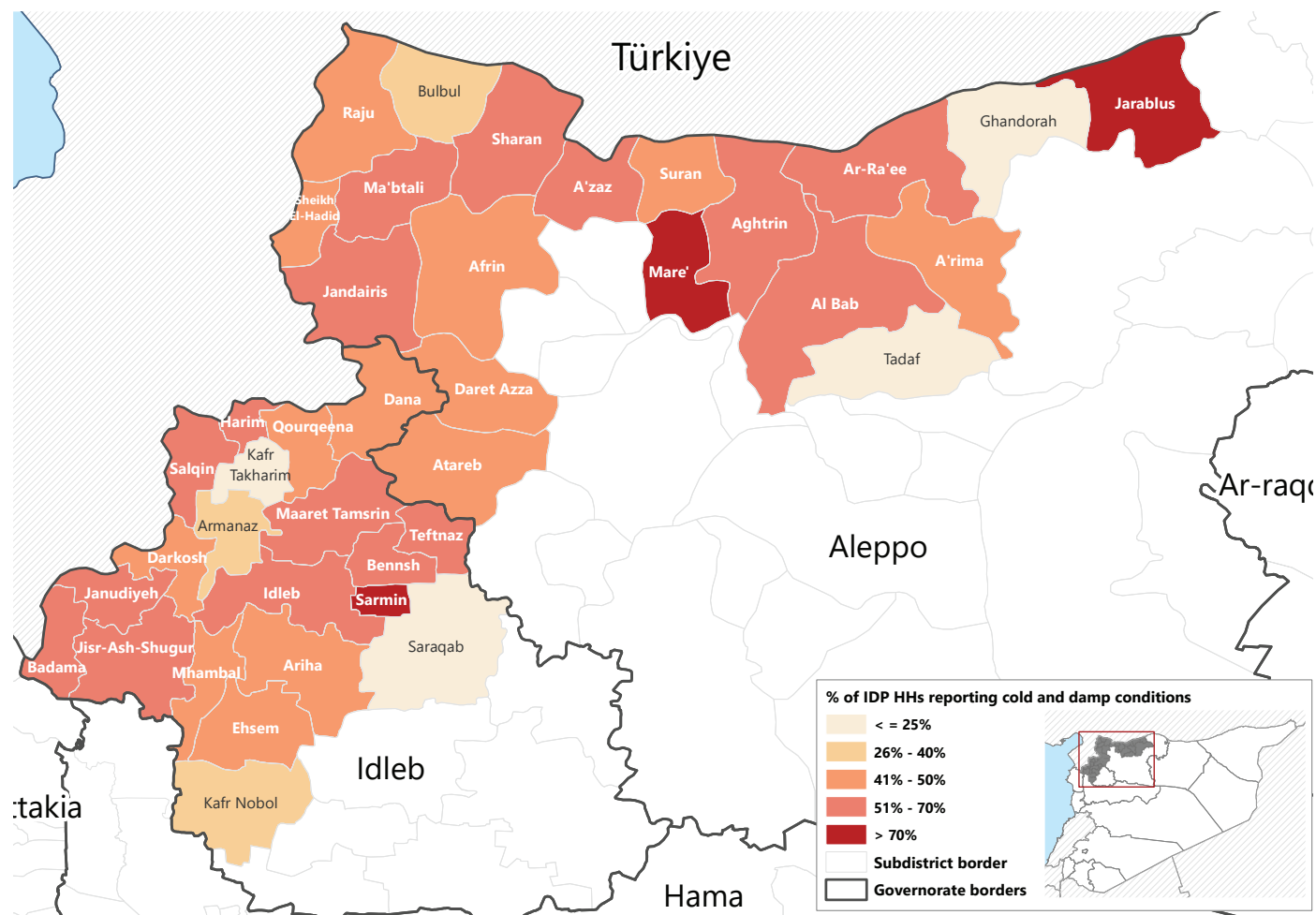


UNFINISHED HOUSE/APARTMENT

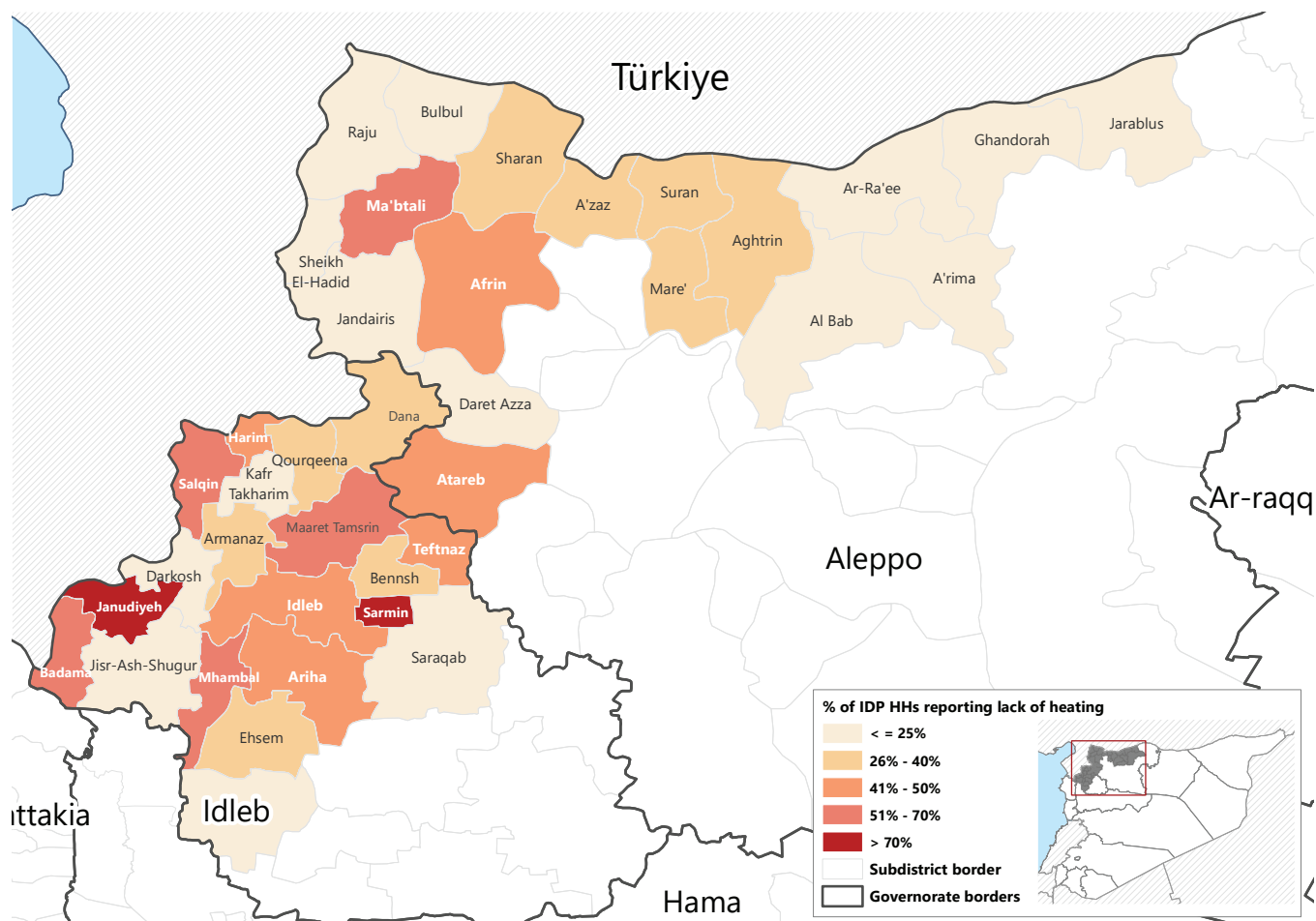


¹¹ Please note that households were asked to select top three shelter issues that pertain to their current shelter.

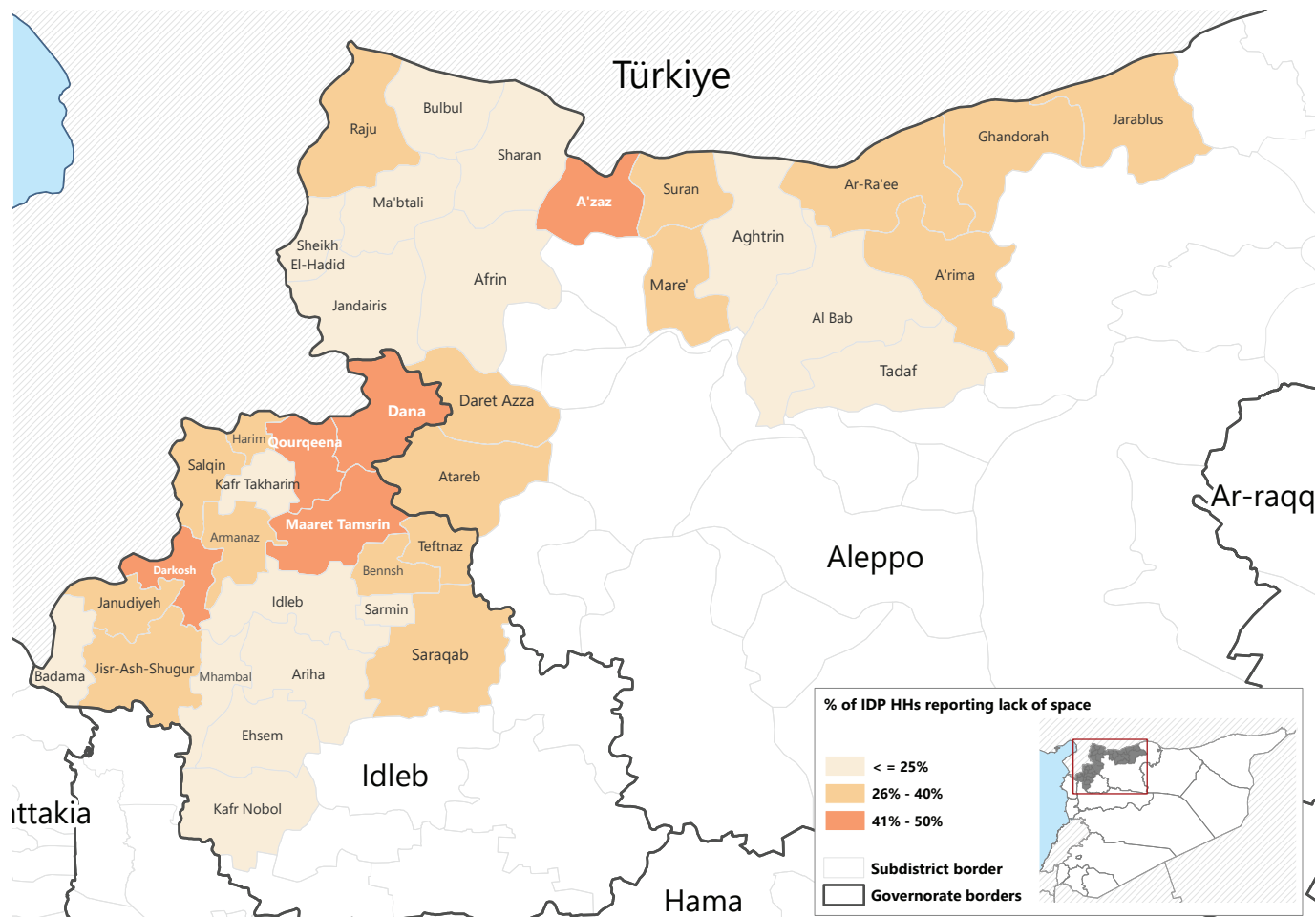
PROPORTION OF IDP HHs IN NWS REPORTING COLD AND DAMP CONDITIONS BY SUB-DISTRICT



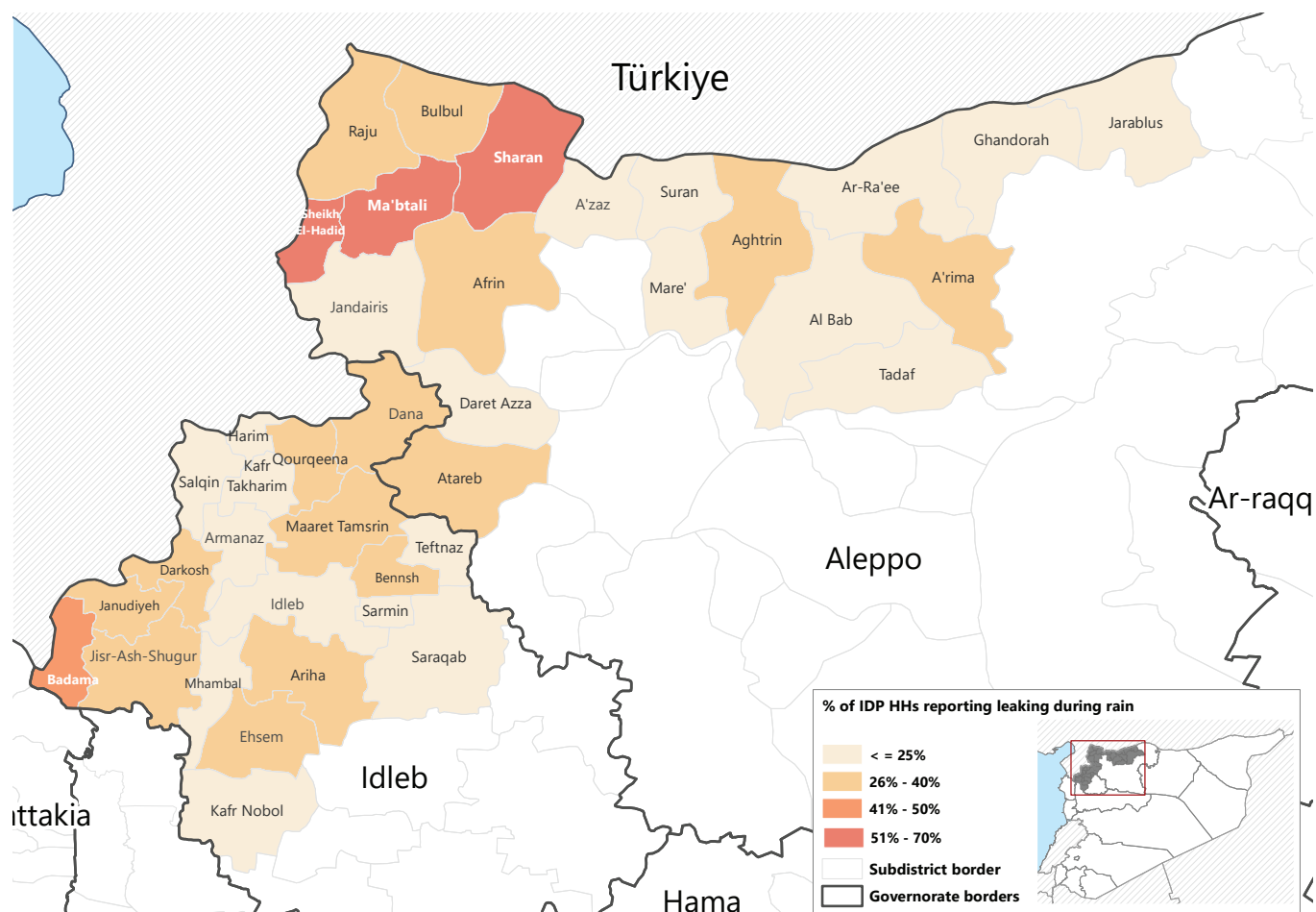
PROPORTION OF IDP HHs IN NWS REPORTING LACK OF HEAT BY SUB-DISTRICT



PROPORTION OF IDP HHs IN NWS REPORTING LACK OF SPACE BY SUB-DISTRICT



PROPORTION OF IDP HHs IN NWS REPORTING LEAKAGE DURING RAIN BY SUB-DISTRICT



HAZARDS

38%
of IDP HHs
in NWS
reported having faced some
kind of hazard in their
current shelter

IDP HHs FACING HAZARD BY
SETTLEMENT TYPE



58%
CAMP



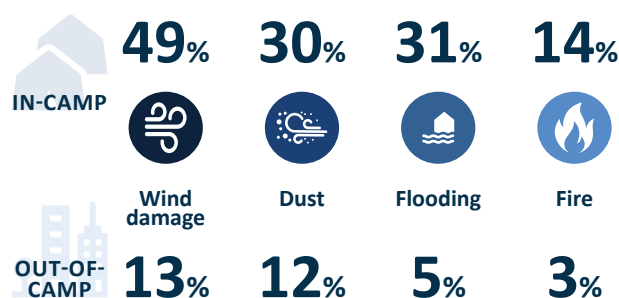
20%
OUT-OF-CAMP

*Nearly 3 in 5 IDP households in NWS living
in camps face a some kind of hazard.*

TOP 6 SUB-DISTRICTS REPORTING HAZARDS

Governorate	Sub-District	% of IDP HHs
Idlib	Saraqab	78%
Aleppo	Raju	78%
Aleppo	Jarablus	65%
Idlib	Qourqeena	57%
Idlib	Ariha	53%
Idlib	Badama	51%

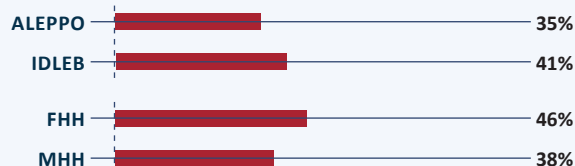
TOP 4 REPORTED HAZARDS BY SETTLEMENT TYPE (% IDP HHs)



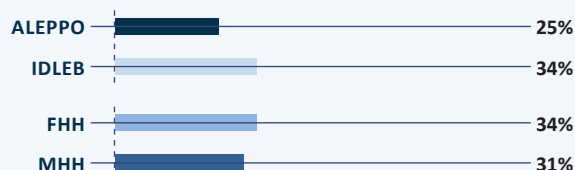
*Nearly 1 in 3 IDP households in NWS
living in camps face a **flooding** hazard.*

BREAKDOWN OF SHELTER HAZARDS BY GOVERNORATE AND SEX OF HoH

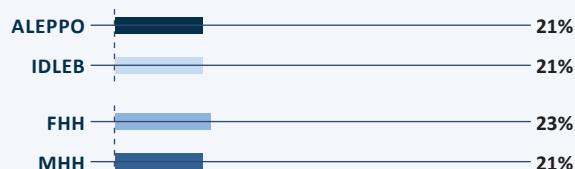
FACE HAZARD



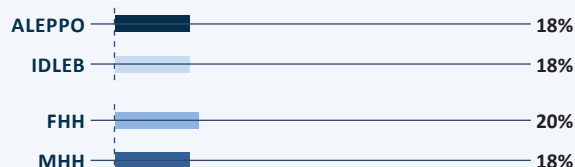
WIND



DUST/SANDSTORM



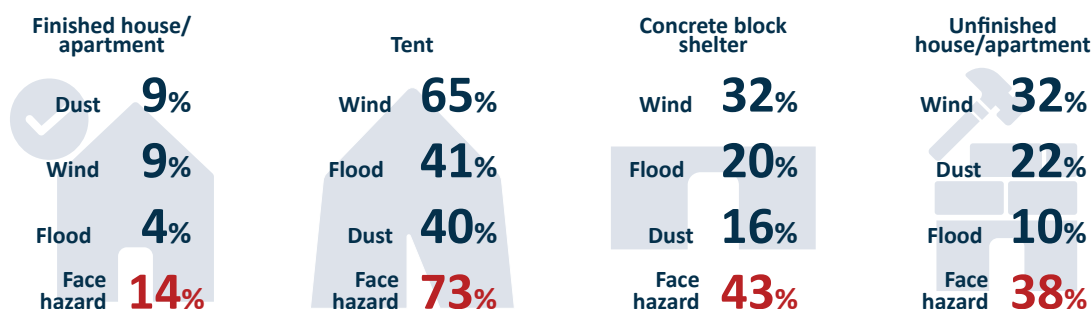
FLOOD



FIRE



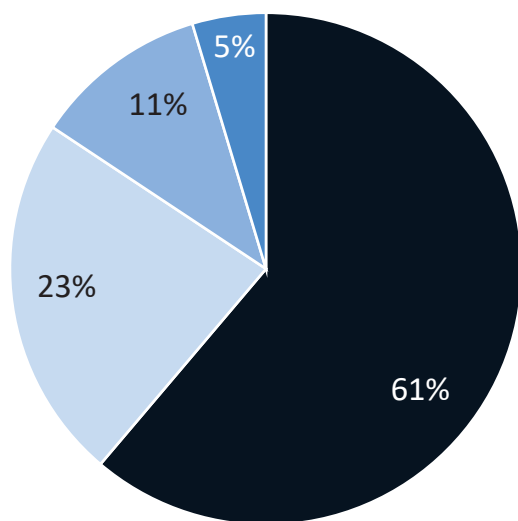
TOP 3 REPORTED HAZARDS FOR TOP 4 SHELTER TYPES (% IDP HHs)



*Nearly 3 in 4 IDP households living in **tents** face some
kind of shelter hazard.*

OCCUPANCY STATUS¹²

OCCUPANCY STATUS (% IDP HHs)



Renting



Hosted for free



Squatting



Owners

OCCUPANCY BY SEX OF HoH (% IDP HHs)



FHH

50%



Renting

42%



Hosted for free

4%



Squatting

4%



Owners



MHH

62%

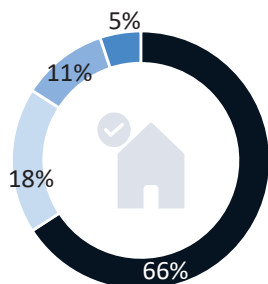
21%

12%

5%

OCCUPANCY BY SHELTER TYPE (% IDP HHs)

Finished house/apartment



Renting



Hosted for free

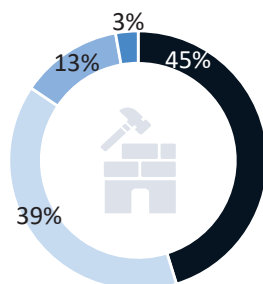


Squatting



Owners

Unfinished house/apartment



Renting



Hosted for free



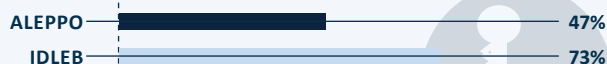
Squatting



Owners

GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN (% IDP HHs)

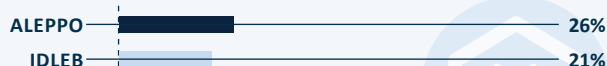
RENTING



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs OWNING

Governorate	Sub-District	% of IDP HHs
Aleppo	Jarablus	91%
Idlib	Dana	86%
Aleppo	Ar-Ra'ee	85%
Idlib	Kafr Takharim	85%
Idlib	Darkosh	83%
Aleppo	Al Bab	81%

HOSTED FOR FREE¹³



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs RENTING

Governorate	Sub-District	% of IDP HHs
Idlib	Saraqab	100%
Aleppo	Tadaf	96%
Aleppo	Sheikh El-Hadid	93%
Idlib	Kafr Nobol	83%
Idlib	Ehsem	77%
Idlib	Mhambal	76%

SQUATTING



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs BEING HOSTED

Governorate	Sub-District	% of IDP HHs
Aleppo	Bulbul	95%
Aleppo	Ma'btali	91%
Aleppo	Sharan	80%
Aleppo	Afrin	71%
Aleppo	Raju	46%
Aleppo	Mare'	28%

OWNERS



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs SQUATTING

Governorate	Sub-District	% of IDP HHs
Aleppo	A'zaz	26%
Idlib	Salqin	12%
Idlib	Badama	11%
Idlib	Harim	8%
Idlib	Janudiyeh	7%
Aleppo	Atareb	7%

¹² Occupancy situation is recorded only for those in residential settings and not for those living in formal or informal settlements. For this reason, the breakdown by shelter type in this section only covers finished and unfinished houses/apartments, since other shelter types are not found in non-residential settings, apart from 1 percent who live in tents.

¹³ Hosted for free refers to the situation whereby a household lives in a shelter without paying but with the permission of the owner.

DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING A PLACE TO RENT

78%

of renting IDP HHs in NWS report facing some **kind of difficulty** when looking for a place to rent

87%
ALEPPO

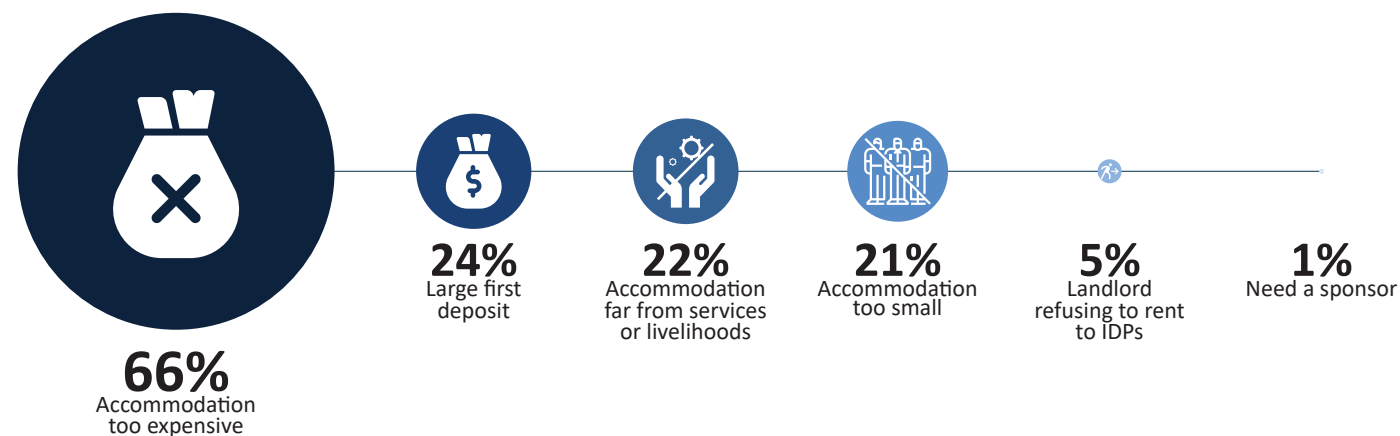
73%
IDLEB

Nearly 4 in 5 IDP households in NWS face difficulties when finding a place to rent.

SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF RENTING IDP HHs FACING DIFFICULTIES

Governorate	Sub-District	% of IDP HHs
Aleppo	Atareb	99%
Idleb	Bennsh	97%
Aleppo	Mare'	96%
Aleppo	Daret Azza	93%
Idleb	Teftnaz	92%
Aleppo	Ghandorah	90%
Idleb	Dana	88%
Aleppo	A'zaz	88%
Idleb	Harim	87%
Aleppo	Al Bab	86%

DIFFICULTIES FACED WHEN TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO RENT (% IDP HHs WHO ARE RENTING)

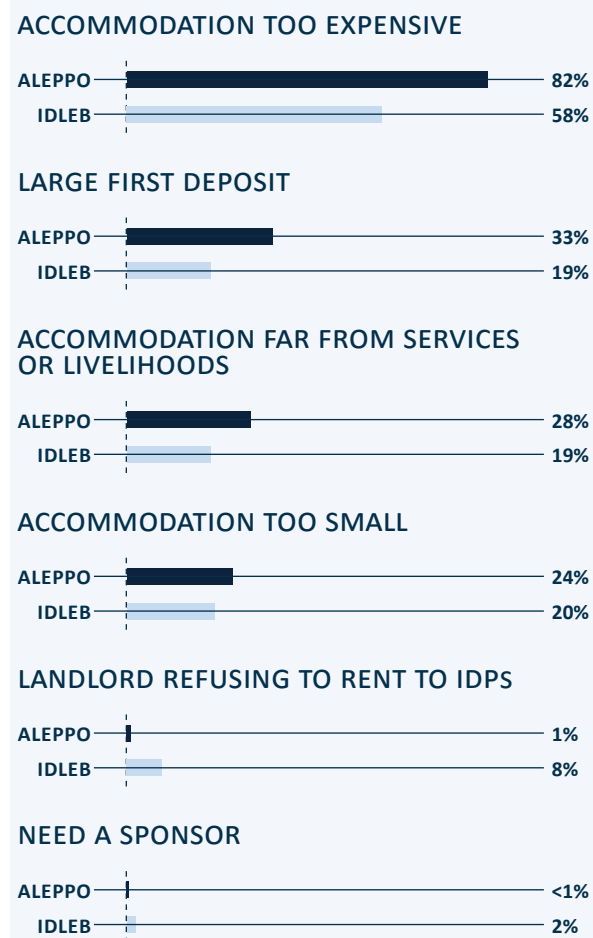


2 in 3 renting IDP households report facing difficulties in finding affordable accommodation.

DIFFICULTIES FACED WHEN TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO RENT BY SEX OF HoH (% IDP HHs WHO ARE RENTING)



GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN (% HHs)



RENTAL AGREEMENT

59%
of renting IDP
HHs in NWS
have a **written**
agreement to stay
in their shelter

49%
ALEPPO

64%
IDLEB

38%
of renting IDP
HHs in NWS
have a **verbal**
agreement to stay
in their shelter

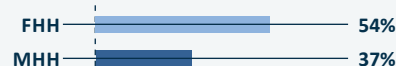
45%
ALEPPO

35%
IDLEB

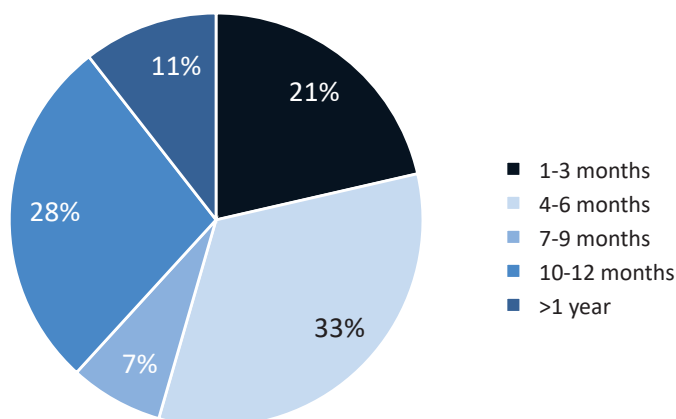
WRITTEN AGREEMENT



VERBAL AGREEMENT

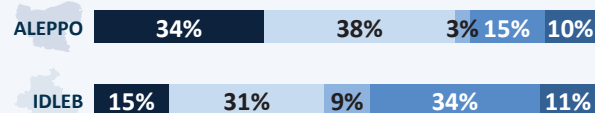


LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH THE (VERBAL OR WRITTEN) AGREEMENT LASTS (% OF RENTING IDP HHs)

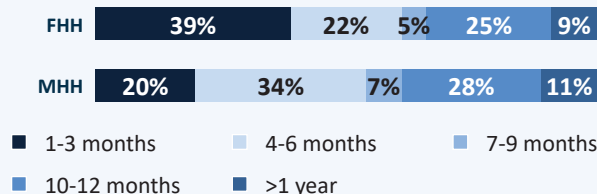


BREAKDOWNS

GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN



SEX OF HOH BREAKDOWN



LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH HHs BELIEVE THEY CAN CONTINUE PAYING RENT (% OF RENTING IDP HHs)

10%
of IDP HHs are **currently**
unable to pay rent
18% in Aleppo
6% in Idlib
31% for FHH
9% for MHH

60%
of IDP HHs are able to pay
rent for **up to 6 months**
61% in Aleppo
60% in Idlib
50% for FHH
61% for MHH

23%
of IDP HHs are able to pay
rent for **6 months - 1 year**
14% in Aleppo
27% in Idlib
19% for FHH
23% for MHH

7%
of IDP HHs are able to pay
rent for **more than 1 year**
7% in Aleppo
7% in Idlib
<1% for FHH
7% for MHH

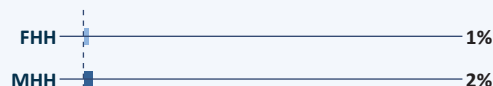
EVICTIONS¹⁴

2%
of IDP HHs in NWS
have been **evicted** in the
past 12 months

2%
ALEPPO

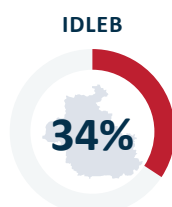
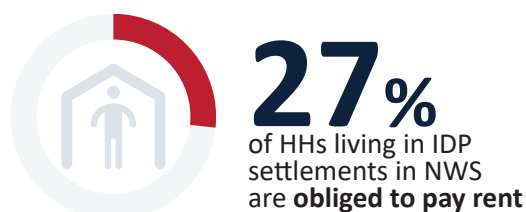
2%
IDLEB

BREAKDOWN BY SEX OF HoH



¹⁴ Evictions refer to the permanent or temporary removal against the will of a household from the household which they occupy by any party (e.g. landlord, security, armed forces, etc.) for any reason.

Rent and tent situation inside IDP settlements



SEX OF HoH BREAKDOWN

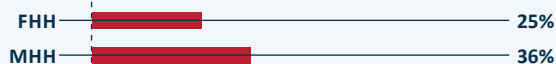
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ALEPPO

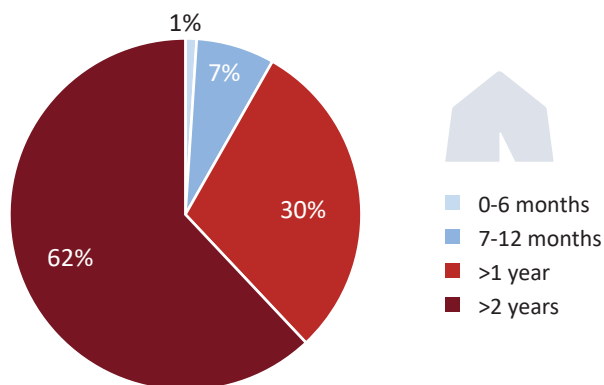


IDLEB



TENT AGE

TENT AGE (% IDP HHs LIVING IN TENTS)



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF IDP HHs LIVING IN TENTS OLDER THAN 1 YEAR¹⁵ (TOP 15)

Governorate	Sub-District	% IDP HHs
Aleppo	Jarablus	100%
Aleppo	Afrin	100%
Idleb	Kafr Takharim	100%
Idleb	Mhambal	100%
Aleppo	Tadaf	100%
Aleppo	Ar-Ra'ee	100%
Idleb	Salqin	99%
Aleppo	A'rima	99%
Idleb	Armanaz	99%
Aleppo	Ma'btali	99%
Idleb	Janudiyeh	98%
Aleppo	Sharan	98%
Idleb	Badama	98%
Idleb	Bennsh	94%
Aleppo	A'zaz	93%

9 in 10 IDP households living in tents reside in tents older than 1 year.

¹⁵ Sub-districts in this table are ordered by those within which the highest number of households live in tents, older than 1 year.

Shelter/NFI Cluster

The Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster (S/NFI Cluster) is co-led by UNHCR and CARE, coordinating the efforts of around 80 member organizations that implement activities in the Cross Border Operation. The Cluster has been remotely coordinating the Shelter and NFI response in north-west Syria for more than 7 years. During the first six months of 2022, S/NFI Cluster members provided shelter assistance to more than 587,000 people and reached over 1.2 million individuals with the provision of core and seasonal NFIs.

HNAP

The Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme (HNAP) for Syria is a joint UN assessment initiative which tracks displacement and return movements, conducts sector and multi-sectoral assessments, and monitors humanitarian needs inside Syria. HNAP is implemented with technical support from UN Agencies.

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DISCLAIMER

The contents of this report are based on data collected by field staff using a questionnaire. HNAP endeavours to ensure that the information provided is accurate and current, but it is important to keep in mind that the reported findings and conclusions represent the views and opinions of the surveyed households, for which HNAP cannot be held responsible. Challenges to bear in mind include standard forms of survey bias, as well as data collection obstacles in a challenging environment.

Annex I: List of sub-districts

Please find below the list of 39 sub-districts² in Idleb and northern Aleppo governorates, comprising NWS operational area for this report.

SUB-DISTRICTS IN ALEPPO GOVERNORATE

Sub-District Name	Sub-District P-Code
Atareb	SY020001
Daret Azza	SY020004
Al Bab	SY020200
Tadaf	SY020201
Ar-Ra'ee	SY020203
A'rima	SY020206
Afrin	SY020300
Bulbul	SY020301
Jandairis	SY020302
Raju	SY020303
Sharan	SY020304
Sheikh El-Hadid	SY020305
Ma'btali	SY020306
A'zaz	SY020400
Aghtrin	SY020401
Mare'	SY020403
Suran	SY020405
Jarablus	SY020800
Ghandorah	SY020801

SUB-DISTRICTS IN IDLEB GOVERNORATE

Sub-District Name	Sub-District P-Code
Idleb	SY070000
Bennsh	SY070002
Saraqab	SY070003
Teftnaz	SY070004
Maaret Tamsrin	SY070005
Sarmin	SY070006
Kafr Nobol	SY070203
Harim	SY070300
Dana	SY070301
Salqin	SY070302
Kafr Takharim	SY070303
Qourqeena	SY070304
Armanaz	SY070305
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	SY070400
Badama	SY070401
Darkosh	SY070402
Janudiyeh	SY070403
Ariha	SY070500
Ehsem	SY070501
Mhambal	SY070502