

## Displacement Updates in North-West Syria

Some **2.7 million IDPs** are living in north-west Syria, bringing the total population to over 4.4 million.

14,428 IDPs were displaced in March, which is a decrease from the previous months and the lowest number reported by HNAP in the past 12 months. A significant 91% of the newly displaced have been displaced three or more times.

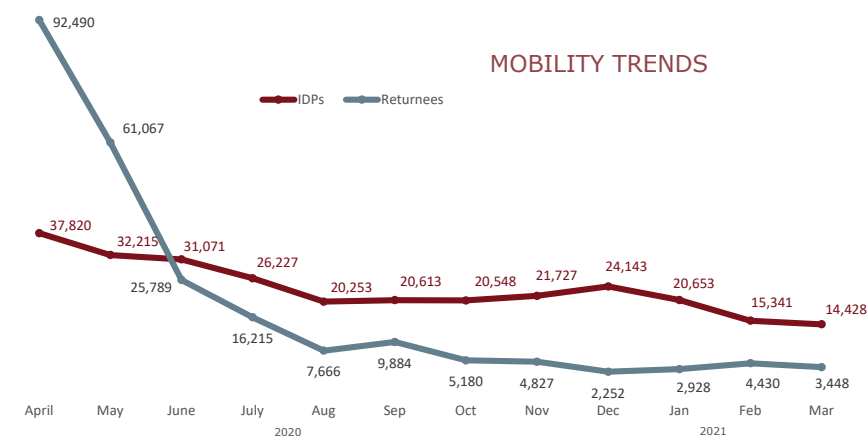
**Around 64% of the IDPs displaced in March arrived in camp locations.** Out of these, the vast majority are staying in tents (76%), makeshift shelters (14%) or refugee housing units (10%). As for the IDPs that were displaced into non-camp settings, some 78% are staying in finished apartments or houses, however, **a considerable 8% have had to seek shelter in tents and another 8% in public buildings.**

## Response

SNFI Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs north-west Syria.

**In March, more than 278,000 individuals received NFI assistance** in the form of NFI kits, kitchen sets, mattresses, jerry cans, carpets, solar lamps, tarpaulin and blankets, as well as seasonal assistance, or in form of multi-purpose cash transfers. Of those reached with NFI assistance in March 2021, approximately 54 percent were female, and 46 percent were male.

**Shelter needs of close to 52,000 people were responded to in March 2021**, including the provision of emergency shelter, shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters. **Around 61,000 individuals were reached with infrastructure improvements in IDP sites** such as roads gravelling and drainage systems. Of those reached with shelter assistance in March 2021, approximately 54 percent were female, and 46 percent were male.



Graph: Number of IDPs in NWS and returnees from within Syria for the past 12 months, as reported by HNAP in March 2021.

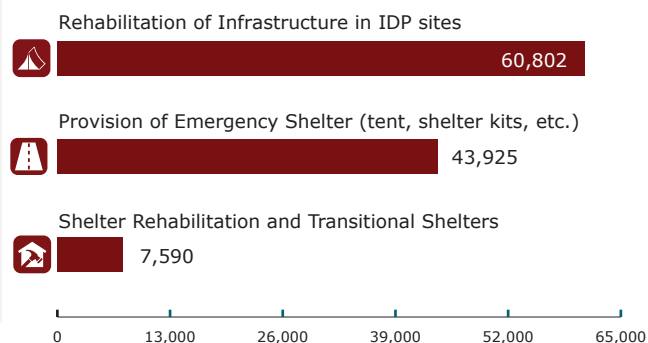
## Shelter Response



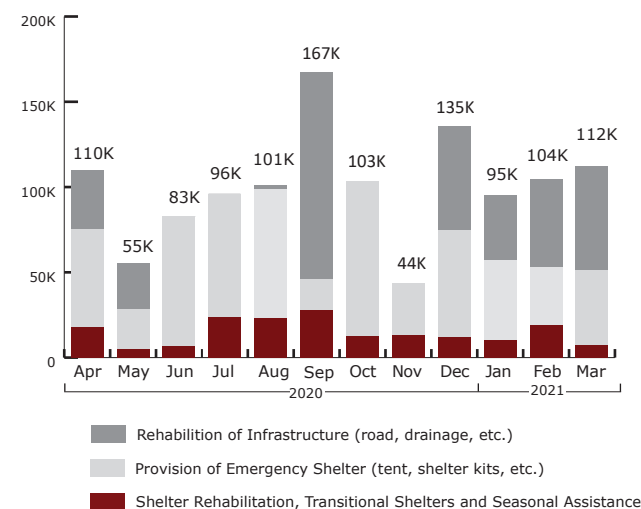
**112,317**  
people reached in March

311,951 people were reached in 2021 with rehabilitation of infrastructure (150,827 people); provision of emergency shelter (124,130 people); and shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters (36,994 people).

### People reached in March by sub-activity



### People reached in the past 12 months by activity



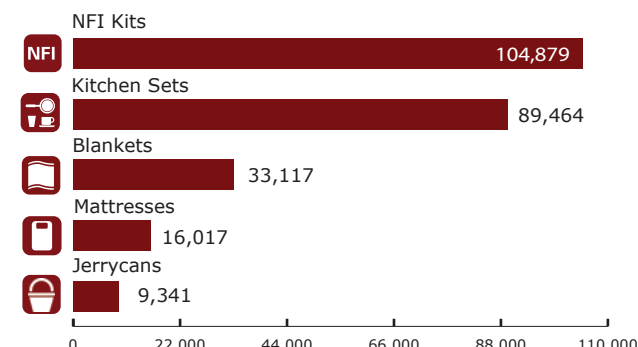
## NFI Response



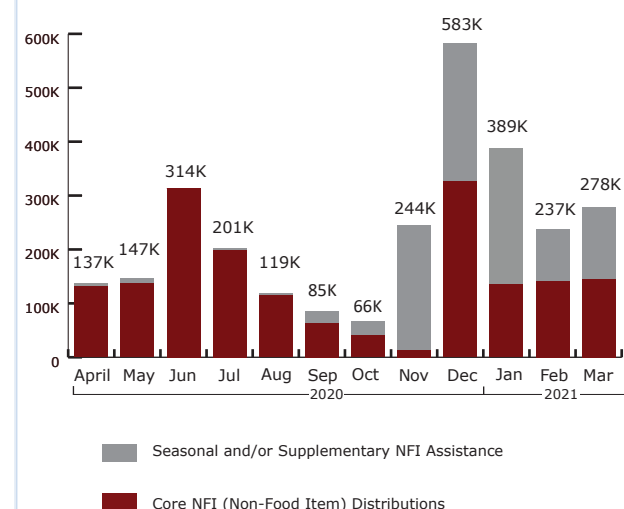
**278,087**  
people reached in March

904,403 people were reached in 2021 with seasonal and/or supplementary NFI assistance (428,938 people), and core NFI distributions (421,465 people).

### People reached in March by item (top 5 items)



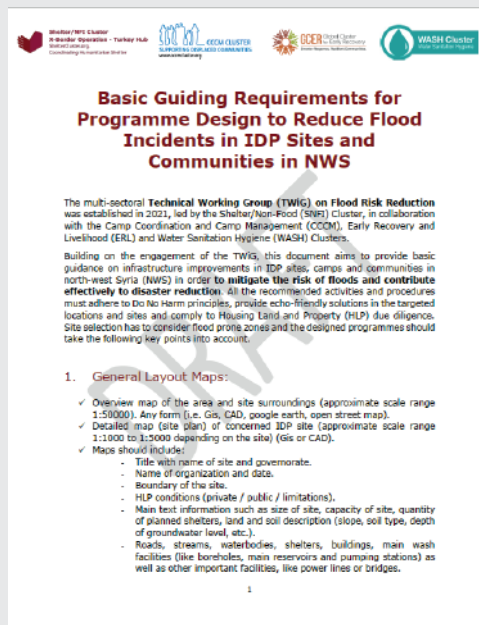
### People reached in the past 12 months by activity



The SNFI Cluster continues to lead the multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWiG) on Flood Risk Reduction which was established in 2021, in collaboration with the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Early Recovery and Livelihood (ERL) and Water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) Clusters.

**The TWiG has published a draft advisory note on Flood Risk Reduction.** Building on the engagement of the TWiG, this document aims to provide basic guidance on infrastructure improvements in IDP sites, camps and communities in north-west Syria (NWS) in order to mitigate the risk of floods and contribute effectively to disaster reduction.

All the recommended activities and procedures must adhere to Do No Harm principles, provide echo-friendly solutions in the targeted locations and sites and comply to Housing Land and Property (HLP) due diligence. Site selection has to consider flood prone zones and the designed programmes should take the following key points into account. The full advisory note can be found on the **SNFI Cluster website**.



## Winter Response 2020/2021

**March 2021 marks the end of the winterization period for the SNFI cluster in North-West Syria during 2020/21.** The cluster has been active in the coordination of the winterization response to ensure that plans were implemented in an efficient and timely manner to target close to 1.5 million vulnerable individuals with live-saving winter assistance. The initial winter target was based on members' capacities and expected funding - the overall gap and need was higher.

As of April 1st, **cluster members had reached more than 1.66 million individuals** with winterization assistance, **exceeding the initial target**. Some of the main activities included fuel, stove and NFI kit distribution. The number of individuals reached exceeded the initial target set as several organizations were able to secure late top-up funding which was not taken into account in the original plans. Moreover, urgent flood response, such as winterized NFI kits distributed through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), was not originally accounted for.

## Winterization Update as of March 2021



### Total Winter Assistance



1,449,021  
people targeted

100% of initial target reached\*

1,666,923  
people reached



### NFI Kits



195,442  
people targeted

100% of initial target reached\*

369,992  
people reached



### Fuel Distribution



606,587  
people targeted

100% of initial target reached\*

621,804  
people reached



### Stove Distribution



353,650  
people targeted

94%

332,255  
people reached

6%

21,395  
people gap



### Winter Clothing Kits



201,848  
people targeted

100% of initial target reached\*

297,323  
people reached



### Cash Assistance



409,268  
people targeted

63%

258,223  
people reached

37%

151,045  
people gap

\* The initial target for winterization was based on partners' plans and capacities - the overall need and gap is higher. Winterized NFI kits distributed as flood response and through the RRM were not included in the initial winter target but are accounted for in the number of individuals reached.



Shelter NFI Cluster website



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# North-West Syria: Quarter 1 - Jan to Mar 2021 - Shelter & NFI Activities - Individuals Reached



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