

Displacement Updates in North-West Syria

Some **2.7 million IDPs** are living in north-west Syria, bringing the total population to over 4.3 million.

15,341 IDPs were displaced in February, which is a decrease from the previous months and the lowest number reported by HNAP in the past 12 months. The majority of the newly displaced have been displaced three or more times (86%). The top three sub-district of arrival were Bulbul, Maaret Tamsrin and Dana.

Around 45% of the IDPs displaced in February arrived in camp locations. Out of these, the vast majority are staying in tents (79%) or makeshift shelters (16%). As for the IDPs that were displaced into non-camp settings, some 82% are staying in finished apartments or houses, however, a significant 11% have found shelter in unfinished buildings.

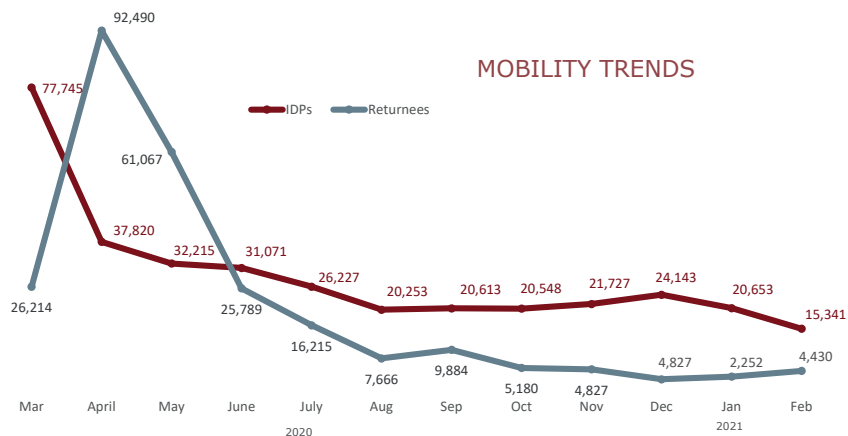
Response

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

In February, more than 237,000 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.

Shelter needs of close to 105,000 people were addressed during February. Of this support, 32% was related to the provision of emergency shelter, 50% to the rehabilitation of infrastructure in IDP sites and 18% to shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters.

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 people. During the winter season of 20/21, Cluster members **reached over 1.51 million individuals with winterization assistance, exceeding the initial target.** The main activities included fuel, stove and NFI kit distribution.



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

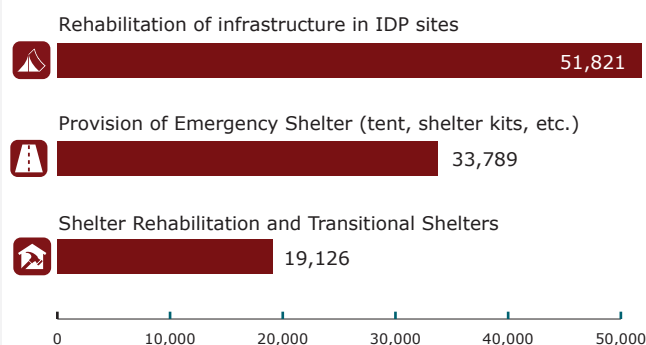
Shelter Response



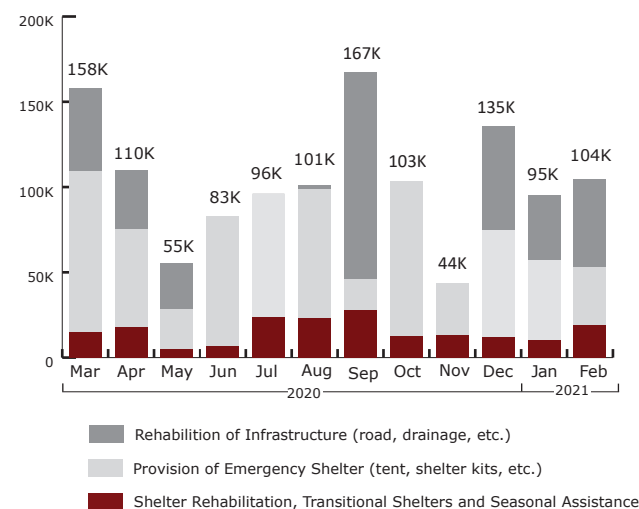
104,736
people reached in February

199,634 people were reached in 2021 with rehabilitation of infrastructure (90,025 people); provision of emergency shelter (80,205 people); and shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters (29,404 people).

People reached in February by sub-activity



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



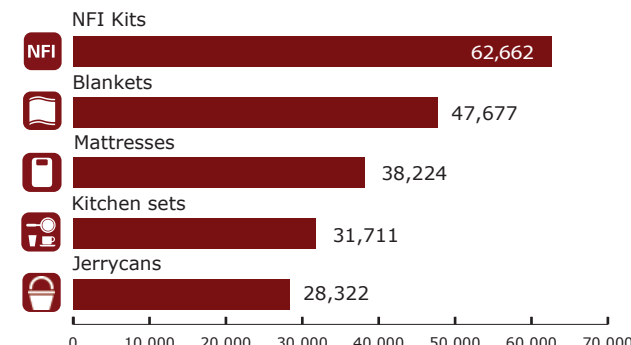
NFI Response



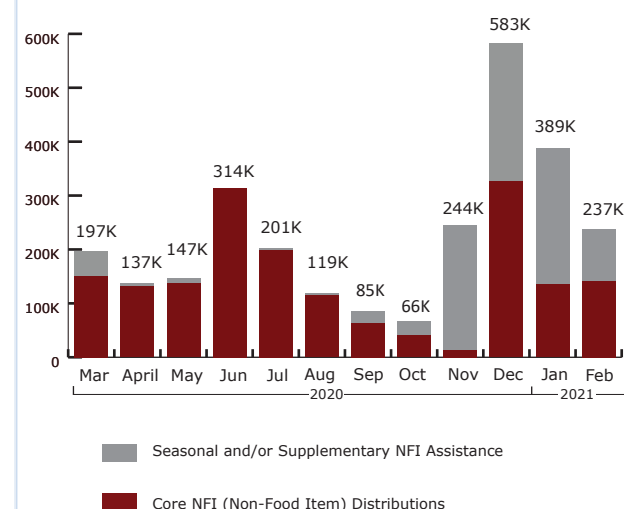
237,345
people reached in February

626,316 people were reached in 2021 with seasonal and/or supplementary NFI assistance (349,614 people), and core NFI distributions (276,702 people).

People reached in February by item (top 5 items)



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



Flood Response and TWiG

SNFI Cluster members are actively responding to the needs of the population who has been affected by the recent floods. By the end of February, over 8,100 NFI kits were distributed and close to 2,700 tents were installed to replace destroyed ones. More tents are expected to be distributed during March. In addition, SNFI Cluster members also distributed some 25,000 blankets and 16,000 mattresses as single items. The need for **infrastructure support** in NWS is still significant, especially for the sites that have been established by the IDPs themselves. Improving infrastructure in camps and IDP sites is essential to avoid future flooding that happens regularly especially during winter.

In response to the recent floods, the SNFI, CCCM, WASH and the ERL clusters initiated the creation of a **Joint Technical Working Group (TWiG) on Floods Planning and Response** in February. The TWiG is led by a site planner deployed by IOM and consists of technical focal points from partner organizations of all five clusters. The main aim of the TWiG is to compile and share best practices, to produce guidelines on infrastructure upgrades and implementation in camps and/or informal settlements within the context of NWS, in order to protect IDPs and prevent item loss as well as improve access to other services.

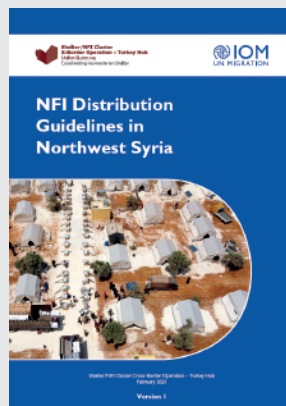


Photos: Care International

IOM NFI Distribution Guidelines Booklet for NWS

In February, SNFI Cluster Members were invited to an introductory session to a new **NFI Distribution Guidelines Booklet for NWS produced by IOM**. The booklet, which has been published in both **English** and **Arabic**, aims to reinforce the capacity development efforts of humanitarian partners and the SNFI Cluster in the context of NWS.

The booklet provides direct guidance on steps to be followed during NFI distribution process, the operational standards and tools, best practices from NWS, especially with respect to protection mainstreaming (GBV & PSEA), M&E and distribution in the context of Covid-19 outbreak. The booklet has been circulated with members and is accessible on the SNFI Cluster website. **This booklet is complementary to the cluster's technical guidance which was updated last year.**



Winterization Update as of February 2021



Total Winter Assistance



1,449,021
people targeted*

100% of initial target reached**

1,518,835
people reached



NFI Kits



195,442
people targeted*

100% of initial target reached**

363,617
people reached



Fuel Distribution



606,587
people targeted*

95%

569,396
people reached

5%

31,191
in progress



Stove Distribution



353,650
people targeted*

91%

323,458
people reached

9%

30,192
in progress



Winter Clothing Kits



201,848
people targeted*

98%

197,378
people reached

2%

4,470
people in progress



Cash Assistance



409,268
people targeted*

62%

246,325
people reached

38%

163,943
people in progress

* The target for winterization is 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



Shelter NFI Whole of Syria page



SNFI Cluster Interactive Dashboard

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