

Displacement Updates in North-West Syria

Over 2.6 million IDPs are living in north-west Syria, including 960,000 people who were newly displaced since December as a consequence of the latest escalation in conflict.

According to HNP, **almost half of the IDP population are now living in adequate housing**. However, shelter options remain limited with 45% of IDPs using emergency shelter, predominantly tents; 5% are living in sub-standard buildings, most of which are unfinished buildings; and 1% of IDPs have found public buildings, like schools, to be the only shelter option, thereby disrupting the provision of public services.

Response

Shelter/Non-Food Item (SNFI) Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs in north-west Syria.

In June, more than **314,000 individuals, both IDPs and host community members, received NFI assistance**, which contain kitchen sets, mattresses and blankets. Shelter needs of **nearly 83,000 people were addressed with activities including emergency shelter provision and shelter rehabilitation**.

The SNFI Cluster is actively coordinating with the Health and WASH Clusters to **respond to the needs of the IDP population in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**. SNFI aims to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 during distributions, to improve the conditions of inadequate shelters and decongest overcrowded collective shelters.

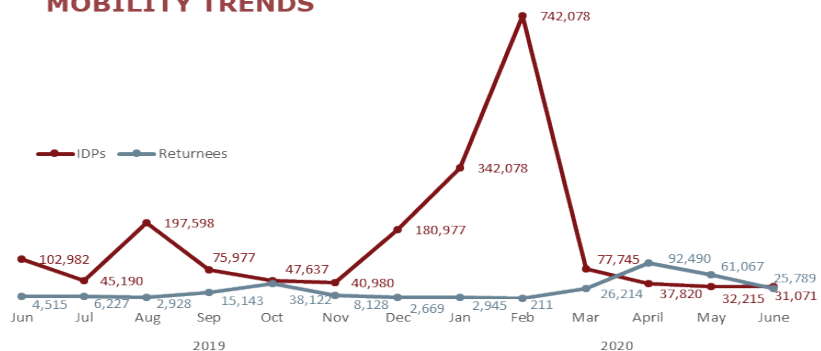
New Recommendation on Masks in NFI Kits

According to a study by HNP and Ground Truth Solutions, **facemask usage remains low** with only 12% of focal points in NWS reporting that community members wear them, noting that without PPE distribution, communities often cannot either find or afford facemasks, making it difficult to take this precaution.

A new recommendation from SNFI is to **include cloth-masks in NFI kits** to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Local manufacture of masks within Syria is a further good practice, having the added benefit of creating income generative activities at a time when the devaluation of the SYP has led to severe economic problems and hardship in accessing basic goods and services. To avoid absorbing medical masks and other PPEs from the Syrian markets, procurement and supply from Turkey might be also good choice.

As outlined in WHO's '**Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19**', health workers in specified scenarios, as well as those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are recommended to wear masks (in addition to other protective measures). While authorities should encourage the general public to wear masks in specific situations. Detailed technical specifications can be found in the WHO guidance document. Collaboration with the Health Cluster and engagement of the COVID-19 Task Force is encouraged.

MOBILITY TRENDS



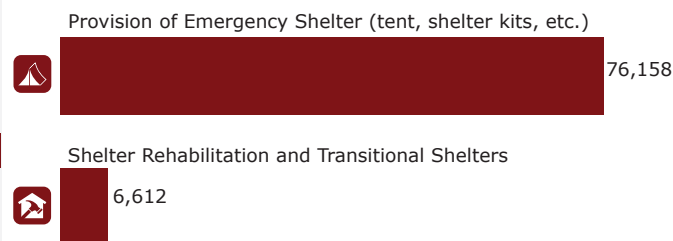
Graph: Number of IDPs in NWS and returnees from within Syria for the past 12 months, as reported by HNP in June 2020.

Shelter Response

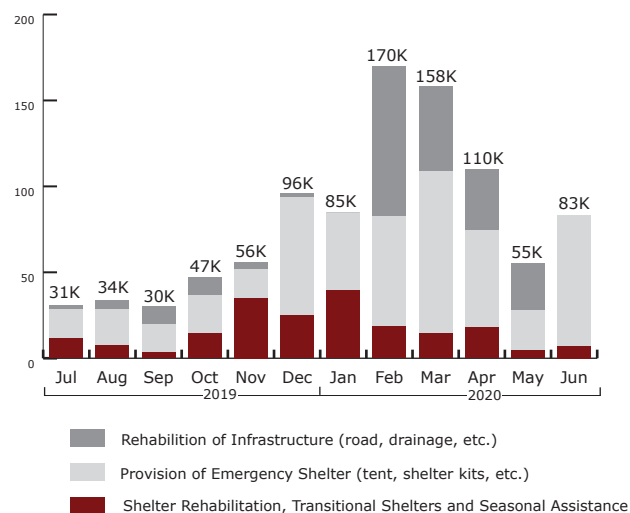


662,820 people were reached in 2020 with rehabilitation of infrastructure (197,665 people); provision of emergency shelter (358,785 people); shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters (76,007 people); seasonal assistance (30,363 people).

People reached in June by sub-activity



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



Rehabilitation of Infrastructure (road, drainage, etc.)

Provision of Emergency Shelter (tent, shelter kits, etc.)

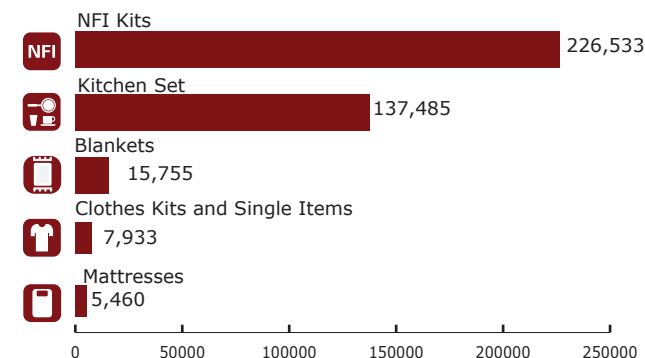
Shelter Rehabilitation, Transitional Shelters and Seasonal Assistance

NFI Response

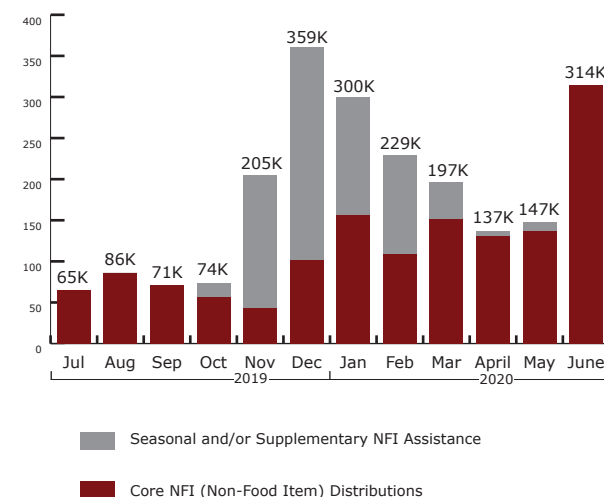


1,335,682 people were reached in 2020 with seasonal and/or supplementary NFI assistance (335,593 people), and core NFI distributions (1,000,089 people).

People reached in June by item (top 5 items)



People reached in the past 12 months by activity



Seasonal and/or Supplementary NFI Assistance

Core NFI (Non-Food Item) Distributions

Collective Center Assessment

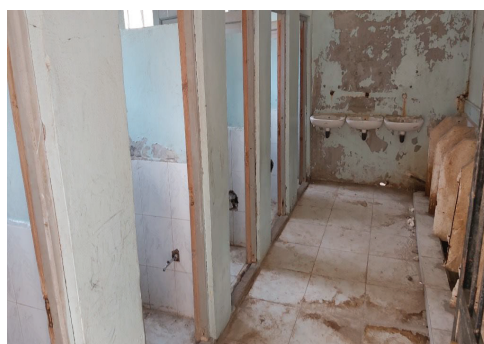
The Shelter/NFI Cluster team, together with HNAP, conducted a **second round of assessments on the Collective Shelter Conditions in NW Syria**. The objective of the assessment is to support partners in designing and prioritizing interventions to improve living standards within collective shelters. Following the initial assessments that took place in April 2020, the second round of assessments were conducted in June 2020 and focused on the living conditions in 43 collective centres.

The second round of data collection found that as in the first round, **many of the living conditions in these collective centres were inadequate**. In the assessments carried out in June 2020, 9 collective centres were found to have minor inadequacies, 32 collective centres were found to have moderate inadequacies, and 2 were found to have severe inadequacies. The predominant issues identified were **damages in the building and sanitation issues**. For example, 58% of the collective centres where 3,6767 IDPs are living reported damage; whereas 72% of the collective centres reported that there were no bathing facilities.

To facilitate an effective response and operationalize the findings, SNFI encourages partners to consider the following recommendations:

- Liaise with the Shelter Cluster in order to review the individual profiles of each collective shelter and to receive guidance on possible interventions. The collective shelter profiles include useful information such as maps, pictures of the shelter, population data, conditions of the building, and adequacy issues.
- Assess the collective centres and consider their own operational capacity to deliver interventions in line with the broad categories outlined by the Shelter/ NFI Cluster: Extreme, Severe, Moderate and Minor inadequacies.
- Prioritize collective shelter interventions that aim to decongest overcrowding in existing collective shelters.
- Aim to improve available sanitation services and the ability to store water for drinking, cooking, and bathing.
- Liaise with the Education Cluster before any intervention in schools in order to provide solutions that address both needs for adequate shelter and access to education.

Individual profiles on each collective shelter have also been prepared and are available upon request from the Shelter/NFI Cluster team at im.turkey@sheltercluster.org.



Images credit: SNFI Cluster and HNAP Collective Shelter Conditions in NWS Report

Activities in Progress, Stock and Gaps as of mid-July 2020



Tents

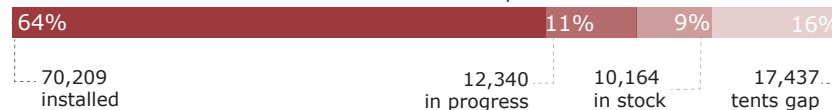


550,750
people targeted



110,150
tents required/
planned for

86,000 tents to respond to the last displacements (fully funded) + 24,150 tents for a preparedness plan (44% funded)



Infrastructure in IDP Sites



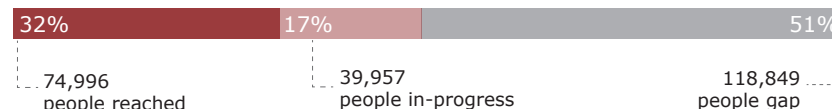
550,750
people targeted



Shelter Rehabilitation



233,802
people targeted



NFI Kits



1,242,698
people targeted



248,526
household NFI kits
required



Shelter NFI Cluster website



Shelter NFI Whole of Syria page



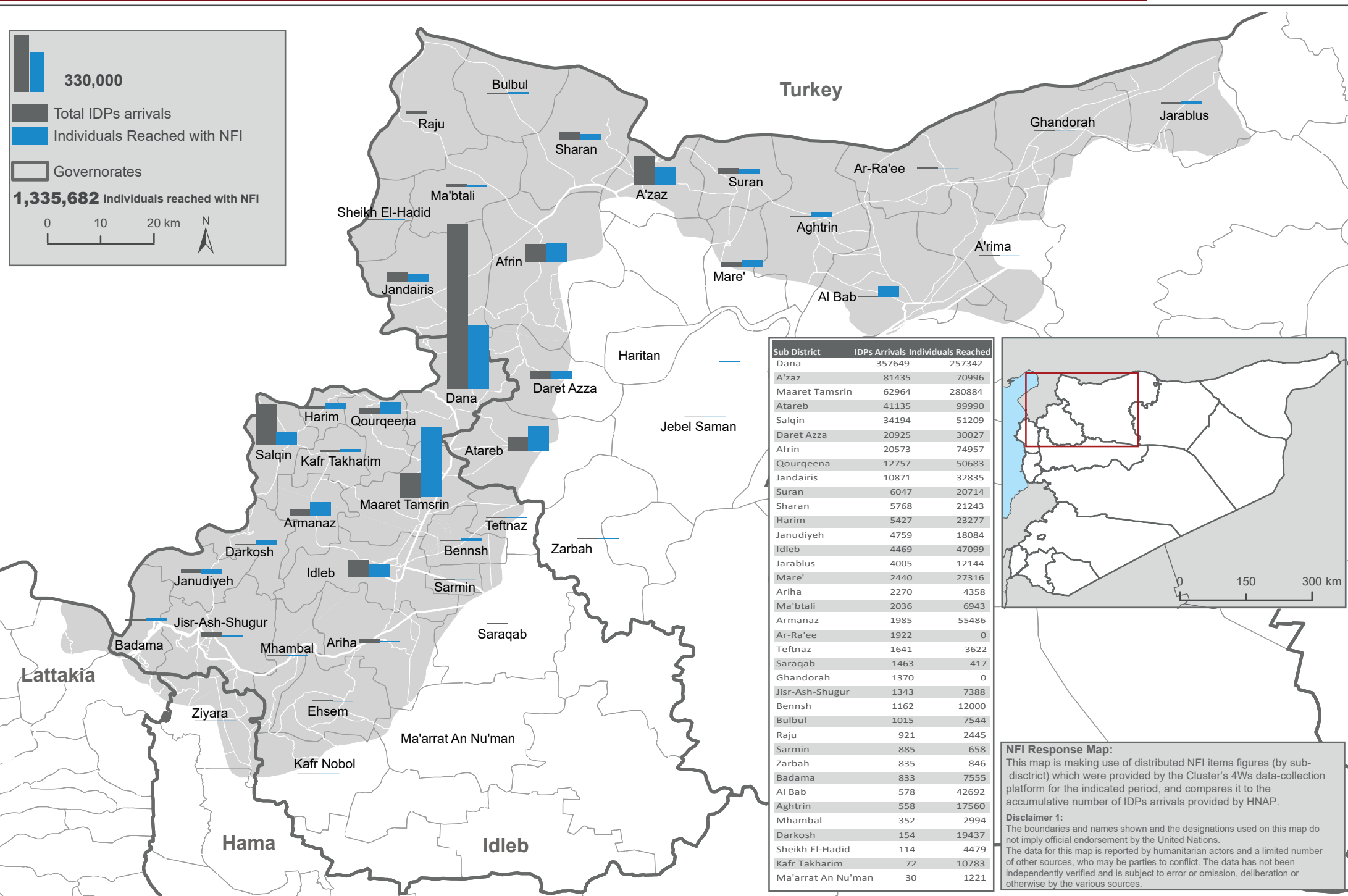
SNFI Cluster Interactive Dashboard

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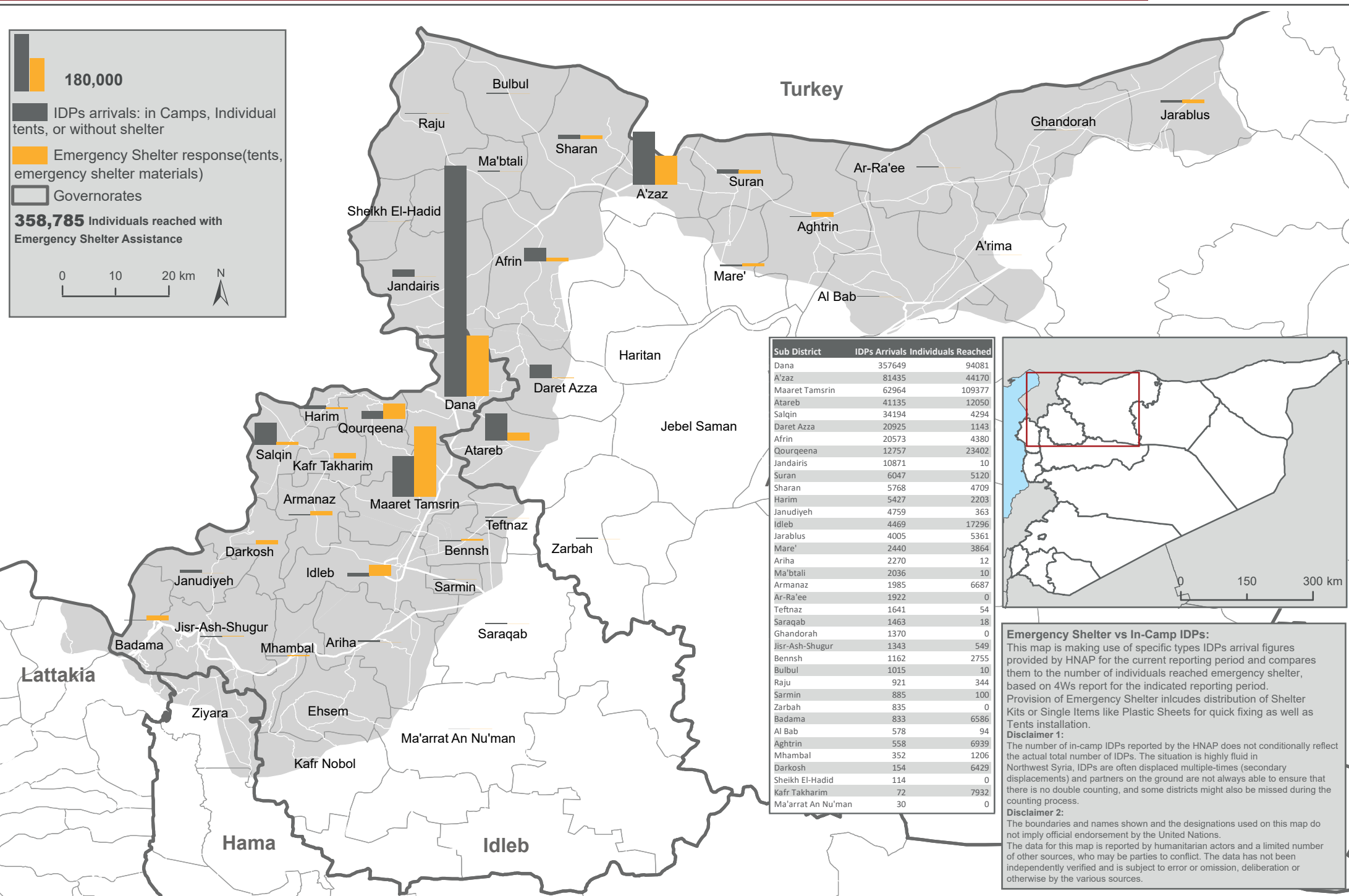
Data source: Shelter/NFI Cluster 4Ws, CCCM Cluster, HNAP, Ground Truth Solutions, WHO

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North-West Syria: NFI Response vs New IDPs Arrivals (January-June 2020)



North-West Syria: Provision of Emergency Shelter vs New IDPs Arrivals (January-June 2020)



North-West Syria: Shelter Rehabilitation Response (January-June 2020)

