

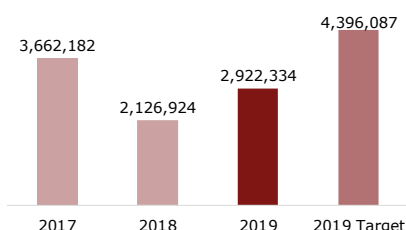
Shelter and NFI Sector: Annual Report 2019

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Shelter and NFI (SNFI) Sector partners aim to save and sustain lives through the provision of timely, emergency relief and shelter assistance. This includes the distribution of tents, collective shelters and emergency shelter as well core relief items and winter assistance. The second objective of the SNFI response is to continue strengthening the resilience and cohesion of vulnerable communities by improving housing and related community or public infrastructure including repair of damaged housing and small-scale infrastructure.

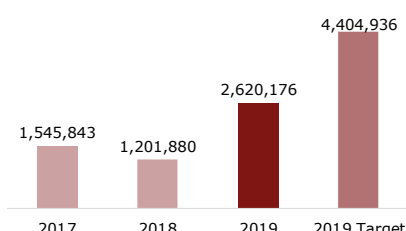
Sector Objective 1: Targeted crisis-affected households, including those in underserved and hard-to-reach locations, have their core and essential non-food

Achievement rate **66%** 100%



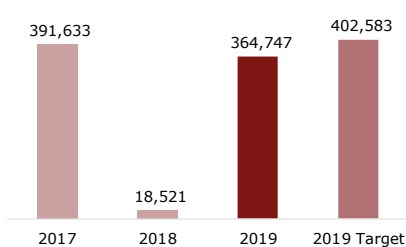
Sector Objective 2: Targeted people are protected from seasonally harsh conditions.

Achievement rate **59%** 100%



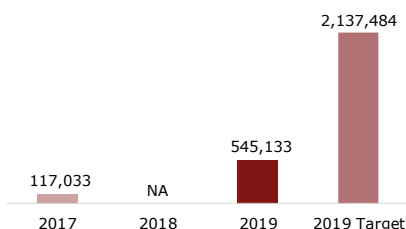
Sector Objective 3: Targeted crisis-affected households are provided with timely life-saving and life-sustaining shelter support (medium-term/temporary shelter).

Achievement rate **91%** 100%



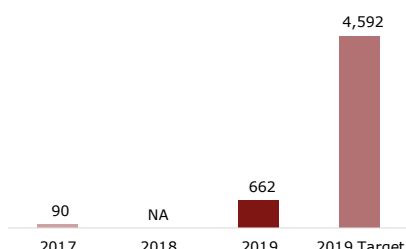
Sector Objective 4: Increase in adequate housing stock available to targeted households and communities.

Achievement rate **26%** 100%



Sector Objective 5: Increased capacity of Shelter / NFI stakeholders and partners.

Achievement rate **14%** 100%



NFI **Non-food items:** 2,922,334 individuals reached, equalling 66% of the HRP target.

Winterization NFI including heating fuel: 2,576,556 individuals reached, equalling 59% of the HRP target.

Winterization SOKs, materials and shelter upgrades: 43,620 individuals reached, equalling 217% of the HRP target. Despite meeting the initial target, additionally identified PiN were reached.

Emergency shelter material and kits, tents and associated infrastructure: 330,413 individuals reached, equalling 127% of the HRP target. Despite meeting the initial target, additionally identified PiN were reached.

Cash for rent or monetized solutions: 5,503 individuals reached, equalling 14% of the HRP target.

Rehabilitation of collective centres and unfinished buildings: 30,081 individuals reached, equalling 29% of the HRP target.

Repairs to damaged houses: 152,314 individuals reached, equalling 51% of the HRP target.

Structural repair to community and public infrastructure and facilities: 395,269 individuals reached, equalling 22% of the HRP target.

Training of stakeholders and partners: 662 individuals reached, equalling 14% of the HRP target.

RESPONSE ANALYSIS

Overall in 2019 the NFI sector reached an estimated 2.9 million people across three hubs delivering immediate humanitarian assistance to the newly displaced; and critical winter assistance to over 2.5 million IDPs, returnees and host community members. For NFIs, nearly 70% of the target has been reached with the majority being in areas with high severity, including the response to the October 2019 displacement in NES, vulnerable families in camps and collective centres and ongoing newly accessible areas like Eastern Ghouta, parts of Aleppo and Idleb.

The 2019 implementation rate for the shelter response was lower—achieving 38% of its target across the three hubs. Of the 2.1 million people targeted for repair of damaged homes, just 25% or 540,000 people were reached. However, the emergency support reached over 410,000 people—97% of the emergency shelter target—mainly in areas of new displacement with tents and repairs to collective shelter.

Within the Syria hub, most partners attributed the limited longer-term response to the lengthy approval process. However, there has been recent progress on detailing and streamlining the administrative process, which the SNFI Sector hopes will help facilitate the response in 2020. In Northwest and Northeast Syria the limited response for shelter repair is attributed to the small amount of partners, their limited capacity to respond and the high rate of displacement towards the end of the year. Furthermore, emergency events such as floods in Northwest Syria required unplanned emergency interventions.

2019/2020 Winter

After almost a decade into the crisis in Syria, winterization remains a crucial response for the SNFI Sector. The response includes life-saving items such as high-thermal blankets, mattresses, blankets, winter clothes for both children and adults, heating fuel, tent replacements and plastic sheeting.

The continued displacement and lack of livelihoods left an estimated three million individuals (about 600,000 families) in need of seasonal assistance in the end of 2019. To ensure that families receive winterization items on time, the Syria hub started its winterization response as early as September 2019, with the Turkey and Northeast Syria hubs following in October 2019.

Partners started their winterization response in September 2019 (Syria hub) with Turkey and NES hubs following in October; and continued distributing winter items throughout March 2020. With 2.5 million beneficiaries, partners reached more than 70% of their targets (3.4 million) and almost 90% of their plans (2.8 million). The gap is a result of a funding deficit and increasing operational costs due to high fuel prices and the depreciation of the Syrian Pound since late 2019. Furthermore, partners had to scale back—or even cease—their programming to limit the risk of COVID-19, since early March 2020.

For the coming response, an early commitment from donors to provide funding will remain crucial to allow for a successful response reaching all people in need.

Individuals reached vs
planned vs targeted

72% 82% 100%

Funding in %

75% 100%

Story from the field

Saeed, a loving father of five children and his wife were forced to flee their home and face the cruelty of an abrupt displacement. "We had to walk many kilometers in the dark and under the heavy shooting. We couldn't take anything with us but the clothes we were wearing that day and we couldn't rest until we arrived to Al-Bukamal. After his arrival, Saeed heard about the family registration for the distribution of warm winter clothes and decided to participate in the program. He provided the needed information and received winter clothes for his entire family. They were one of the 9.915 families who have been supported by our winterization campaign. This family and all the other selected beneficiaries of the project truly needed and deserved the support to overcome the hardship and suffering caused by the cold Syrian winter. Warmth has finally found a place in Deir-ez-Zor."

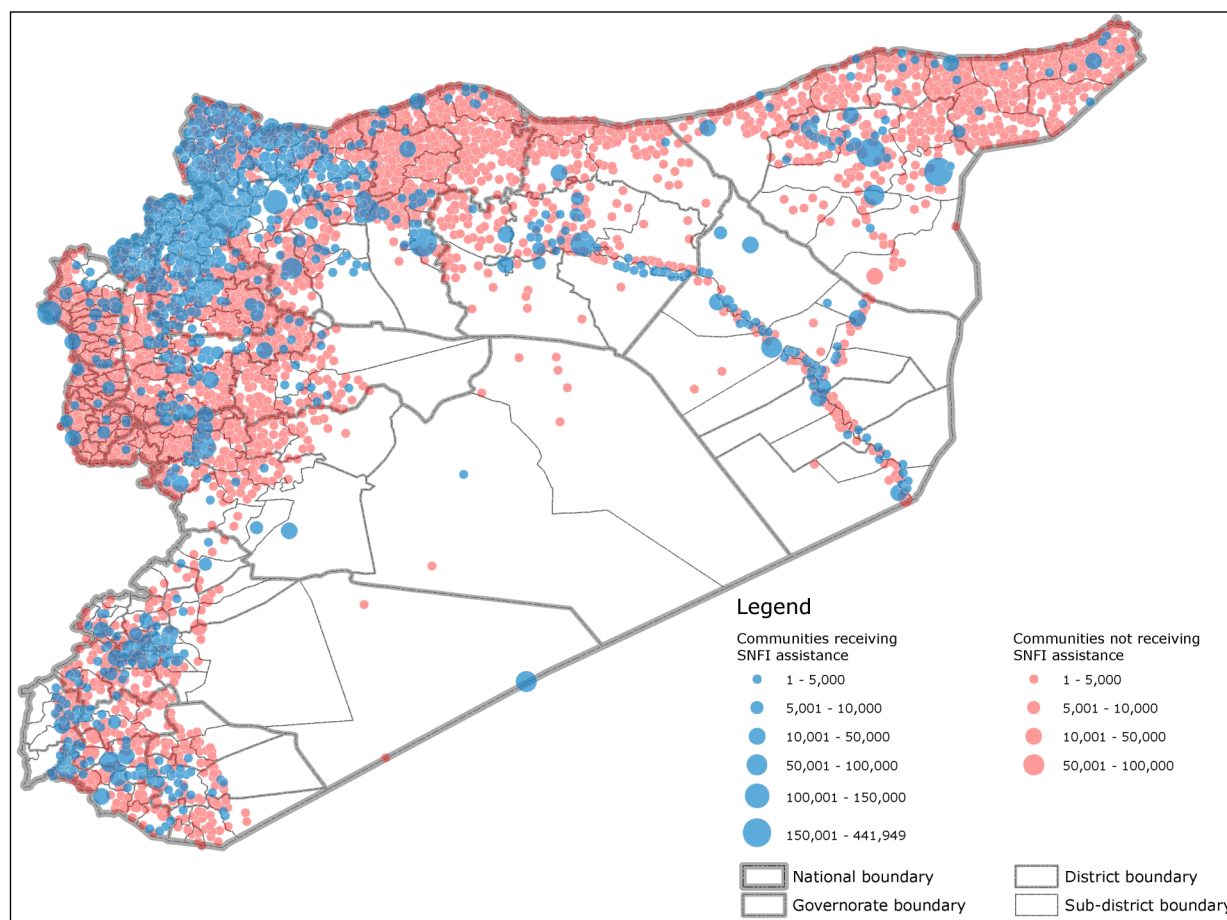
Shortened version of a story shared by the Rebuild Syria Reconstruction Program (RSRP)

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

In 2019, a total of 1,081 communities across Syria were reached with SNFI assistance. Of all individuals reached with NFI assistance, 71% lived in communities with a severity of 3 or higher. Similarly, 80% of all individuals reached with shelter support lived in communities with a severity of 3 or higher. Both responses came short of their targets, with NFI and shelter support reaching 66% and 36% respectively. Yet, the focus on communities with the highest severities demonstrates that the SNFI sector provided immediate assistance to high displacement areas, such as Afrin and A'zaz in Northern Aleppo and Harim and Idleb in Northwest Aleppo.

Despite its lower overall reach when compared to the NFI response, shelter assistance provided crucial support to vulnerable people and communities with significant need in repairing damaged buildings.

Map 1: Communities with reported people in need



LINKS AND PUBLICATIONS

WoS Shelter and NFI Sector hub

[Website](#)

Sector Strategy (Syria hub)

[English](#)

WoS 4Ws, as of December 2019

[English](#)

Winterization, as of December 2019

[English](#)

Winterization 2018/2019 Analysis

[English](#)

HRP 2019 analysis

[English](#)

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