

NFI Sector - Syria Hub





Left: Winterization distribution in Ar-Raqqa-Debsi Faraj town, Credit: FCA.

Right: Winterization distribution in Az-Zabdani, Credit: UNHCR.

COORDINATION

- HRP 2024: In 2024, the HRP underwent a significant change by adopting a hybrid approach, combining both projectbased and activity-based methodologies. By mid-February, 17 agencies submitted their plans, which were vetted by 7 March. The core NFI activities remain unchanged, with emphasis on the provision of both core and winter NFIs.
- SHF 1st Standard Allocation: At the end of Q1 2024, preparations commenced for the first standard SHF allocation with a value of 25M USD. Sector coordinators consulted with stakeholders to identify two strategic priorities of which NFI sector partners will submit proposals against the first.
- Strategic Priority 1 focusses on underserved areas. This priority aims to deliver critical winter supplies and lifesaving aid to the most vulnerable populations in areas with limited access to basic services. These areas are often affected by crisis, displacement, or natural disasters. Activities will prioritize assistance to people living in last resort sites (camps, settlements, collective centers), households and communities affected by conflict and tensions in southern Syria (Sweida & Dar'a), households and communities displaced by conflict (DeZ and North Syria), and vulnerable households still impacted by the 2023 earthquakes.

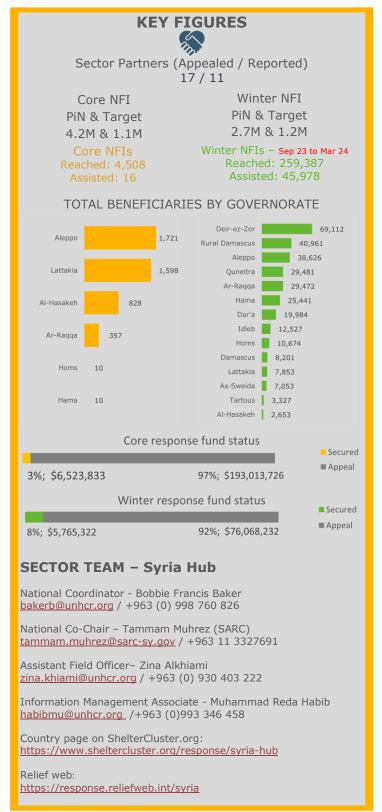
RESPONSE

- Core NFI Response: As of the end of the first quarter, sector partners reached over 4,508 vulnerable people with provision of Core NFIs across 6 Governorates, with Aleppo & Lattakia being the areas with highest coverage. The total funding requirement for Core NFI interventions in 2024 stands at USD 6.5M.
- Winter season 2023-24: As March marks the end of the winter season, the NFI sector is producing and will release an end of season winter report to highlight needs, response/achievements and gaps for 2023-24 winter season. While millions need help, only a fraction have received critical winter supplies due to a lack of resources.
- While 2.7 million people in Syria required winter assistance for the winter season of 23-24, only 5 million USD was secured, against a needed 76 million USD and just 305,365 (20%) unique individuals were reached, far short of the 1.2 million targeted.

As Funding shortfall leaves 70 million gap, urgent action is needed to improve coordination, secure funding, and prioritize aid to most vulnerable populations for the upcoming winter seasons. This will ensure lifesaving winter supplies reach those who need them most in the upcoming years.

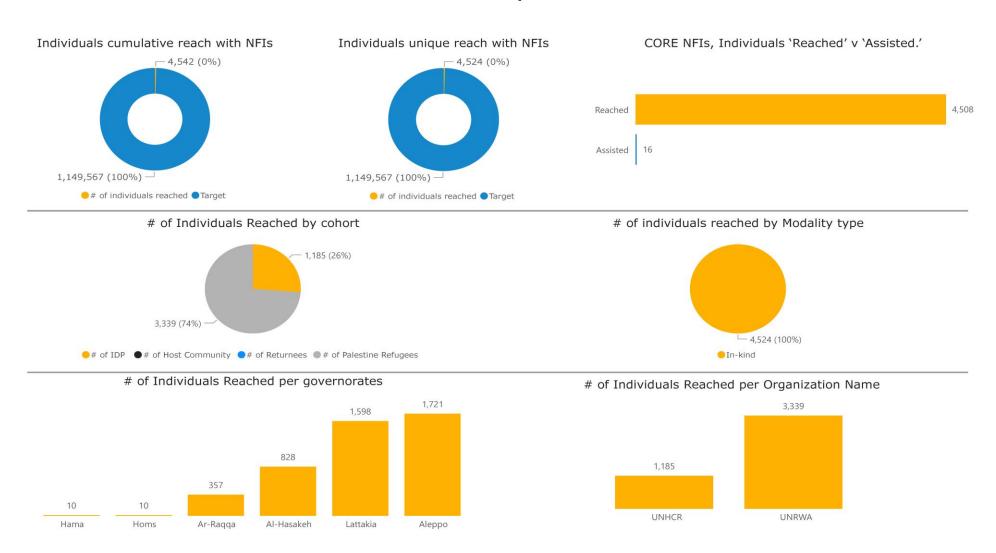
GAPS / CHALLENGES

- The difficult economic conditions continue pose significant challenges to the sector partners particularly in planning and procuring.
- Access and safety continue to be challenges in some parts of the country as well as partner capacity and funding.





Core NFI Response

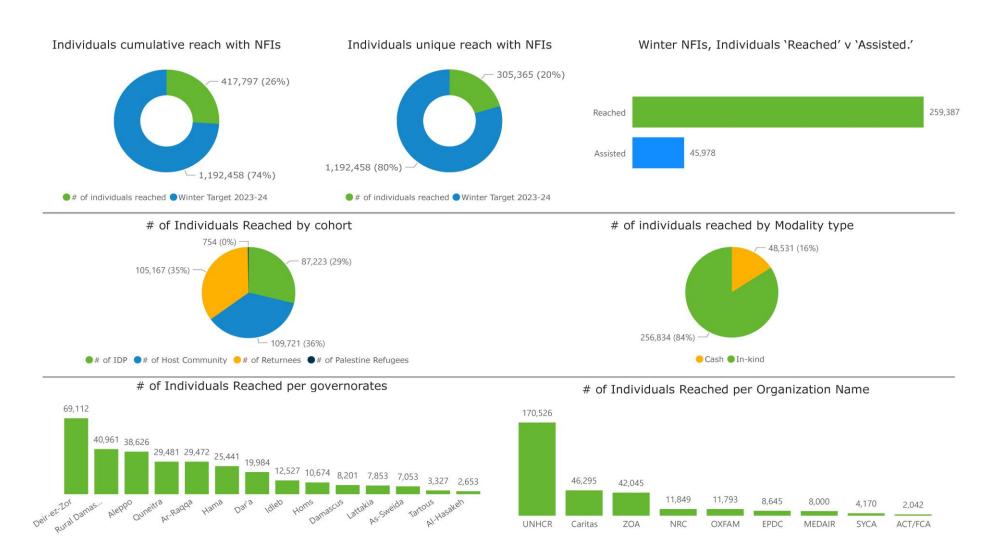


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Winter NFI Response



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Unique Reach: sum up of both reached and assisted Individuals who benefited from winter assistance from October 2023 till March 2024.

Cumulative Reach: Sum up of all individuals who received winter assistance (some of them may have received more than one time).