



SHELTER SITUATION IN NORTH-WEST SYRIA

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A JOINT REPORT BY HNAP & NWS S/NFI CLUSTER

Methodology

In January 2022, the Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme (HNAP) conducted a nationwide demographic household (HH) survey across all 14 governorates of Syria. Fieldwork was carried out through face-to-face interviews by experienced HNAP field teams who were trained on coded surveys by data collection experts. Using Kobo Toolbox, the survey collected data on key demographic and socio-economic indicators, representative at the country, governorate and sub-district level.

The sample frame was sourced from the list of (p-coded) locations, updated by OCHA in August 2020, while the population figures were obtained from HNAP's population baseline, updated in December 2022. Households were estimated considering an average household size of 5 members throughout the country. In total, 21,061,433 individuals and 4,210,698 households living in 269 sub-districts were considered for the sample frame. Accordingly, a stratified random sample of 26,003 households was selected to be interviewed and 26,042 households were ultimately assessed, representative

of the Syrian population at sub-district level with a 95% confidence interval and a 10% margin of error.¹ Although the scope of data collection was across the whole of Syria, this report only utilizes the data collected in select locations across 39 sub-districts² in Idleb and northern Aleppo, comprising north-west Syria (NWS). In total, 3,846 households were interviewed in NWS.

Weights were calculated with reference to the population estimates at sub-district level. The design weights were computed as the inverse of the probability of inclusion of each household. These weights were then adjusted to represent the exact population of households living in each sub-district.

The figures in the report are weighted population estimates, i.e., they represent the reference population not the sample population. Figures on absent members rely on the recall of the interviewed households, and as such may not be representative of the entire absent population.

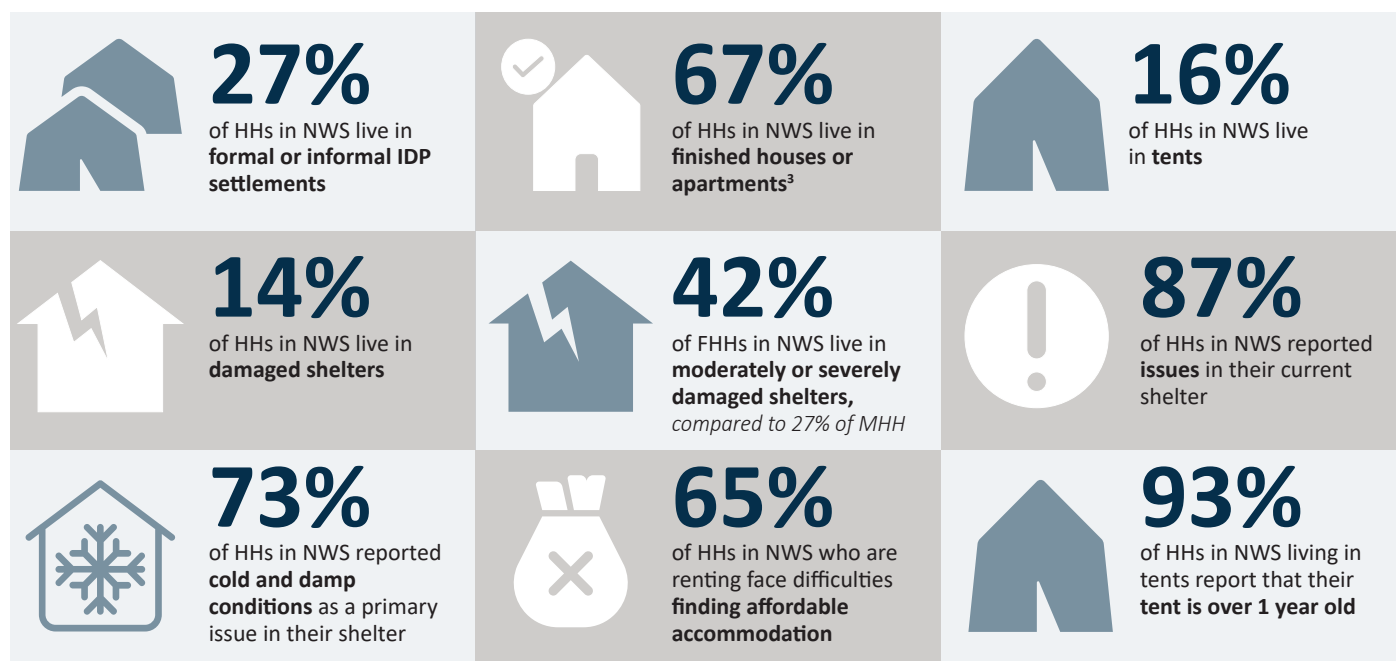
Please note, the geographical scope of this joint-report is north-west Syria (NWS), which is considered for operational purposes, and therefore only includes relevant sub-districts in Idleb and northern Aleppo. For the purposes of this joint-report, 'NWS' differs from the way in which it was reported for HNAP's Spring 2022 Report Series.

Survey questions pertaining to shelter situation were designed in conjunction with NWS Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster (S/NFI), who provided technical expertise and guidance. This report - a joint HNAP and S/NFI report - provides an overview of shelter conditions across the north-west of Syria.

KEY FINDINGS

This fact-sheet investigates shelter conditions across north-west Syria. Specifically, the following areas are explored: shelter types; settlement types; shelter damages; problems or issues

reported in shelters; hazards; evictions; occupancy status, tent status, rental conditions and access to fuel and markets. *Key findings are summarized below:*



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¹ For a more detailed sampling methodology, please do not hesitate to contact us at hnap-syria@un.org.

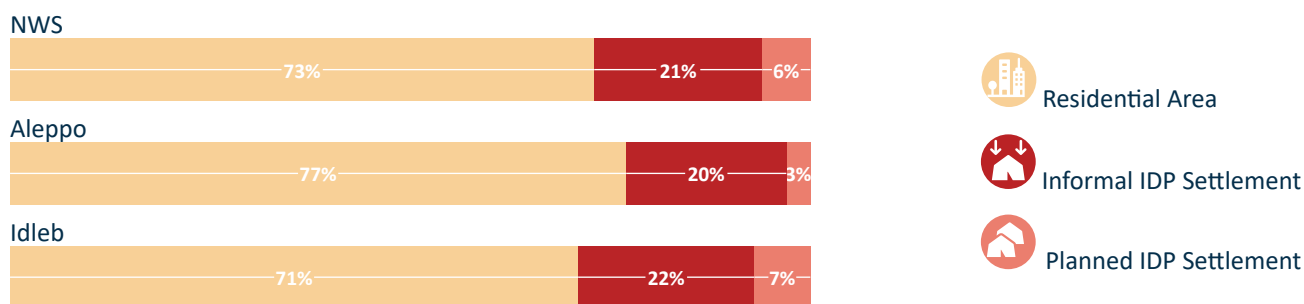
² For the list of sub-districts included in the analysis for this report, please see the Annex on the last page.

³ Please note that this refers to all households living in NWS, which includes all population groups, including residents, IDPs and returnees.

Settlement and shelter type

TYPE OF SETTLEMENT

TYPE OF SETTLEMENT ACROSS NWS AND BY GOVERNORATE (% HHs)⁴



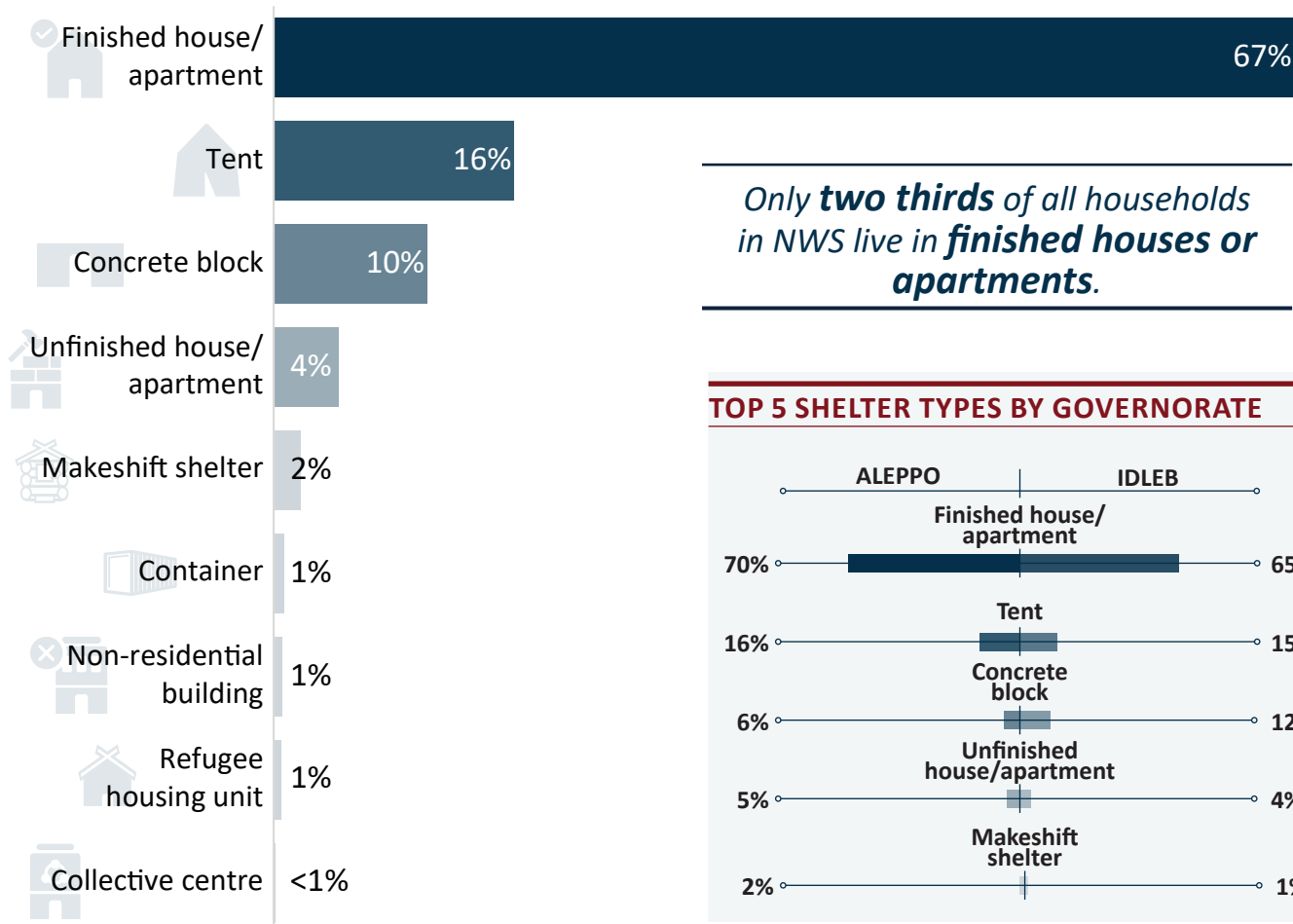
TYPE OF SETTLEMENT BY POPULATION TYPE (% HHs)



More than 1 in 4 HHs in NWS live in an IDP settlement.

TYPE OF SHELTER

TYPE OF SHELTER ACROSS NWS (% HHs)

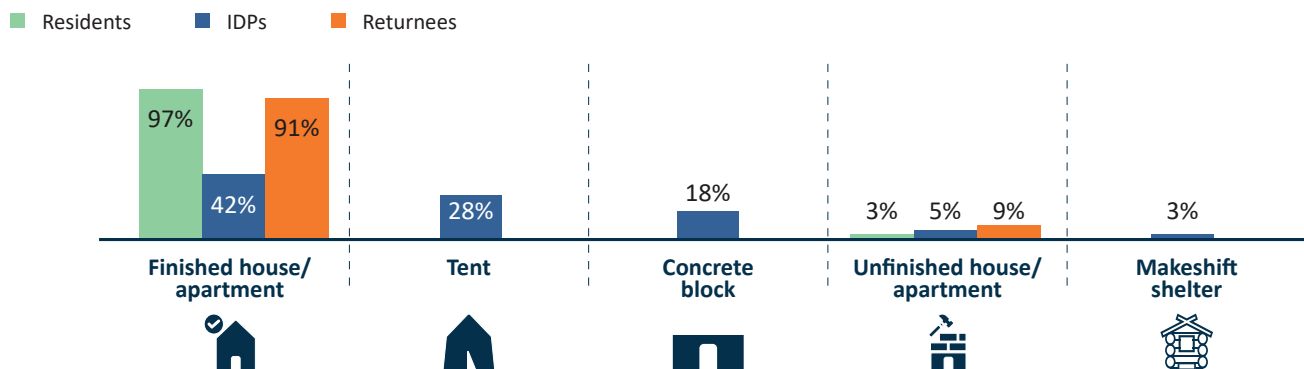


⁴ In this governorate breakdown, along with all the following governorate breakdowns, Idleb and Aleppo refer only to those sub-districts which are operationally relevant.

⁵ Internally Displaced (IDPs) household is a household who has been forced to flee its location of origin to another location within Syria for at least one month. IDP households are either displaced from one location in Syria to another, or displaced within Syria after having had returned from abroad.

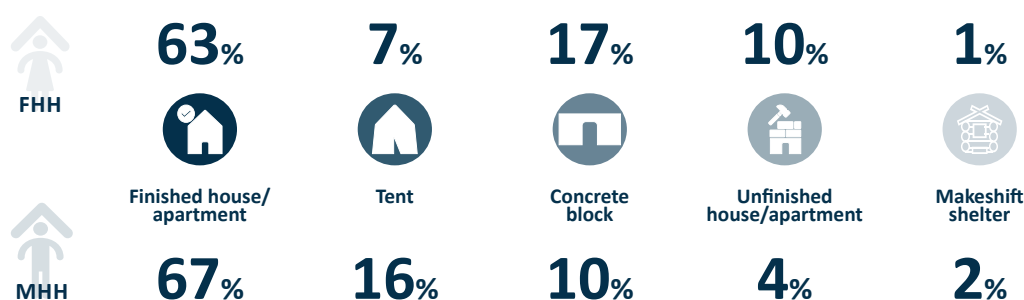
⁶ A returnee household is a household who has returned to their place of origin in 2022 for at least one month after having previously fled for at least one month. Note that HNAP only considers those who returned to their community of origin as returnees; therefore, figures do not include those who returned from abroad to other places in Syria. Furthermore, persons who returned from abroad might face unique challenges which could result in under-reporting in this category. Given these contextual challenges, figures are likely to differ from those collected in the country of displacement. For more information regarding registered returns, please refer to UNHCR.

TYPE OF SHELTER BY POPULATION TYPE (% HHs)



*More than **one quarter** of IDP households live in **tents**.*

TYPE OF SHELTER BY SEX OF HoH (% HHs)



Shelter characteristics

ACCESS TO TOILETS

16%
of HHs
in NWS with access to a
functioning toilet share
it with another HH

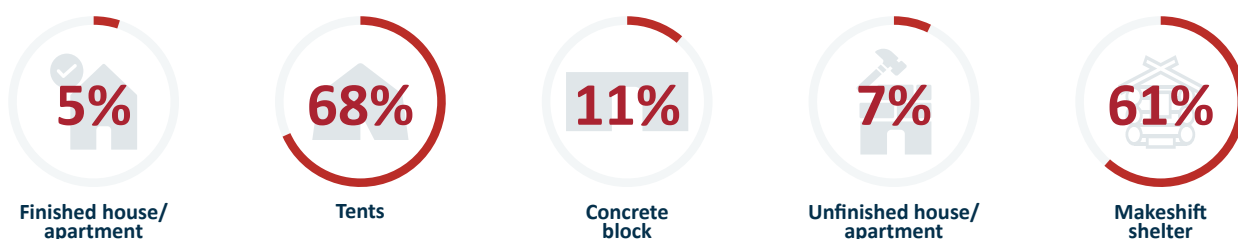
15%
ALEPPO

17%
IDLEB

BREAKDOWN BY SEX OF HoH



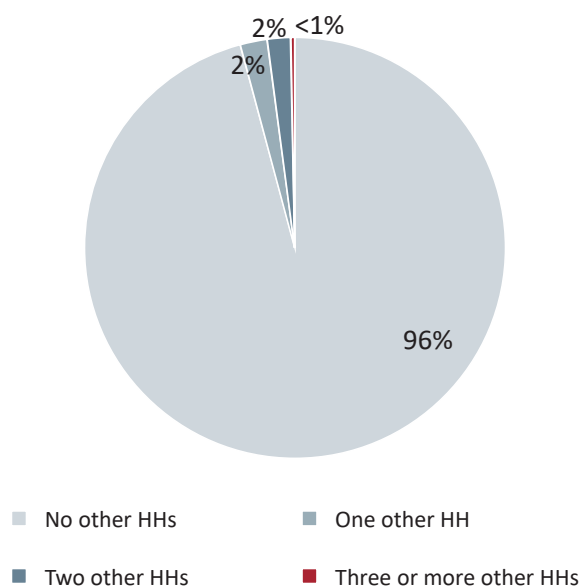
SHARING TOILET BY TOP 5 SHELTER TYPES (% HHs WITH ACCESS TO A FUNCTIONING TOILET)



*Approximately **2 in 3** NWS households living in **tents** and **makeshift shelters** share their toilets.*

SHELTER SHARING

SHELTER SHARING (% HHs)



BREAKDOWN OF SHELTER SHARING WITH ONE OR MORE HHs BY GOVERNORATE AND SEX HoH

BY GOVERNORATE



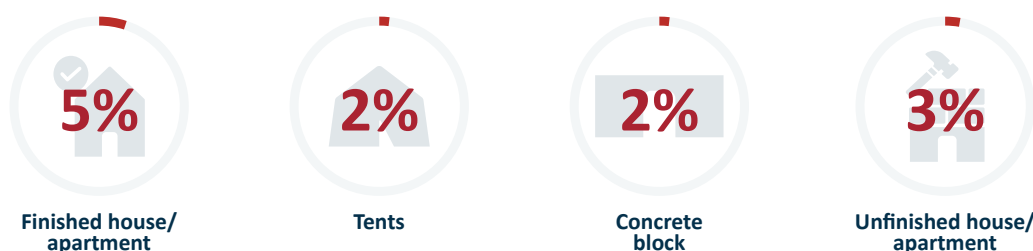
BY SEX OF HOH



TOP 3 SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST RATES OF SHELTER SHARING

Governorate	Sub-district	% of HHs
Aleppo	Mare'	29%
Idleb	Ariha	13%
Aleppo	Ma'btali	12%

SHELTER SHARING WITH ONE OR MORE HHs BY TOP SHELTER TYPES⁷ (% HHs)



Shelter damages (SELECTED SHELTER TYPES ONLY)⁸

14% of shelters inhabited by HHs in NWS are damaged⁹

13% in Aleppo **15%** in Idleb

MOST IMPACTED SUB-DISTRICTS

Governorate	Sub-district	% of HHs
Idleb	Kafr Nobol	73%
Idleb	Ariha	65%
Idleb	Bennsh	59%
Idleb	Saraqab	52%
Idleb	Salqin	50%
Idleb	Jisr-Ash-Shugur	50%

BREAKDOWN OF SHELTER DAMAGES BY SHELTER TYPE AND SEX OF HoH

SHELTER TYPE



SEX OF HOH

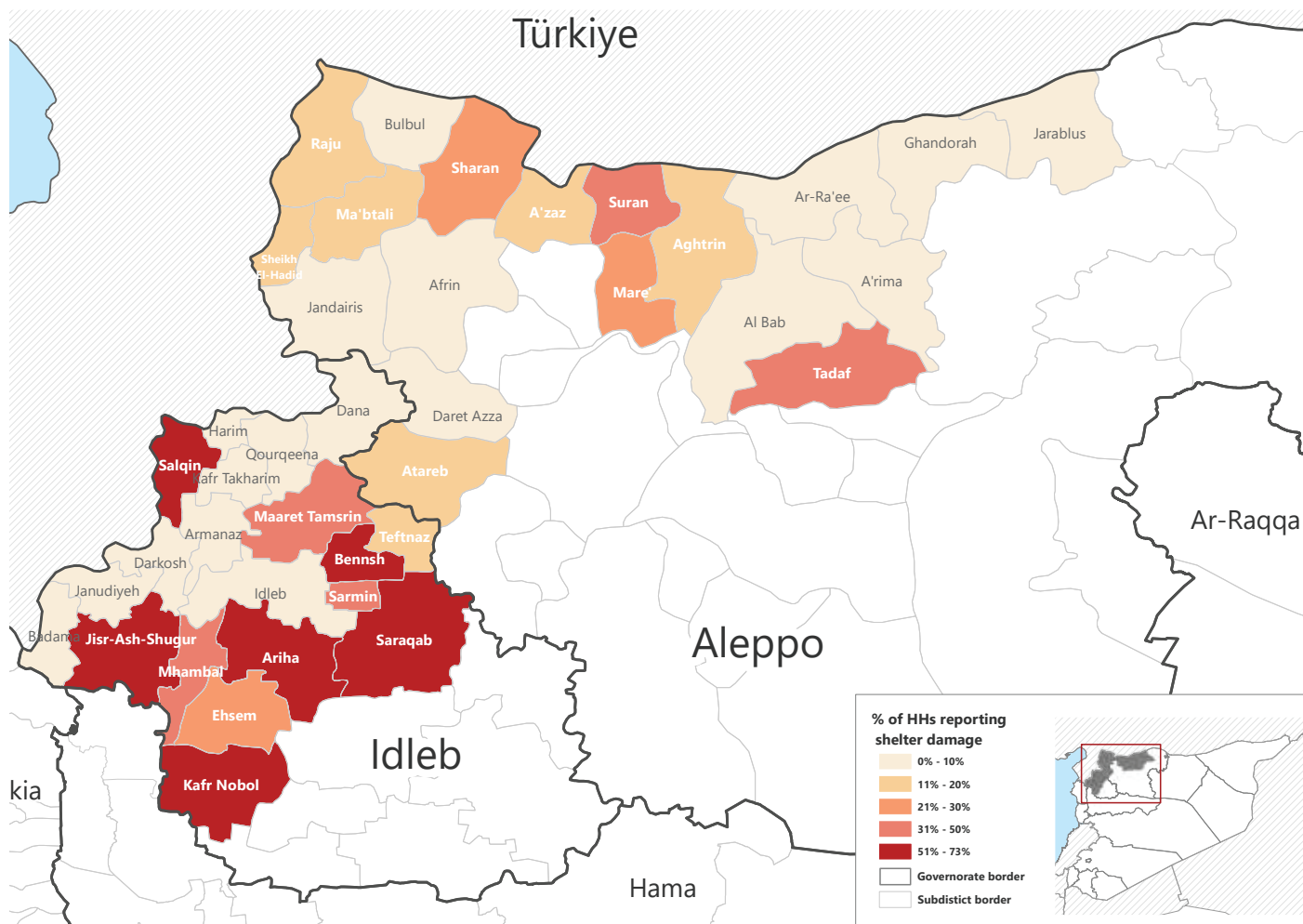


⁷ Note that households living in makeshift shelters reported did not report sharing their shelters with any other household.

⁸ For the purposes of shelter rehabilitation, households residing in unfinished houses/apartments, tents, makeshift shelters, refugee housing units and containers were not asked about the damages during the survey.

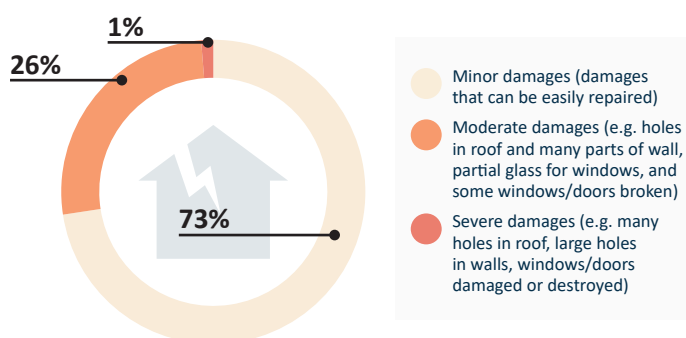
⁹ It is important to note that relatively low rates of reported damage across certain types of shelters do not imply that they are suitable for residence. Many will, for example, still be host to numerous issues or problems. See 'problems with shelter' section.

PROPORTION OF HHs IN NWS REPORTING SHELTER DAMAGE BY SUB-DISTRICT

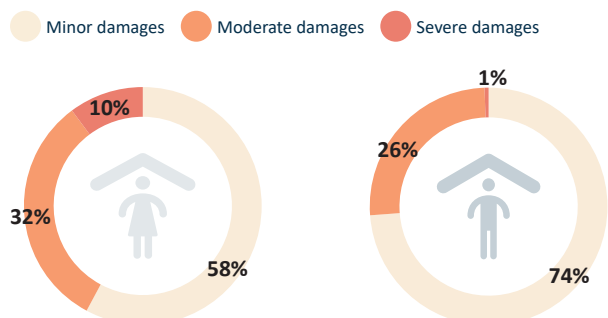


EXTENT OF DAMAGES (% HHs who reported damages)¹⁰

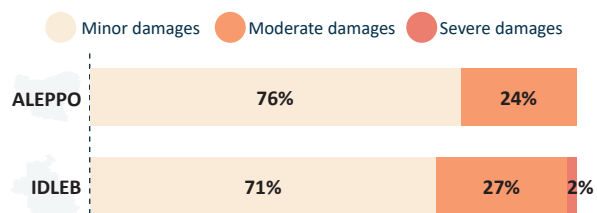
EXTENT OF DAMAGES



EXTENT OF DAMAGE BY SEX OF HoH



EXTENT OF DAMAGES BY GOVERNORATE (% HHs WHO REPORTED DAMAGES)



SEVERE DAMAGES BY SUB-DISTRICT (TOP 5 SUB-DISTRICTS REPORTING SEVERE DAMAGES)

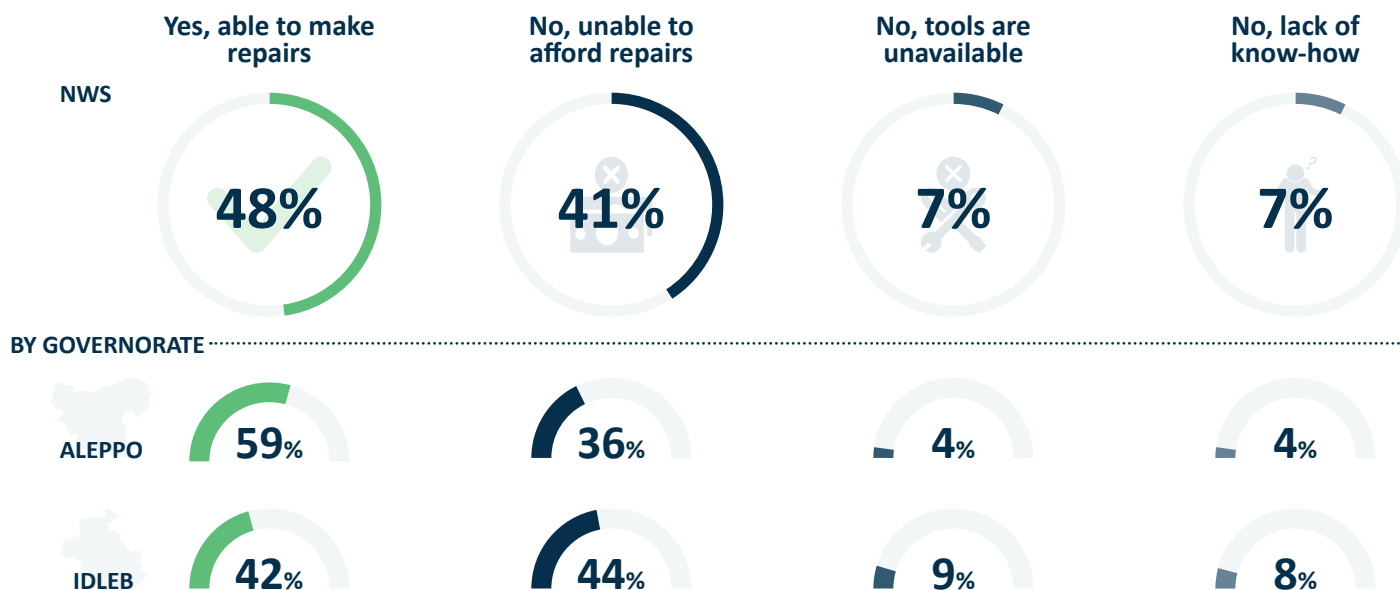
Governorate	Sub-District	% of HHs
Idleb	Jisr-Ash-Shugur	12%
idleb	Teftnaz	6%
Idleb	Ariha	3%
Idleb	Sarmin	3%
Idleb	Saraqab	3%

In NWS, 1 in 10 female-headed households live in severely damaged shelters.

¹⁰ Note that only occupied shelters were assessed in this survey; therefore, the proportion of shelters with severe damages is low, as these shelters are usually uninhabitable.

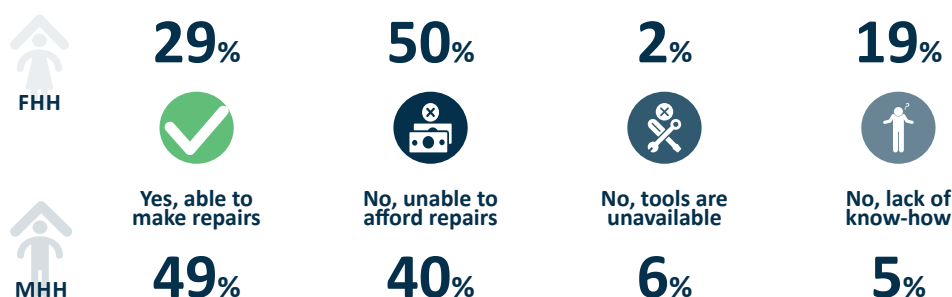
SHELTER REPAIRS

SHELTER REPAIRS IN NWS AND BY GOVERNORATE (% HHs)



Nearly 1 in 2 households in NWS lack sufficient funds to exact shelter repairs.

SHELTER REPAIR BY SEX OF HoH (% HHs)



Approximately 1 in 3 female-headed households in NWS are able to afford repairs to their shelter, compared to nearly 1 in 2 male-headed households.

A flooded IDP settlement in north-west Syria.



ISSUES WITH SHELTER

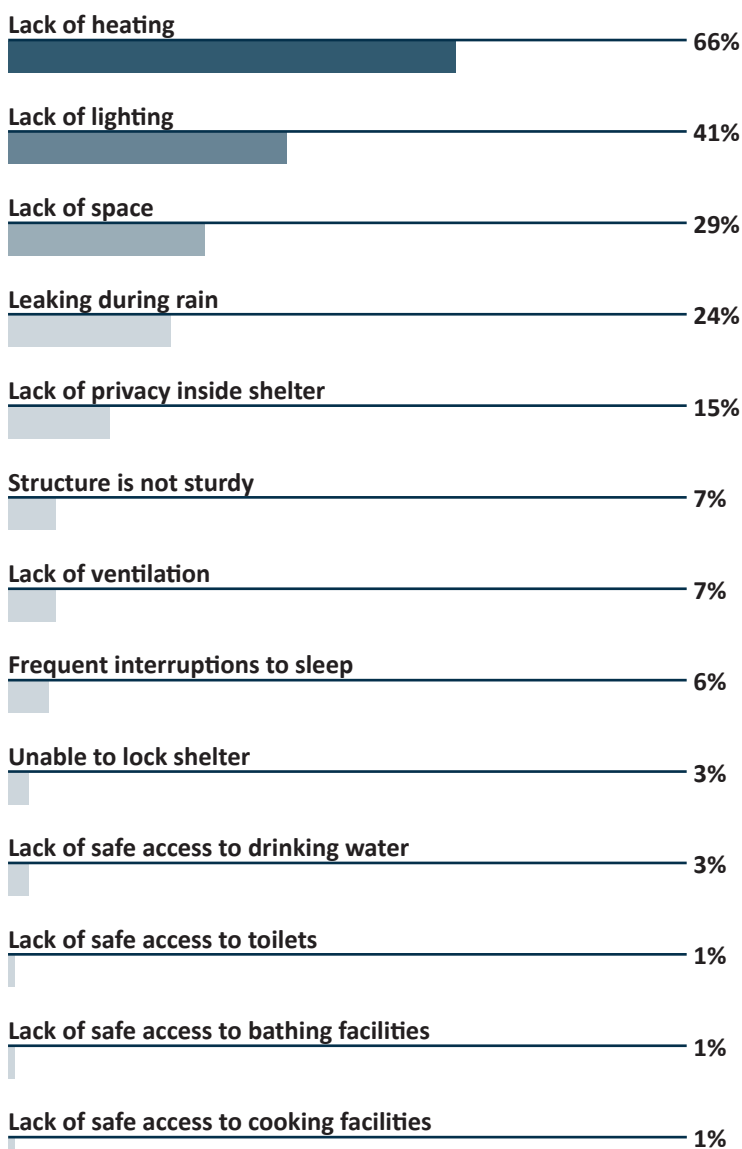
TOP REPORTED SHELTER ISSUE (% HHs)

73% of HHs in NWS report **cold and damp conditions** in their shelter

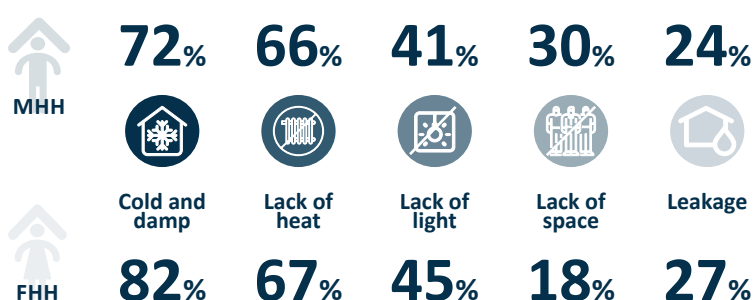
68% in Aleppo

76% in Idleb

OTHER REPORTED SHELTER ISSUES (% HHs)¹¹

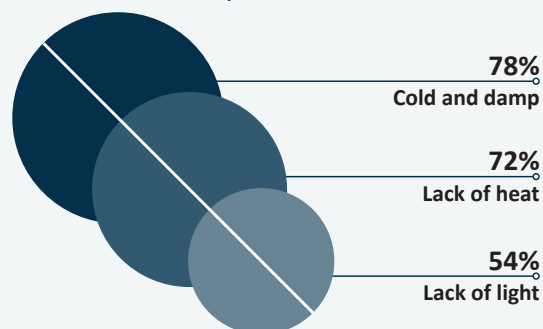


TOP 5 REPORTED SHELTER ISSUES BY SEX OF HoH (% HHs)

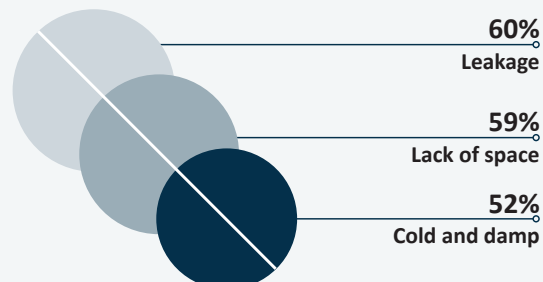


BREAKDOWN BY SHELTER TYPE (% HHs)

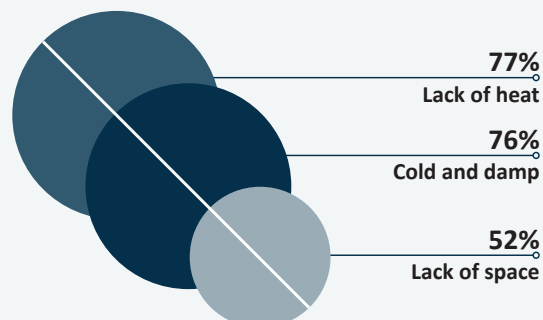
FINISHED HOUSE/APARTMENT



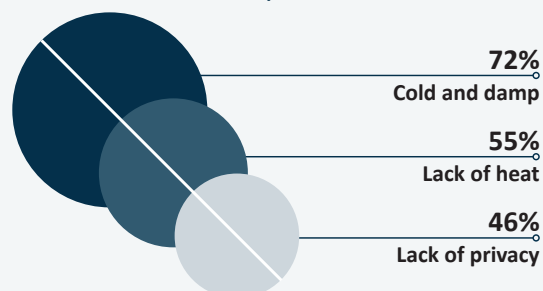
TENT



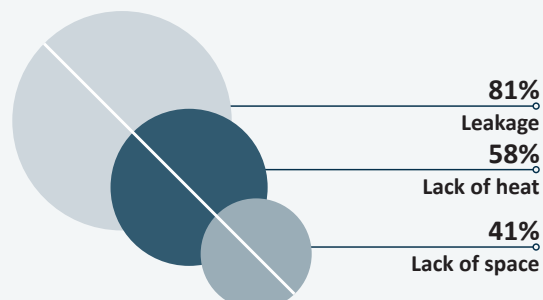
CONCRETE BLOCK SHELTER



UNFINISHED HOUSE/APARTMENT

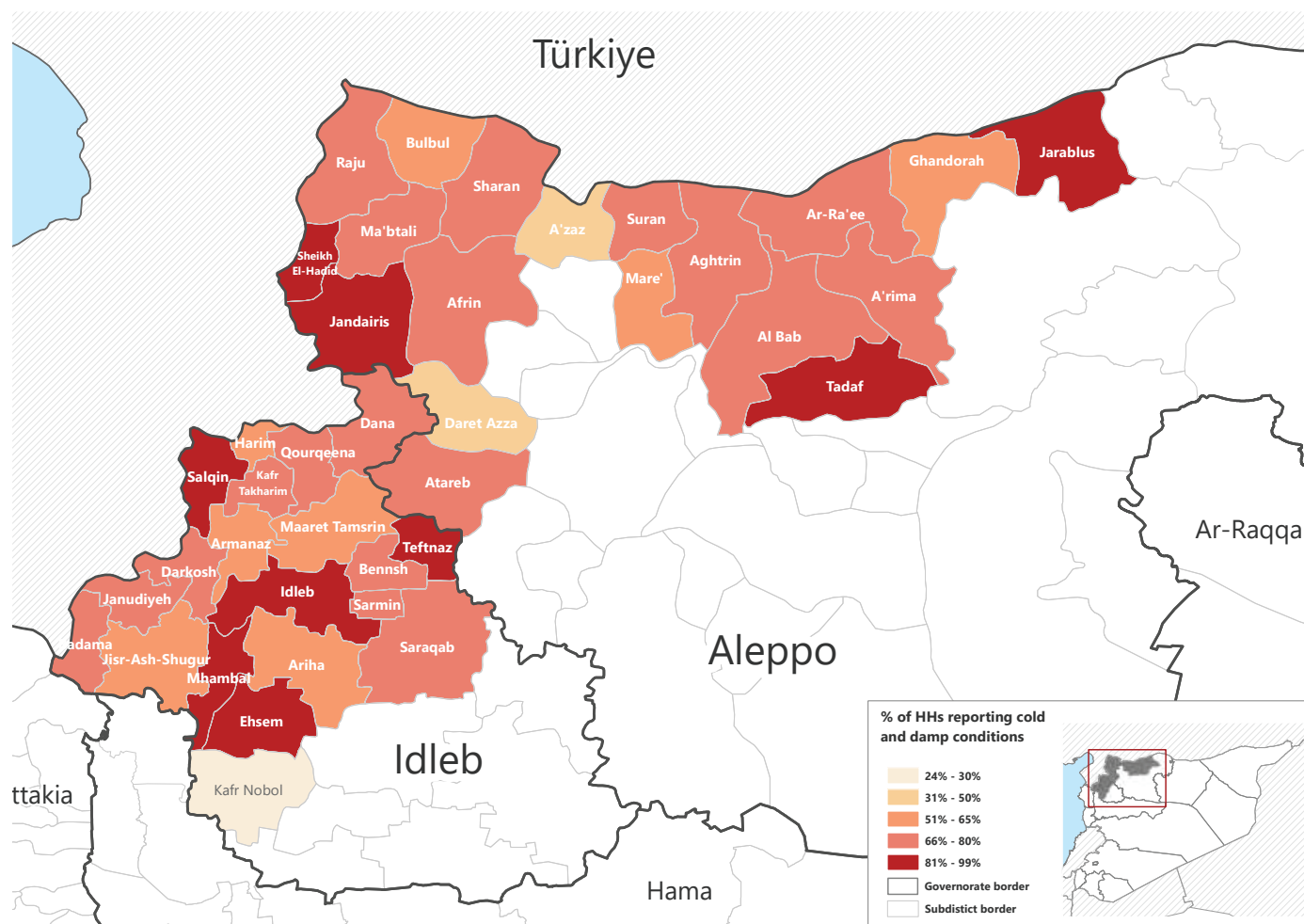


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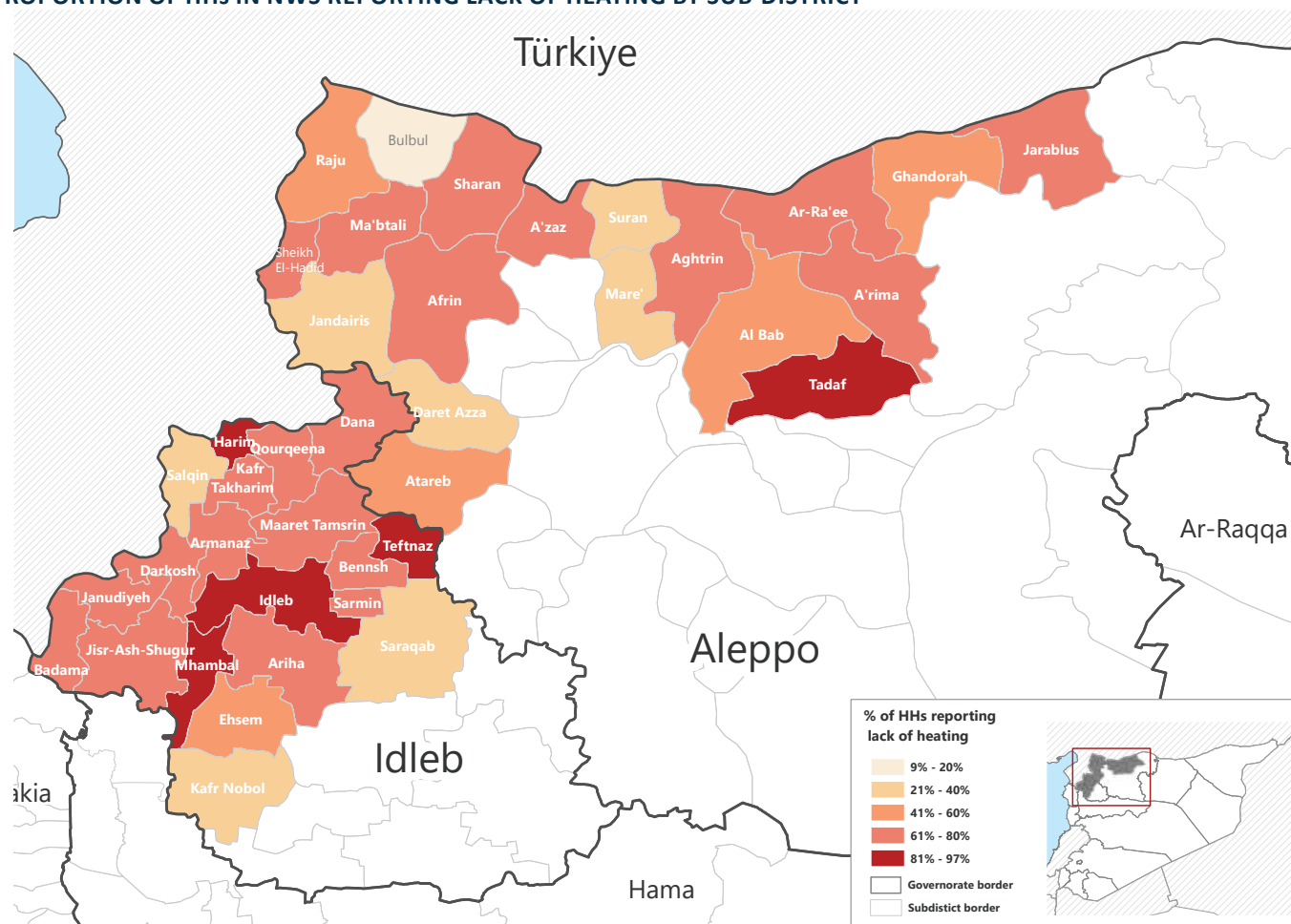


¹¹ Please note that households were asked to select top three shelter issues that pertain to their current shelter.

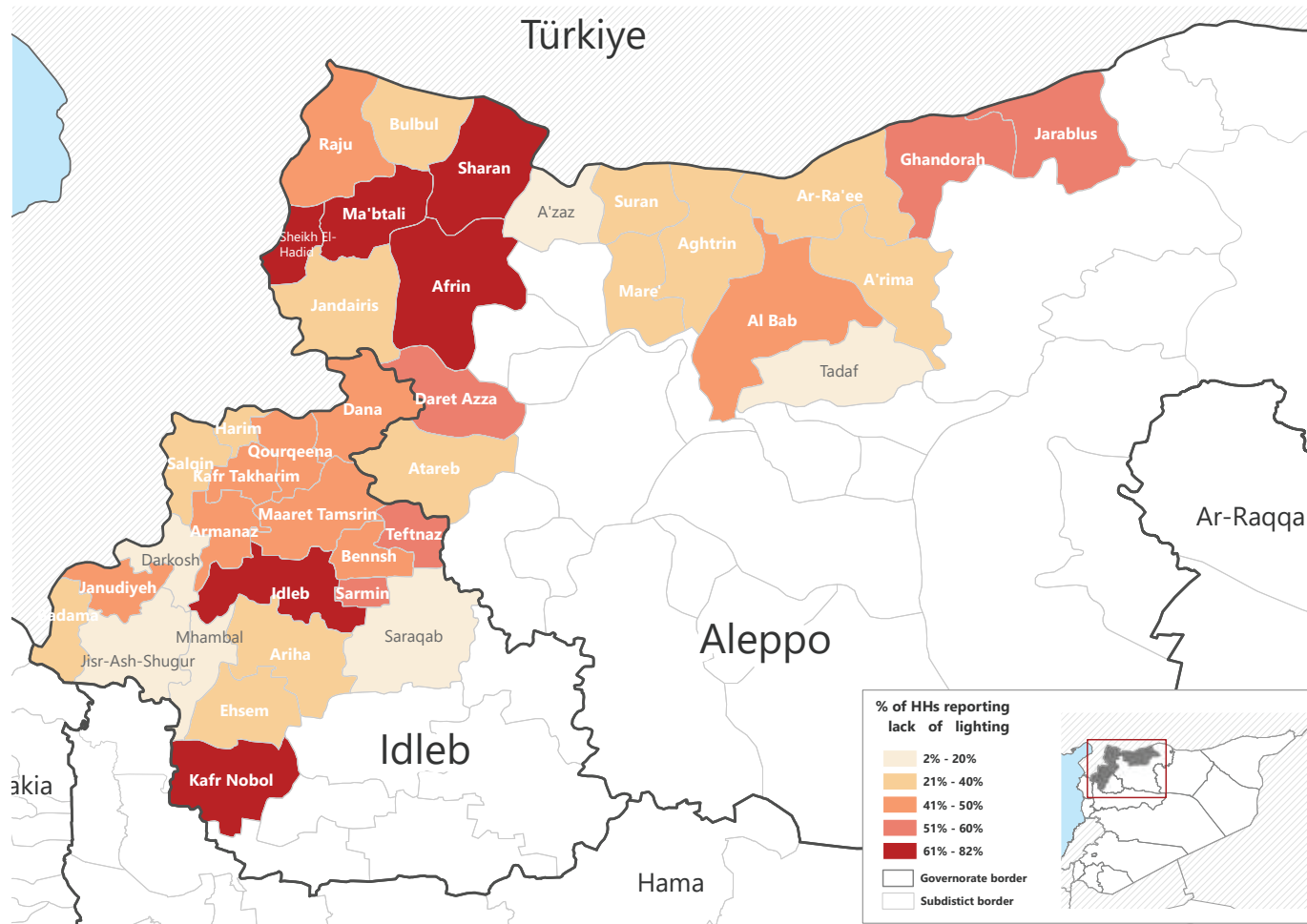
PROPORTION OF HHs IN NWS REPORTING COLD AND DAMP CONDITIONS BY SUB-DISTRICT



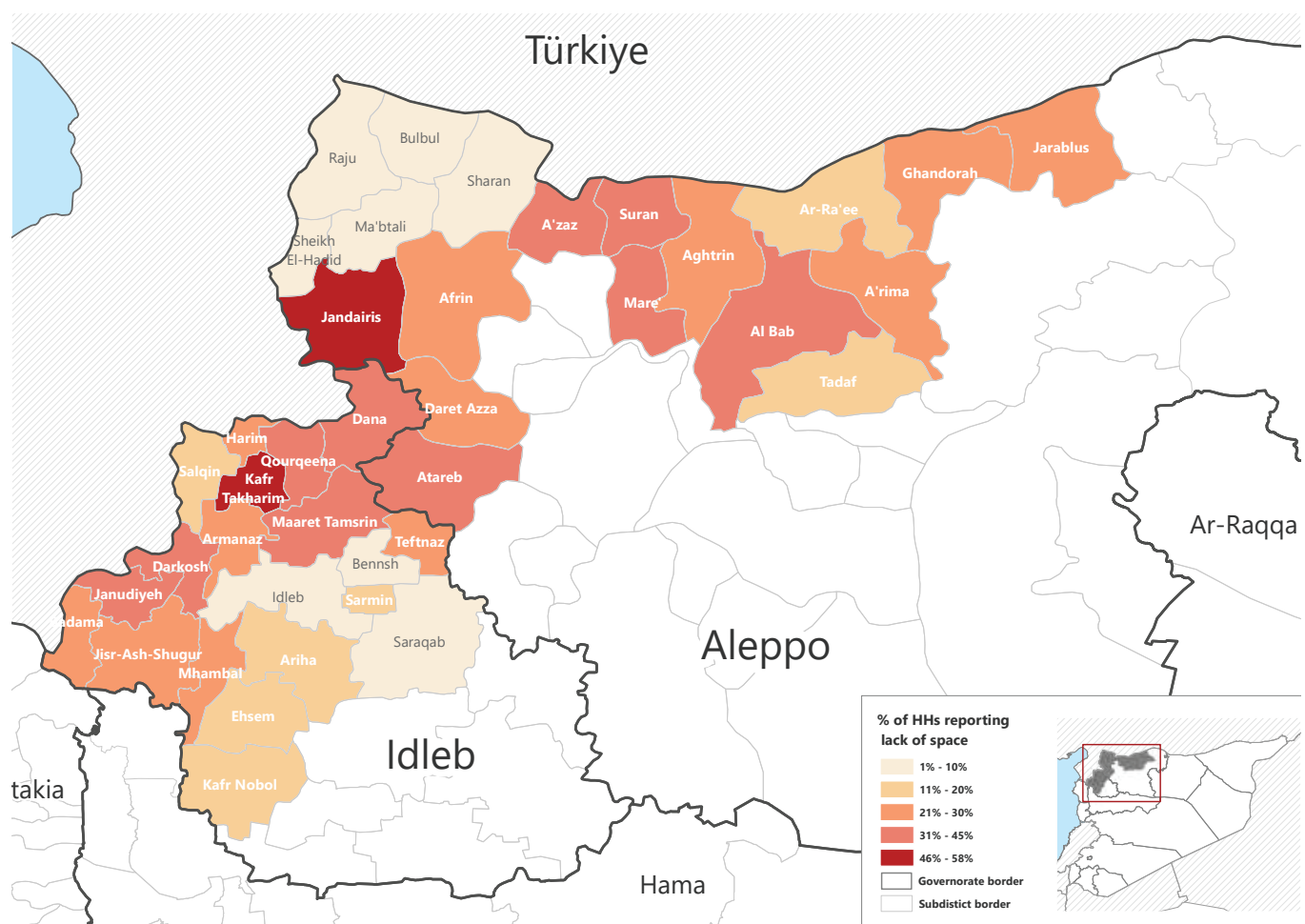
PROPORTION OF HHs IN NWS REPORTING LACK OF HEATING BY SUB-DISTRICT



PROPORTION OF HHs IN NWS REPORTING LACK OF LIGHTING BY SUB-DISTRICT



PROPORTION OF HHs IN NWS REPORTING LACK OF SPACE BY SUB-DISTRICT



HAZARDS

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24%
of HHs

in NWS reported having faced some kind of hazard in their current shelter

TOP 6 SUB-DISTRICTS REPORTING HAZARDS (% HHs)

Governorate	Sub-District	% of HHs
Idleb	Saraqab	49%
Idleb	Maaret Tamsrin	44%
Idleb	Ariha	35%
Idleb	Dana	35%
Aleppo	Suran	34%
Aleppo	Raju	33%

TYPE OF HAZARDS REPORTED IN NWS (% HHs)

Wind damage



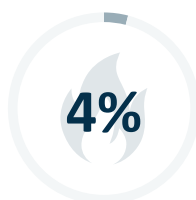
Flooding



Dust/sandstorm



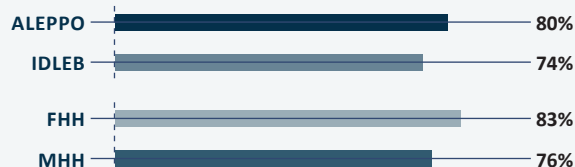
Fire



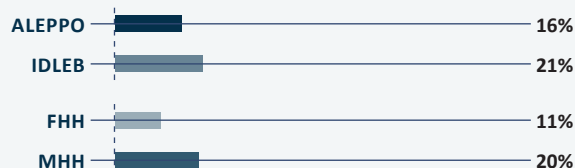
Nearly **1 in 5** households in NWS face **wind damage** hazard.

BREAKDOWN OF SHELTER HAZARDS BY GOVERNORATE AND SEX OF HoH

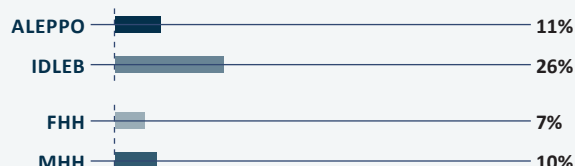
NO HAZARD



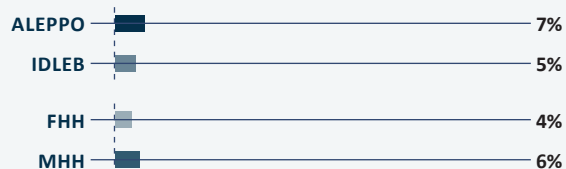
WIND



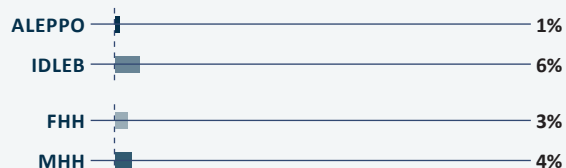
FLOOD



DUST/SANDSTORM

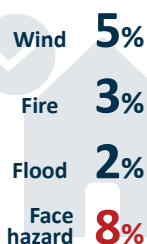


FIRE

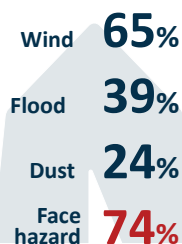


TOP 3 REPORTED HAZARDS BY SHELTER TYPE (% HHs)

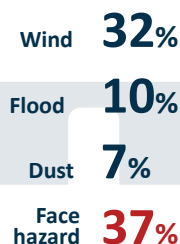
Finished house/apartment



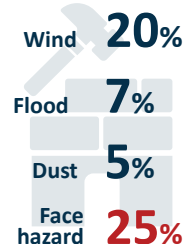
Tent



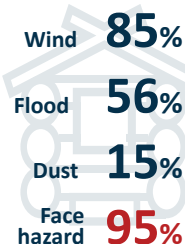
Concrete block shelter



Unfinished house/apartment



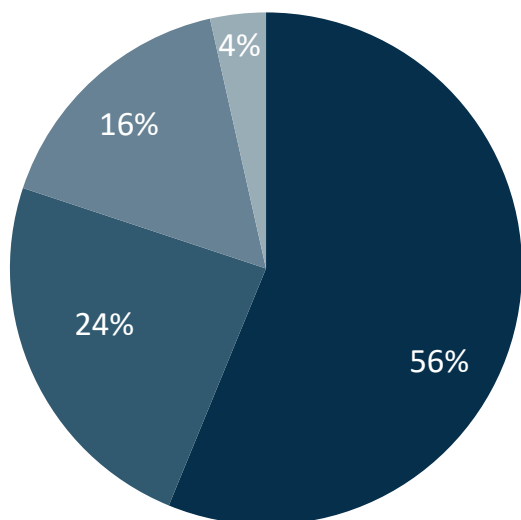
Makeshift shelter



Almost all households living in **makeshift shelters** and **3 in 4** living in **tents** face **some kind of shelter hazard**.

OCCUPANCY STATUS¹²

OCCUPANCY STATUS (% HHs)



Owners



Renting

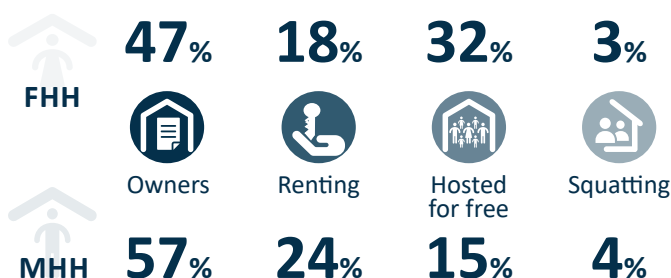


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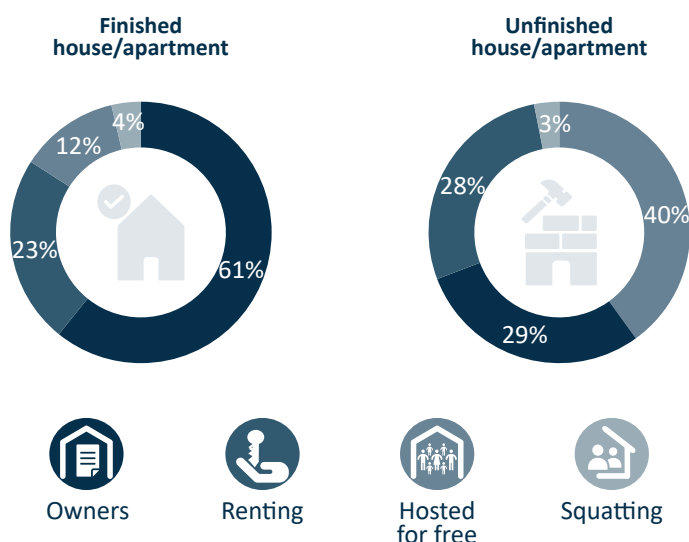


Squatting

OCCUPANCY BY SEX OF HoH (% HHs)



OCCUPANCY BY SHELTER TYPE (% HHs)



Owners



Renting



Hosted for free



Squatting

GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN (% HHs)

OWNERS



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs OWNING

Governorate	Sub-District	% of HHs
Idlib	Saraqab	96%
Aleppo	Tadaf	95%
Idlib	Teftnaz	82%
Aleppo	A'rima	79%
Idlib	Dana	76%
Aleppo	Jarablus	76%

RENTING



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs RENTING

Governorate	Sub-District	% of HHs
Idlib	Harim	51%
Aleppo	Al Bab	46%
Idlib	Salqin	42%
Idlib	Idlib	41%
Aleppo	Aghtrin	41%
Idlib	Janudiyeh	37%

HOSTED FOR FREE¹³



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs BEING HOSTED

Governorate	Sub-District	% of HHs
Aleppo	Raju	53%
Aleppo	Jandairis	53%
Idlib	Kafr Nobol	45%
Idlib	Bennsh	44%
Idlib	Jisr-Ash-Shugur	44%
Aleppo	Ma'btali	44%

SQUATTING



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF HHs SQUATTING

Governorate	Sub-District	% of HHs
Aleppo	Bulbul	60%
Aleppo	Sharan	47%
Aleppo	Mare'	42%
Aleppo	Sheikh El-Hadid	42%
Idlib	Maaret Tamsrin	13%
Aleppo	Raju	12%

¹² Occupancy situation is recorded only for those in residential settings and not for those living in formal or informal settlements. For this reason, the breakdown by shelter type in this section only covers finished and unfinished houses/apartments, since other shelter types are not found in non-residential settings, apart from 1 percent who live in tents.

¹³ Hosted for free refers to the situation whereby a household lives in a shelter without paying but with the permission of the owner.

DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING A PLACE TO RENT

65%

of renting HHs
in NWS report facing some
sort of difficulty when
looking for a place to rent



2 in 3 households in NWS face **difficulties** when finding a place to rent. This proportion is **highest in Aleppo** where **4 in 5** households face such **difficulties**.

SUB-DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST REPORTED PROPORTION OF RENTING HHs FACING DIFFICULTIES

Governorate	Sub-District	% of HHs
Aleppo	A'zaz	98%
Idleb	Qourqeena	96%
Aleppo	Jandairis	94%
Aleppo	Mare'	94%
Aleppo	Ghandorah	92%
Aleppo	Al Bab	90%

GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN (% HHs)

ACCOMMODATION TOO EXPENSIVE



ACCOMMODATION TOO SMALL



ACCOMMODATION FAR FROM SERVICES OR LIVELIHOODS



LARGE FIRST DEPOSIT



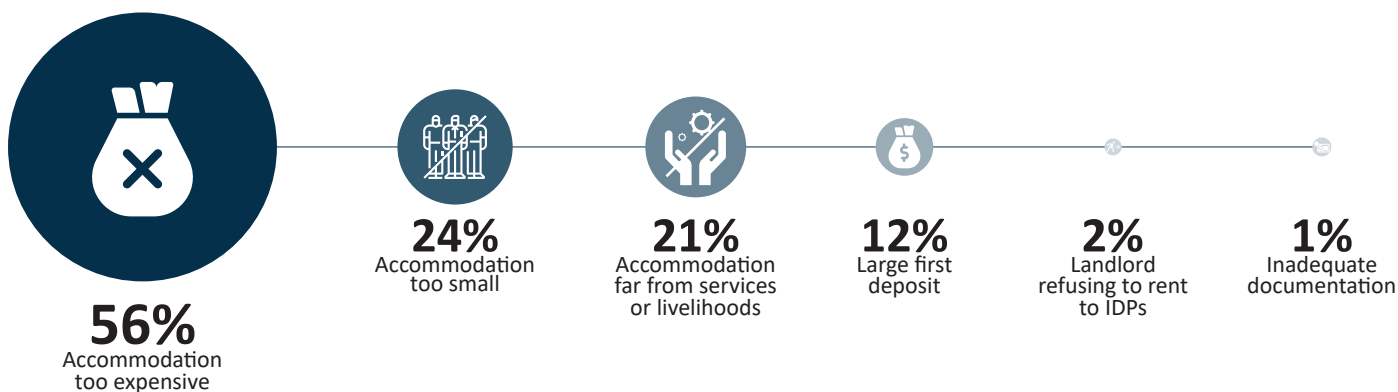
LANDLORD REFUSING TO RENT TO IDPS



INADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION

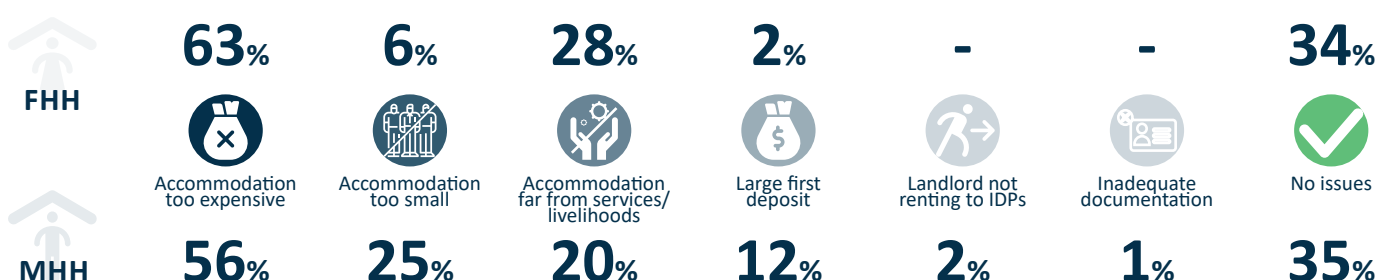


DIFFICULTIES FACED WHEN TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO RENT (% HHs WHO ARE RENTING)



Approximately **1 in 4** households in NWS **rent their current shelter**. More than **1 in 2** renting households report facing difficulties in finding **affordable** accommodation.

DIFFICULTIES FACED WHEN TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO RENT BY SEX OF HoH (% HHs WHO ARE RENTING)



RENTAL AGREEMENT

59%
of renting HHs
in NWS report having
a **verbal** agreement to
stay in their shelter

VERBAL AGREEMENT

GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN



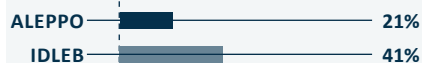
SEX OF HOH BREAKDOWN



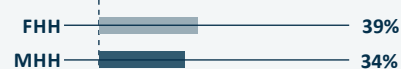
34%
of renting HHs
in NWS report having a
written agreement to
stay in their shelter

WRITTEN AGREEMENT

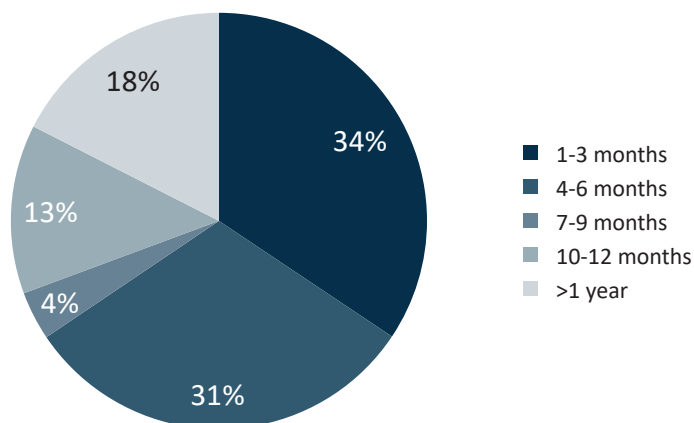
GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN



SEX OF HOH BREAKDOWN

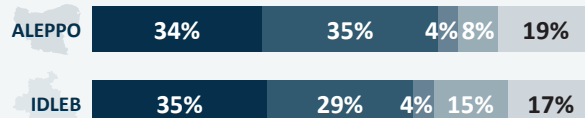


LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH THE AGREEMENT (VERBAL OR WRITTEN) TO STAY IN SHELTER LASTS (% OF RENTING HHs)

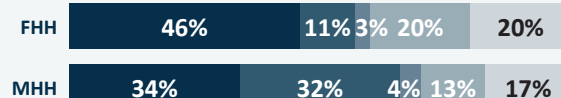


BREAKDOWN BY GOVERNORATE AND SEX OF HoH

GOVERNORATE BREAKDOWN

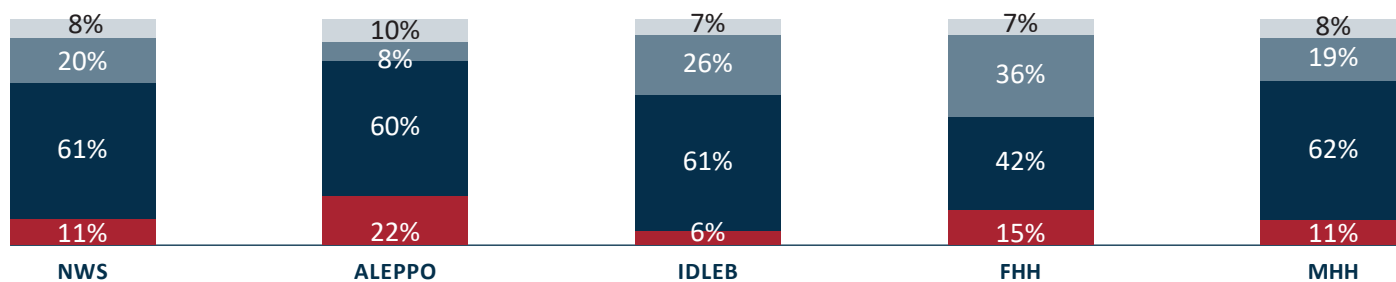


SEX OF HOH BREAKDOWN



LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH HHs BELIEVE THEY CAN CONTINUE PAYING RENT (% OF RENTING HHs)

Currently unable to pay rent 1-6 months 7-12 months >1 year



More than 1 in 5 renting households in Aleppo are **currently not able to pay rent**.

EVICTIONS¹⁴

1%
of HHs
in NWS have been evicted
in the past 12 months

2%
ALEPPO
1%
IDLEB

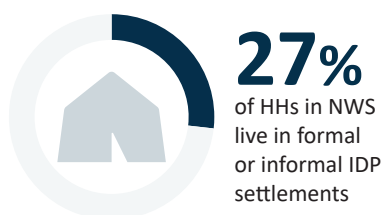
BREAKDOWN BY SEX OF HoH

SEX OF HOH



¹⁴ Evictions refer to the permanent or temporary removal against the will of a household from the household which they occupy by any party (e.g. landlord, security, armed forces, etc.) for any reason.

Rent and tent situation inside IDP settlements



OBLIGED TO PAY RENT TO STAY IN IDP SETTLEMENT (% HHs WHO LIVE IN FORMAL OR INFORMAL IDP SETTLEMENTS)



SEX OF HoH BREAKDOWN (% HHs OBLIGED TO PAY RENT)

NORTH-WEST SYRIA



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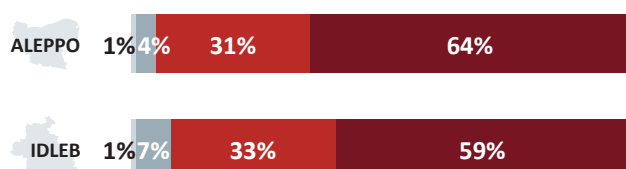
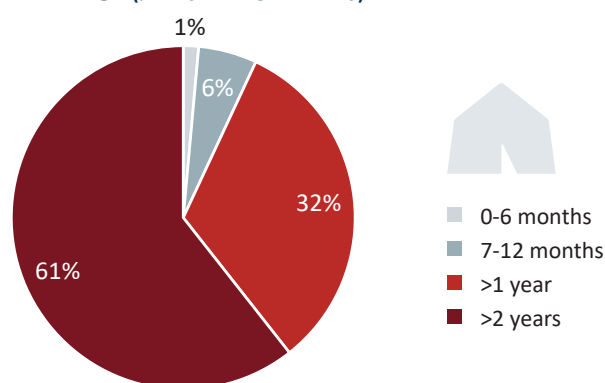


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TENT AGE

TENT AGE (% HHs LIVING IN TENTS)



SUB-DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF HHs LIVE IN TENTS OLDER THAN 1 YEAR¹⁵

Governorate	Sub-District	% HHs	# HHs
Idlib	Dana	97%	30,823
Aleppo	Maaret Tamsrin	83%	21,645
Aleppo	A'zaz	95%	16,943
Aleppo	Afrin	100%	8,360
Aleppo	Atareb	91%	5,838
Idlib	Idlib	100%	5,064
Aleppo	Al Bab	90%	5,025
Idlib	Salqin	96%	4,128
Aleppo	Daret Azza	100%	3,196
Idlib	Armanaz	94%	2,532

*More than **9 in 10** households who report living in tents, reside in tents older than 1 year.*

¹⁵ Sub-districts in this table are ordered by those within which the highest number of households live in tents, older than 1 year.

Shelter/NFI Cluster

The Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster (S/NFI Cluster) is co-led by UNHCR and CARE, coordinating the efforts of around 80 member organizations that implement activities in the Cross Border Operation. The Cluster has been remotely coordinating the Shelter and NFI response in north-west Syria for more than 7 years. During 2021, S/NFI Cluster members addressed the shelter needs of close 1.1 million people and reached more than 2.2 million individuals with NFI assistance.

HNAP

The Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme (HNAP) for Syria is a joint UN assessment initiative which tracks displacement and return movements, conducts sector and multi-sectoral assessments, and monitors humanitarian needs inside Syria. HNAP is implemented with technical support from UN Agencies.

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DISCLAIMER

The contents of this report are based on data collected by field staff using a questionnaire. HNAP endeavours to ensure that the information provided is accurate and current, but it is important to keep in mind that the reported findings and conclusions represent the views and opinions of the surveyed households, for which HNAP cannot be held responsible. Challenges to bear in mind include standard forms of survey bias, as well as data collection obstacles in a challenging environment.

Annex I: List of sub-districts

Please find below the list of 39 sub-districts² in Idleb and northern Aleppo governorates, comprising NWS operational area for this report.

SUB-DISTRICTS IN ALEPPO GOVERNORATE

Sub-District Name	Sub-District P-Code
Atareb	SY020001
Daret Azza	SY020004
Al Bab	SY020200
Tadaf	SY020201
Ar-Ra'ee	SY020203
A'rima	SY020206
Afrin	SY020300
Bulbul	SY020301
Jandairis	SY020302
Raju	SY020303
Sharan	SY020304
Sheikh El-Hadid	SY020305
Ma'btali	SY020306
A'zaz	SY020400
Aghtrin	SY020401
Mare'	SY020403
Suran	SY020405
Jarablus	SY020800
Ghandorah	SY020801

SUB-DISTRICTS IN IDLEB GOVERNORATE

Sub-District Name	Sub-District P-Code
Idleb	SY070000
Bennsh	SY070002
Saraqab	SY070003
Teftnaz	SY070004
Maaret Tamsrin	SY070005
Sarmin	SY070006
Kafr Nobol	SY070203
Harim	SY070300
Dana	SY070301
Salqin	SY070302
Kafr Takharim	SY070303
Qourqeena	SY070304
Armanaz	SY070305
Jisr-Ash-Shugur	SY070400
Badama	SY070401
Darkosh	SY070402
Janudiyeh	SY070403
Ariha	SY070500
Ehsem	SY070501
Mhambal	SY070502