

Displacement updates in North-West Syria

Some **2.8 million IDPs are living in North-West Syria**, bringing the total population close to 4.6 million.

According to H NAP, **7,130 IDPs were displaced in January**. The vast majority of the January IDPs have been displaced two times or more (97 percent). The primary driving force for displacement in January was the deterioration of the economic situation, followed by socio-cultural ties and access to basic services in the location of arrival.

Out of the people displaced in January, 64 percent were displaced into IDP sites, primarily in Dana sub-district. The other 36 percent of January IDPs arrived in communities, mainly located in Idleb sub-district.

Response

S/NFI Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced persons, as well as protracted IDPs in North-West Syria.

In January, more than 370,000 individuals received NFI assistance. The majority of the NFI assistance was related to the ongoing winter response, including distribution of fuel, NFI kits, blankets, as well as cash for winter. Of those reached with NFI assistance in January 2021, approximately 54 percent were female, and 46 percent were male.

Shelter needs over 95,000 people were responded to in January 2021, including the provision of emergency shelter, rehabilitation of infrastructure and shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters. Of those reached with shelter assistance in January 2021, approximately 51 percent were female, and 49 percent were male.

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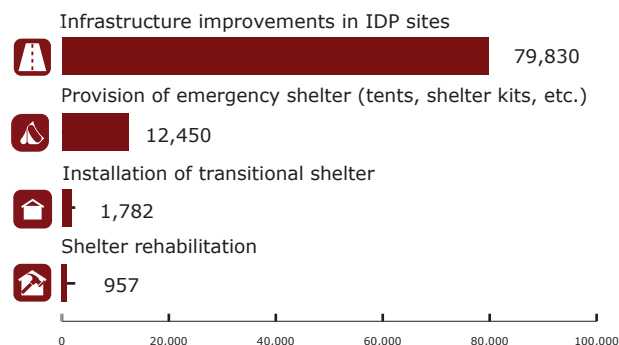
Graph: Number of IDPs in NWS and returnees for the past 12 months, as reported by H NAP in January 2022.

Shelter response



95,019
people reached in January

People reached in January by shelter activity



Infrastructure improvements in IDP sites. Photos: IYD



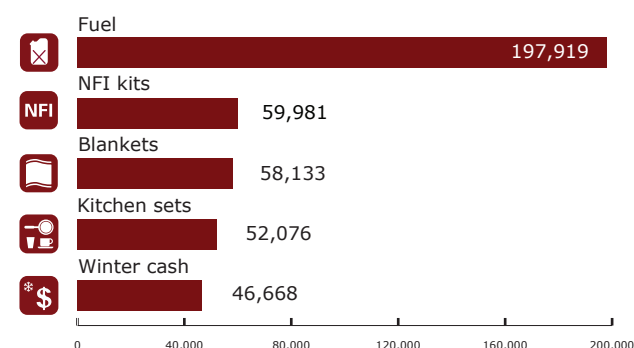
Infrastructure improvements in IDP sites. Photo: IOM

NFI response

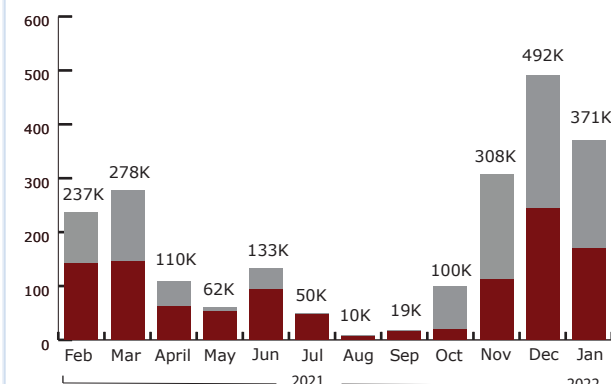


370,508
people reached in January

People reached in January by NFI item



People reached by NFI activity per month



Seasonal and/or supplementary NFI assistance

Core NFI (Non-Food Item) distributions

Snowstorm emergency response in January

In January, many IDP sites were affected by **unprecedented harsh weather conditions and heavy snowfall**, resulting in urgent needs for NFI distribution and tent replacement targeting the affected population, in addition to the already high winter needs.

The S/NFI Cluster has been coordinating some 15 member organizations that contributed to the emergency response in the most affected sites on a daily basis in January. To facilitate the coordination of the emergency response, the cluster created a separate coordination group and provided an interactive online tool through which plans were shared and frequently updated. The cluster also engaged in daily discussions with the responding organizations, following up on the progress and challenges faced in the field. Furthermore, the cluster initiated an **advocacy campaign with infographics highlighting the severe weather conditions and needs**.

In response to snow and flood incidents, S/NFI Cluster members **replaced around 840 tents, distributed some 850 emergency shelter kits and reached close to 8,000 households with complementary plastic sheeting in approximately 120 IDP sites** as of January. Moreover, more than 7,500 households received multi-purpose cash transfers coordinated through the cluster. In addition, members also reached close to 370,000 individuals with winter NFI distributions and winter cash, through the previously planned winterization response. The emergency and winter response continues throughout February.

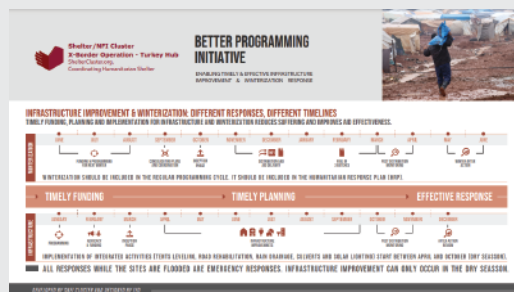
Better Programming Initiative

The SNFI cluster team has developed a **Better Programming Initiative** document, highlighting how important timing is for winterization assistance, and infrastructure improvement interventions in IDP sites and camps.

Timely funding, planning and implementation for infrastructure and winterization reduces suffering and improves aid effectiveness.

Two different responses & different timelines:

- Winterization should be included in the regular programming cycle and included in the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).
- Implementation of integrated activities (tent leveling, road rehabilitation, rain drainage, culverts, and solar lighting) starts between April and October (dry season).



Winter Response 2021/2022

35 partners reported and shared winter plans with the S/NFI Cluster.

The total funding appeal for this season's winter response is \$ 41.8 million. Out of this, only 73% (\$ 30.5 million) is secured funding, leaving a gap of \$ 11.3 million.

As a consequence, **around 450,000 individuals** out of the total 1.66 million individuals reached people with winter support last year **will not be supported during this winter due to the limited available resources and funding**.



Photos: Violet organization



- Shelter NFI Cluster website
- Shelter NFI Whole of Syria page
- SNFI Cluster Interactive Dashboard

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