



Rehabilitation of damaged or unfinished houses in Aleppo, credit: GOPA.

Rehabilitation of damaged or unfinished houses in Rural Damascus, credit: SIF.

Needs

- **HNO 2024:** As approval to undertake a multisectoral needs assessment in 2023 was not attained from the Government of Syria, to inform the HNO, the shelter sector utilized 2023 needs estimates with application of a country specific version of the shelter severity classification methodology, incorporating earthquake damage data, and validating the output through expert panel consultations using a Delphi methodology. The outcomes indicate an increase of people in need of shelter/housing assistance this year by 23% to 3.9 million people. This increase is largely attributed to earthquake (EQ) impact, situational displacement, and continued economic deterioration.
- **Damage Assessment in EQ affected Areas:** The technical assessment in the governorates of Latakia, Hama, and Aleppo is substantially complete. The assessment is conducted through 3 phases, with phase 2 aiming to validate phase 1 findings for buildings identified as structurally damaged and phase 3 aiming to define the level of structural damage and retrofitting/structural stability works required. The final phases of the assessment are being conducted by authorities supported (in part) by UN agencies.

Coordination

- **2024 HRP:** Through an activity-based costing methodology, the shelter sector has developed shelter plans for 2024 to target more than 580,000 people (116,400 HHs) with an appeal of 107.6 million US dollars. 57% of the target is aimed toward durable shelter assistance with the remaining 43% toward emergency response. Many new activities have been added to the response with a focus on mainstreaming cash-based interventions and tailored assistance toward persons with specific needs (PWSN).
- **SHF 1st Standard Allocation:** To mitigate the impacts of winter in underserved areas through a multi-sectoral approach, the shelter sector recommended and awarded 5 NGO projects and 1 UN project to a total value of approximately 4M USD.
- **Streamlined Approval Process:** The shelter sector analysed partner project implementation in 2023 to identify where time losses are occurring and propose improvements (if applicable) to the MoLAE agreed project approval process. The shelter sector identified that the most notable delays sit with partners as opposed to the common misconception that government level approvals are causing delay. Partners are advised to initiate on-ground assessment once initial approval is granted and to initiate tendering once the beneficiary list is submitted to authorities.

KEY FIGURES

Sector Partners (Appealing / Reporting)

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People in Need / Targeted

3.6M / 484K

Total Reach – 422% of 484K Targeted.

2,045,901



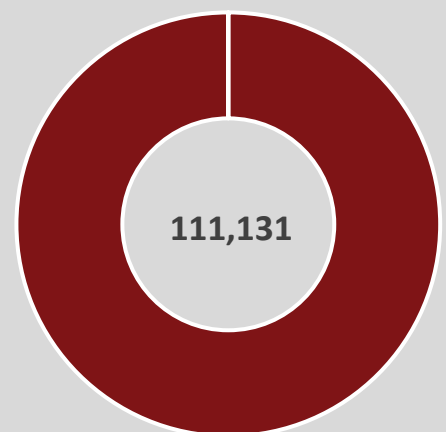
of beneficiaries reached through the regular response

797,178

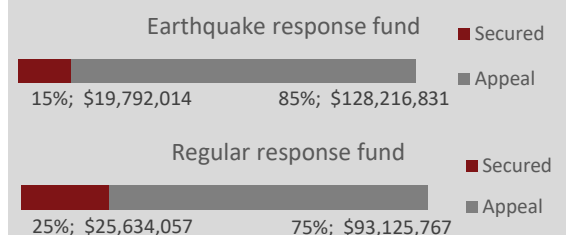
of beneficiaries reached through the earthquake response

1,248,723

Total Individuals Reached by
HH-based Activities



FUNDING REQUIRED: 221 USD Million



Capacity Building of Sector Partners: The shelter sector assessed and mapped the topics identified by partners as requiring a level of capacity building under the areas of coordination, response delivery, and information management. Partners identified their top three needs to be emergency preparedness, proposal writing, and how to strategize their response. The shelter sector, in collaboration with shelter partners and with other sectors, will kick-off training sessions across Syria based on the outcomes.

Response

- **Cash for Rent:** In response for collective shelter evacuation in Aleppo, the shelter sector will support evacuees with no other alternative with cash for rent for 6 month (extendable). The shelter sector proposed and agreed on the relevant steps with authorities, including timeline and delivery mechanism.
- **Drafting/Revising Technical Guidelines:** 3 Technical Working Groups (TWGs) chaired by NGOs were formed to draft guidelines for a new intervention and to update 2 existing guidelines. The revision aims at reflecting the accumulated experience, especially after the EQ, to integrate cash modalities, and to be more inclusive for some agencies targeting different population groups.

Gaps / Challenges

- Length and inconsistent process for EQ damage assessment across the three affected governorates carried out by GoS, and lack of access to the data affects the shelter response planning.
- Significant economic decline coupled with price fluctuation has resulted in a decreasing scope and/or target of shelter projects.
- Diminishing coping capacities of both IDPs and host communities as well as limited financial resources of government and sector partners are leading to an increase in shelter needs.

Individuals Reached Per Governorate

Aleppo	1,745,517
Al-Hasakeh	167,886
Lattakia	29,675
As-Sweida	22,650
Ar-Raqqa	18,148
Tartous	14,436
Deir-ez-Zor	13,463
Hama	13,321
Homs	8,649
Rural Damascus	5,840
Dar'a	3,158
Quneitra	1,789
Idleb	1,017
Damascus	352

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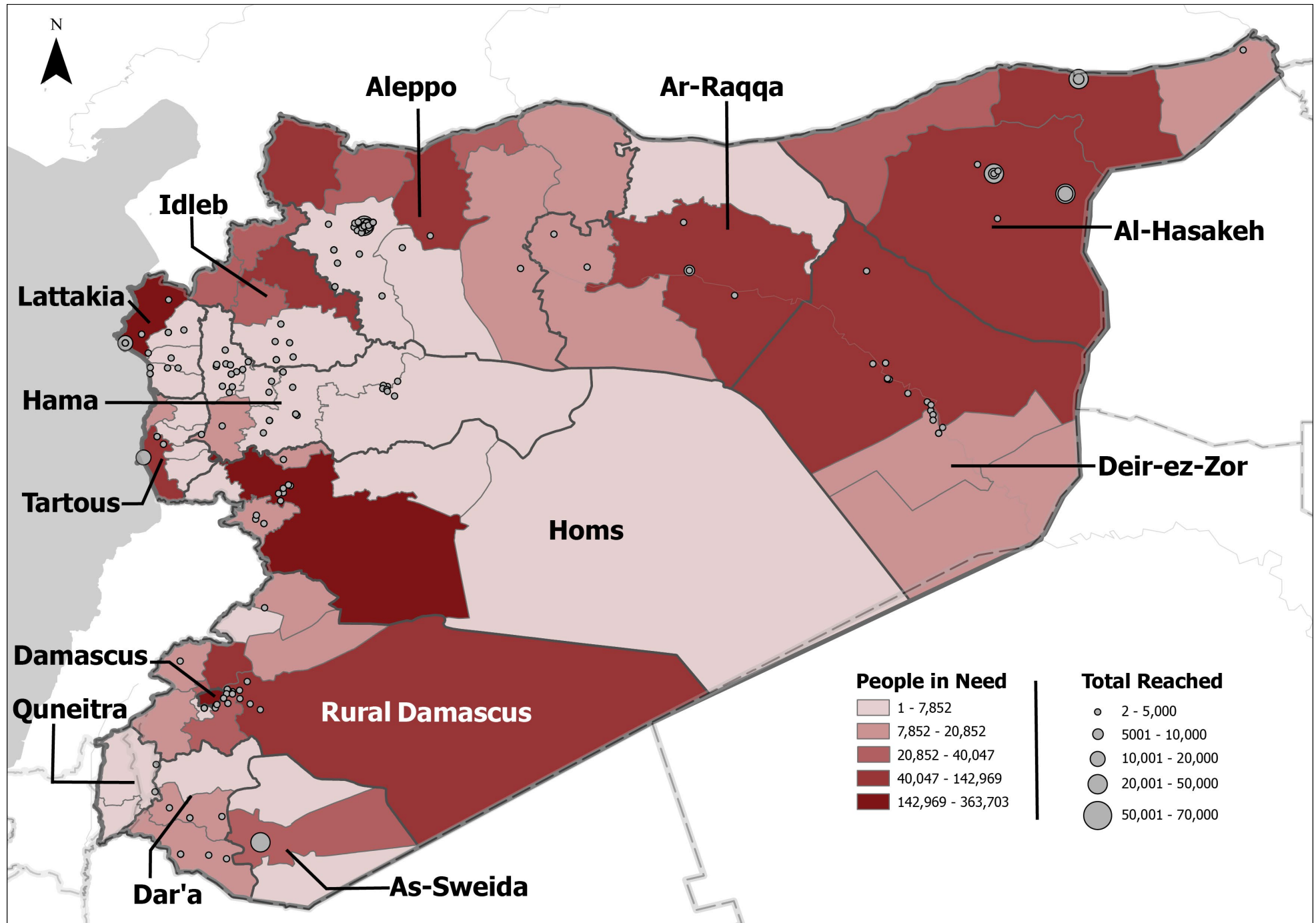
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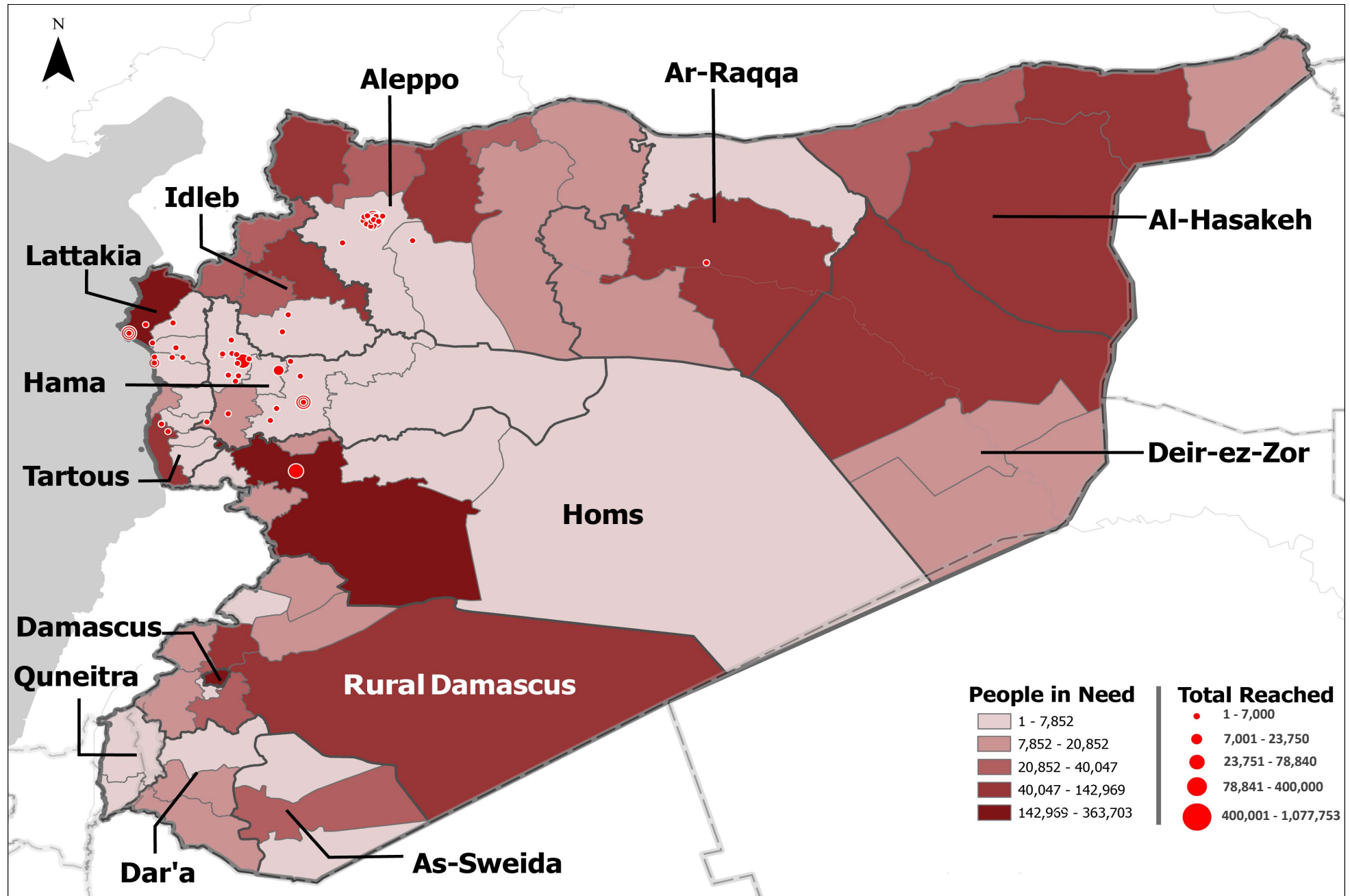
Syria HCT Response Area - Regular Response

Quarter 4 2023



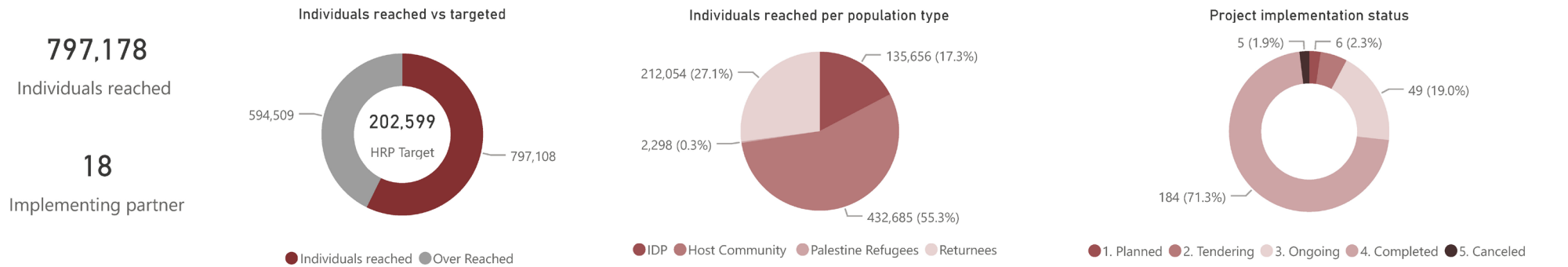
Syria HCT Response Area - Earthquake Response

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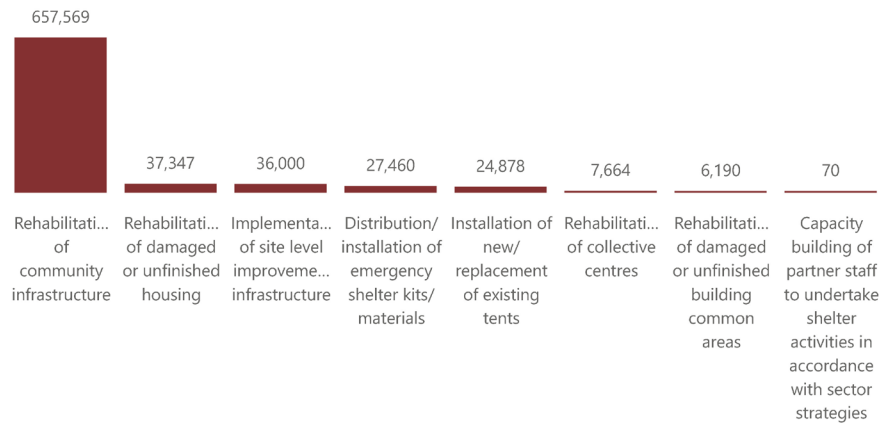


Individuals Reached by Sector Objective

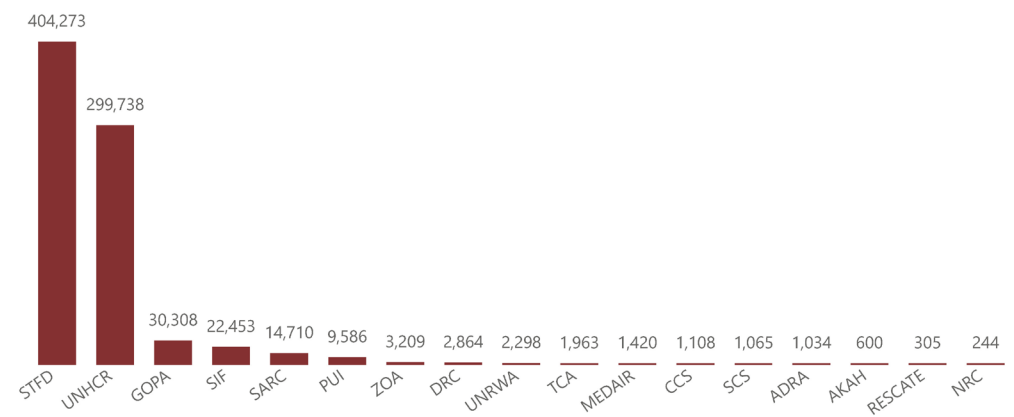


Sector Objective ● Reinforce an enabling protection environment and community cohesion by improving housing and related community/public infrastructure ● Provide life-saving and life-sustaining shelter support

Individuals reached per Activity



Individuals reached per Organization



Syria HCT Response Area - Earthquake Response

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1,248,723

Individuals reached

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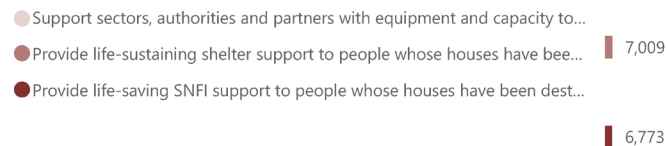
Implementing partner

Individuals reached vs targeted

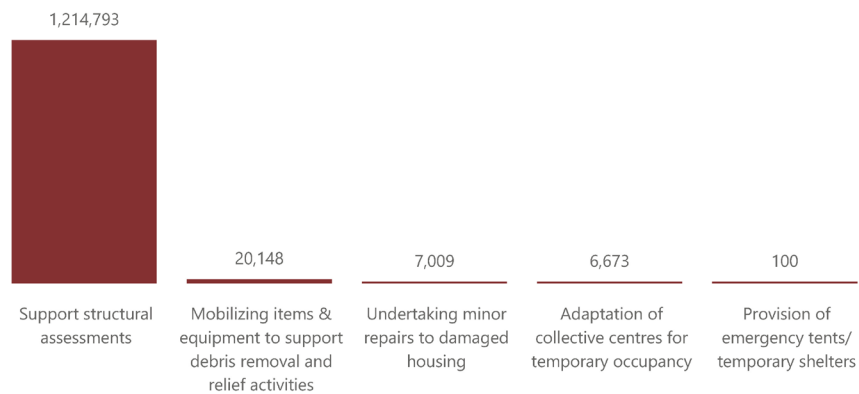


Individuals Reached By Sector Objective

Sector Objective



Individuals reached per Activity



Individuals reached per Organization

