

Current Situation in North-West Syria

The number of displaced people continues to rise: since 1 December, **more than 948,000 people have been displaced in north-west Syria** as a consequence of the latest escalation in conflict. People are massing in overcrowded areas close to the Turkey-Syria border, particularly Dana and Maaret Tamsrin in Aleppo and A'zaz and Afrin in Idleb. It is estimated that 81% of the displaced are women and children. Some 10% of the new IDPs are living in open areas and under trees.

In the last few weeks, freezing temperatures, rain and snow have exacerbated the already **dire living conditions** of IDPs. It continues to be arduous to get fuel for heating because of its rising prices and general unavailability. The devaluation of the Syrian Pounds is also affecting the purchasing power of the affected population. The situation is particularly difficult for the IDPs living in substandard buildings, tents and makeshift shelters.

Shelter/NFI Needs

Thousands of families are seeking safe places to shelter across a wide geographical area that has been suffered from inclement winter weather in the last few months.

The Shelter/NFI Cluster estimates that **385,000 new IDPs are in need of emergency shelter** (of which 33,000 were assisted in January).

Finding land and obtaining authorization to extend or establish new camps is one of the main challenges that humanitarian actors face in the current situation.

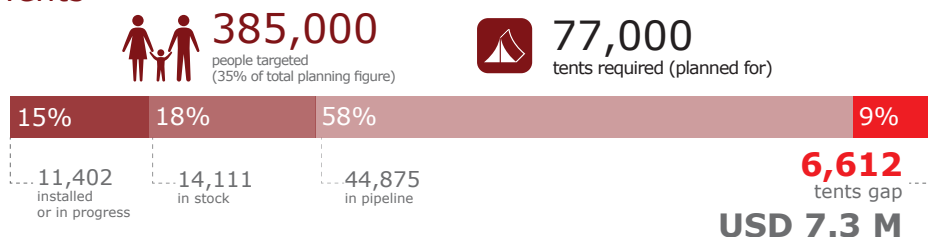
Moreover, humanitarian actors are reporting depletion of their NFIs and tents stock requesting items from the Contingency Stock managed by IOM almost on a daily basis.



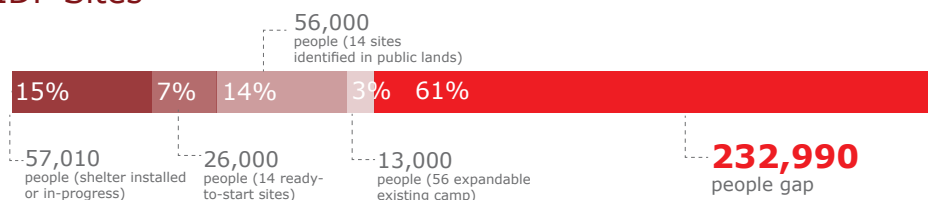
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Shelter/NFI Response Overview and Gaps

Tents



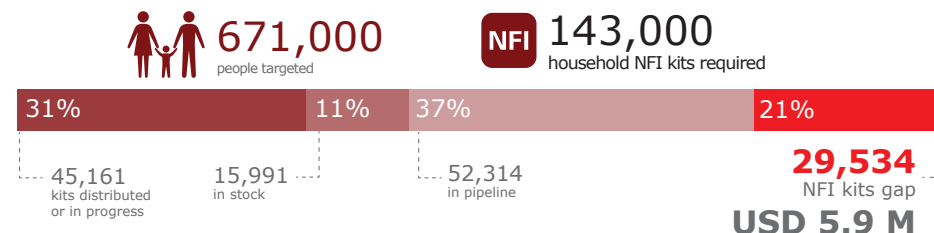
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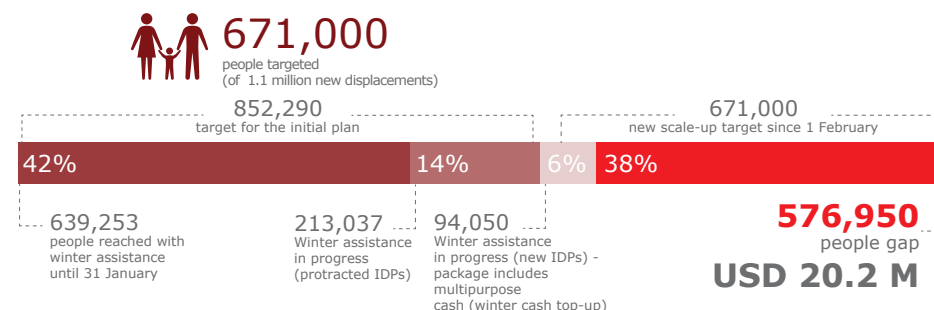
Shelter Rehabilitation (out of camp response)



NFI Kits



Winterization



Shelter/NFI Response to the Ongoing Recent Displacement

Shelter/NFI Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs in north-west Syria. More than **397,900 individuals**, both IDPs and host community members, were **assisted with NFI and/or shelter** in January. With the CCCM Cluster, the SNFI Cluster and its members are identifying lands suitable to extend camps.

Of the 671,000 people identified as in need of NFIs, in January **over 155,700 individuals received NFI kits**, which contain kitchen set, mattresses and blankets.

Shelter needs of over **98,600 people** were addressed over the course of the month with activities including **emergency/seasonal shelter assistance and shelter rehabilitation**; over 34,000 individuals were assisted with provision of emergency shelter, which includes family tents or shelter kits.

To respond to the increasing displacements, the initial **winterization** plan to assist 853,000 people has been **scaled up to target an additional 671,000 individuals** among the new IDPs. So far, Shelter/NFI Cluster members have reached over 639,000 (mostly protracted) IDPs with winterization activities.

Shelter availability is extremely limited: some 100 communities that hosted IDPs in the past now are abandoned; IDPs are left with very few shelter options in areas where there are three times more IDPs than residents. Even humanitarian workers are affected and have become displaced and struggle to find shelter for themselves and their families.



Recommended Ongoing Activities

The Shelter/NFI Cluster recommends a wide range of solutions to address the needs in and outside of camps:

- Creation of shelter capacity through **camp extension or establishment of new camps**.
- **Provision of tents** for self-established and overcrowded IDP settlements. Additional services such as latrines and safe water are provided by the WASH Cluster.
- **Scale-up of shelter rehabilitation** for IDPs living in damaged or unfinished buildings, including provision of sealing-off kits and quick fixing.
- **Pilot of new shelter solutions** such as Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) or locally made shelters.
- **Scale-up of cash-based interventions**, including multipurpose cash assistance, to respond to diverse urgent needs of new IDPs (transport, rent, NFI, fuel, clothing, etc.). Cash-based interventions have a positive impact on local communities that are also badly affected by the large and sudden number of new IDPs.
- **Capacity-building** for site planning, land and property rights for Shelter/NFI Cluster members.
- Establishment of a site planning task force, with technical support for Shelter/NFI and CCCM Cluster members.



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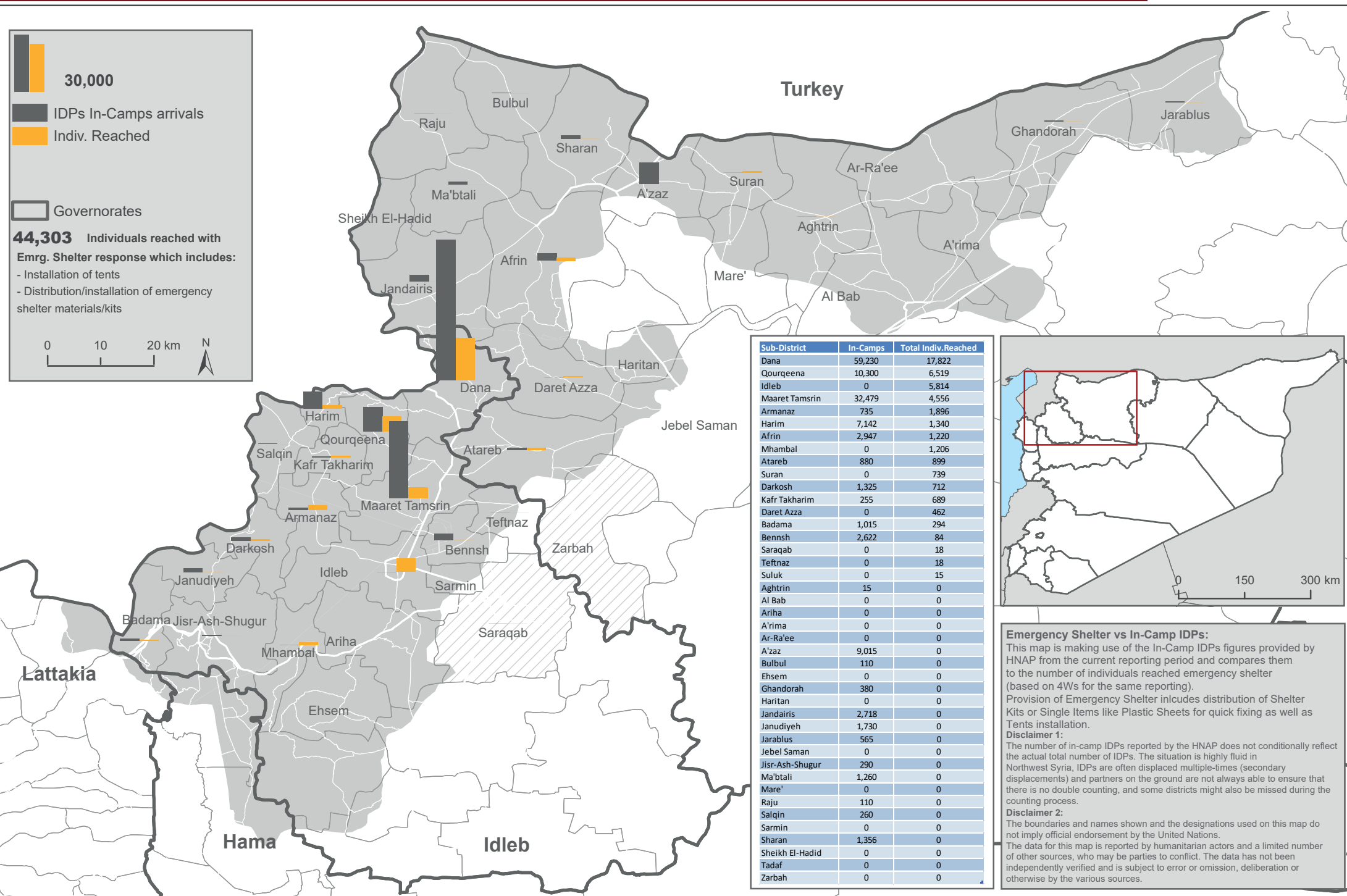
SNFI Cluster Interactive Dashboard:
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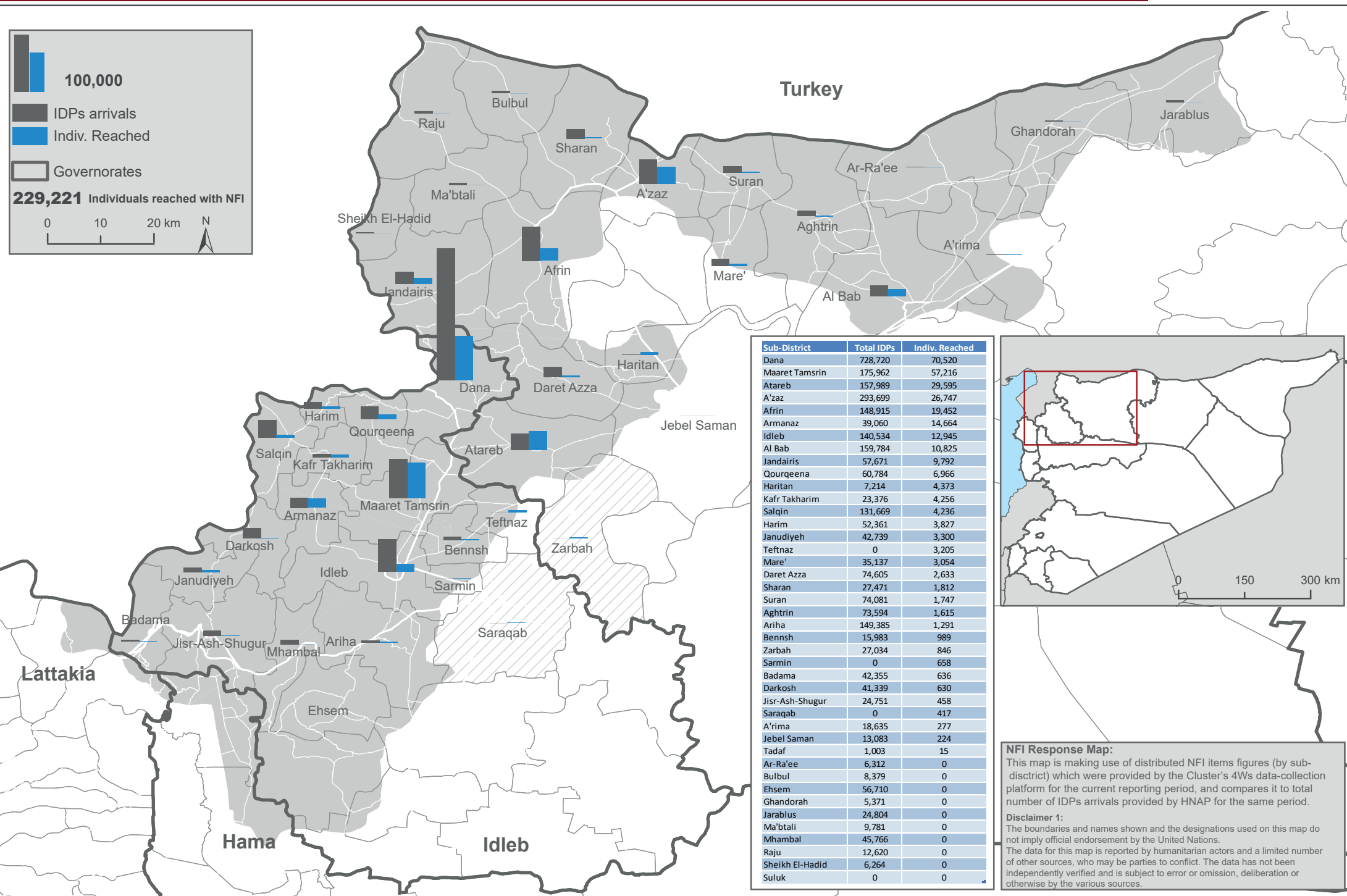
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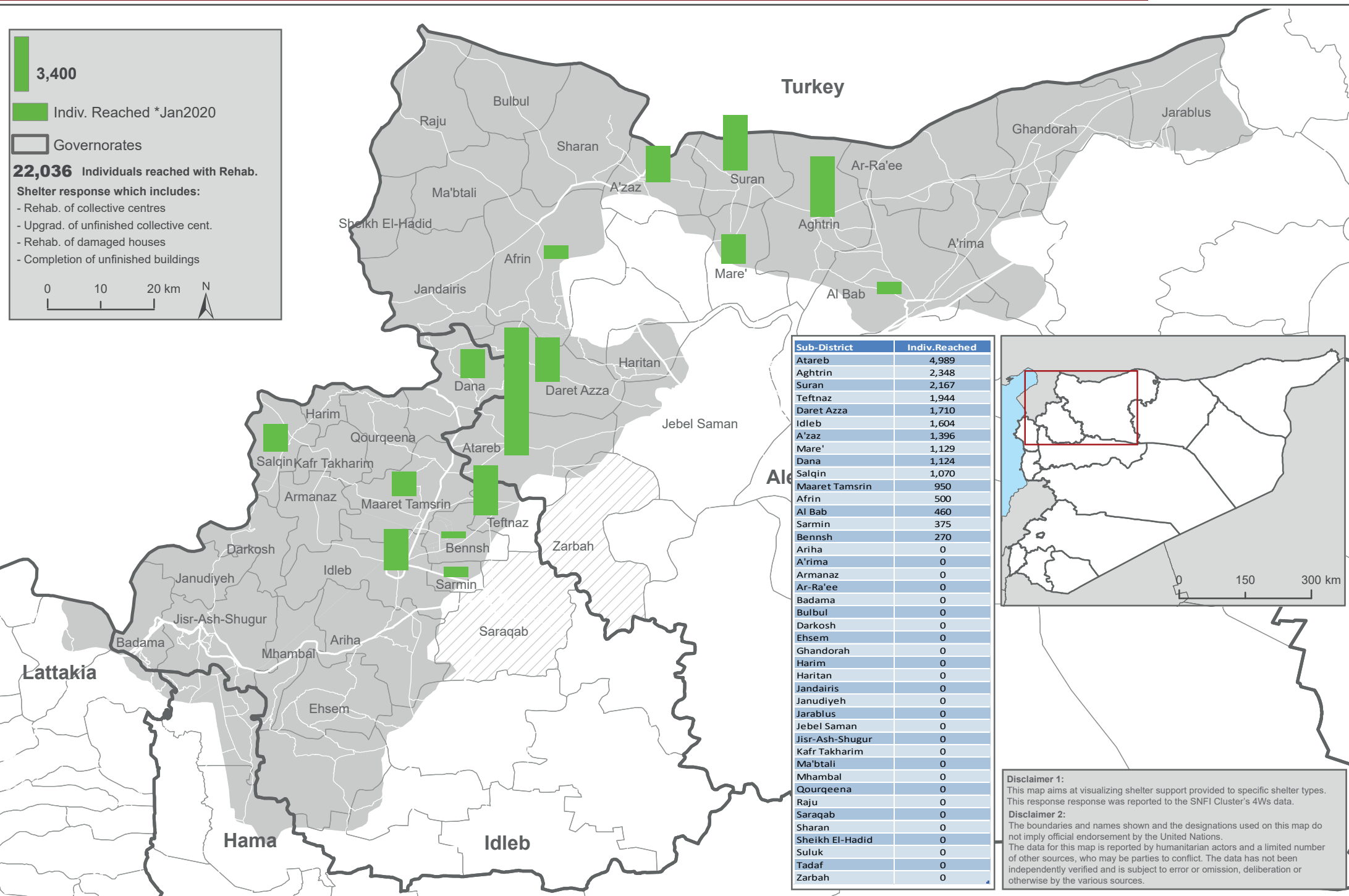
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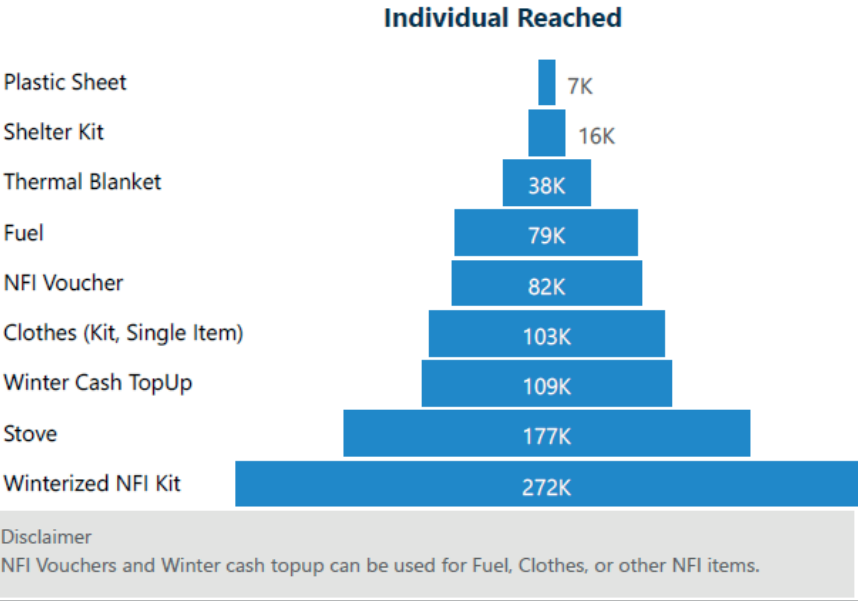
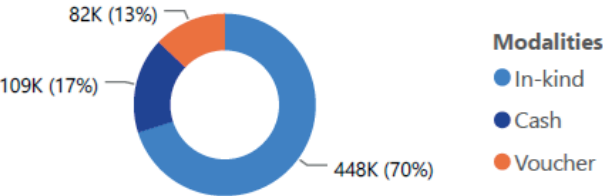
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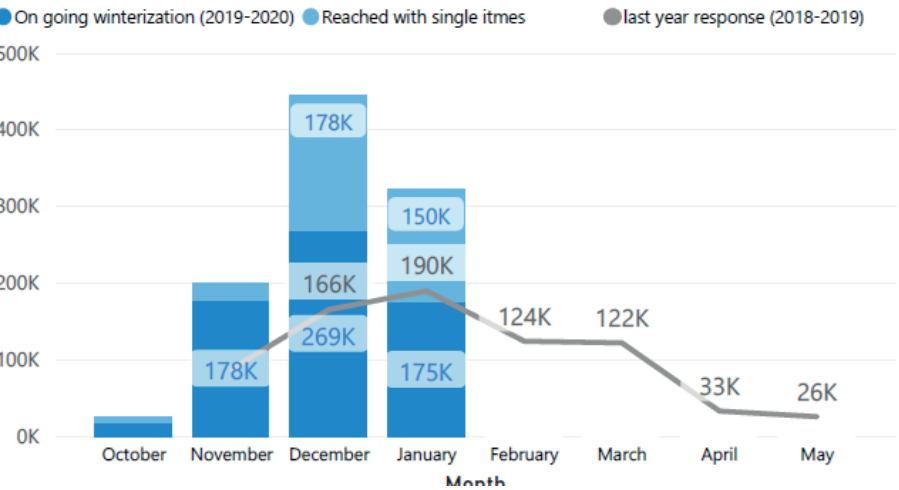
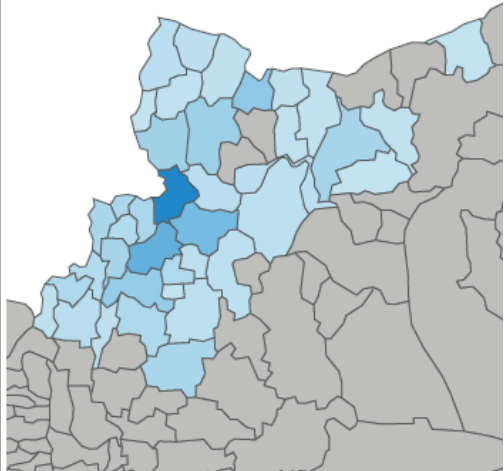




People Reached by Modality by Modalities



Individuals Reached by Sub District



Individual Reached by Community

District	Sub_District	Community	People_Reached_Calculated	NFI_Kits	Winter_NFI_Kit	Full_S
Afrin	Afrin	Abin - Efrin	4170	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Afrin (Afrin)	15694	10	1	
Afrin	Afrin	Bablit	156	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Baee	645	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Basufan	757	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Basuta	75	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Burj Abdallah	55	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Ein Dara	145	0	0	
Afrin	Afrin	Ein Dara	220	0	0	
Total			639250	7137	38144	

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