

# **CCCM Cluster Winter Vulnerability Analysis**

#### **Situation:**

There are currently 1,527 IDP sites in North-West Syria hosting 1.9 million displaced people, of which 80% are children. During the winter season, the needs in IDP sites are increasing. Anticipated snowstorms, cold temperatures, strong winds, heavy rainfall, and floods have a severe humanitarian impact on people's lives and wellbeing. The majority of IDPs live in self-settled and overcrowded sites with

inadequate shelter conditions, poor infrastructure and lack access to basic services. According to CCCM data, in the past winter:

- •306 sites flooded during winter and storms in 2022, of which 52 are flood prone over the last two years.
- •Increase population impacted by EQ at RCs (74) still active, and over crowded camps (79%) are particularly at risk of fire, floods and storm
- •Road access, safety measures in crowded camps require rehabilitations across 964 sites in Alepo, Idlep.

### **Winter Vulnrability Analysis:**

Ahead of the upcoming winter, the CCCM Cluster has conducted a Winter Vulnerability Analysis.

IDP sites on a winter weather vulnerability scale, ranging from "none/minimal", "stress", "severe", "extreme", to "catastrophic" The scale is based on various and several parameters such as: the re-occurrence of winter related incidents in the sites, site type, crowdedness of sites, the status of infrastructure components such as drainage, sewer line availability, condition of pathways, ground insulation of tents and NFI availability. Currently:

- 17 sites hosting 31,726 individuals are in the "catastrophic" vulnerability level.
- 240 sites hosting 312,888 individuals are in the "extreme" vulnerability level.
- 617 sites hosting 849,714 individuals are in the "severe" vulnerability level.

#### **Challenges:**

- Winter conditions exacerbate the IDPs already dire living conditions in NWS, as many are housed in crowded sites that offer little protection from the cold and harsh weather • There is an immediate need for adequate shelter and heating solutions Winter incident is contributing to more extreme weather conditions, including heavy snowfall, and widespread flooding. IDPs living in self-settled sites are amongst the most vulnerable.
- 79% of IDPs live in sites with a critical level of overcrowding and 87% in sites that need camp management
- . These conditions exacerbate the risk and impact of winter response. By encourage incidents.
- · Lack of proper infrastructure and facilities in overcrowded sites increase health risks.

#### **Response:**

Under SCHF 1st allocation, CCCM cluster advocat to strengthen community mobilization & participation through camp/site representative structures and Community led emergency preparedness and Fire Response in IDP sites & Reception centers.

CCCM activities are essential to respond to winter related incidents and mitigate the risks of them occurring in the assessments in IDP sites, as well as monitoring, reporting and responding to winter incidents as part of its coordination role.

the ground, including NGOs and Site Monitoring Teams, to follow-up on the provision of assistance.

CCCM Cluster field teams and information management systems are crucial when it comes to

reporting and responding to winter incidents. These activities might be suspended or heavily reduced, which will jeopardize the capacity to continue the response.

The CCCM Cluster continuously coordinates with actors on

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## **Key Messages:**

•A dire need for effective camp management activities. This is crucial for preventing incidents and ensuring the overall well-being of IDP residen

especially in cold winter conditions.

It is crucial to ensure that affected populations have access to warm and safe places to live to prevent cold-related illnesses and deaths.

- CCCM Cluster encourages humanitarian organizations to distribute winterization kits to affected populations to help them withstand the cold weather.
- Enhance community engagement and participation in decision-making processes related to winter preparedness and

affected populations to share their feedback and needs with humanitarian actors to ensure more effective assistance.

- Improve coordination among humanitarian organizations, authorities, and local partners. The effective coordination is essential for a comprehensive and efficient response to winter incidents. Online response tracker will be shared to update services in camps.
- CCCM Cluster appeals the donors for financial support to fund winter-specific response efforts.



Flood Incident in Eudan IDP Site 2 (Source: Muzun NGO)

