

North West Syria (NWS) Operational Factsheet July 2024



2M
IDPs in sites



376K
Total families



1,534
IDP sites

Data source: *ISIMM Dashboard*

Overview Situation

The use of Bab Al-Hawa border crossing for UN aid delivery and personnel movement to north-west Syria was extended for an additional six months until 13 January 2025. Around 70 per cent of UN cross-border missions in 2024 have been conducted through Bab Al-Hawa border crossings.

The security situation in northern and eastern Aleppo significantly deteriorated following protests and violence targeting Syrians in Kayseri province, Türkiye. Insecurity resulted in a temporary closure of all border gates and suspension of humanitarian activities of 34 NGOs during the first week of July, ultimately affecting the provision of essential services, including water, food and cash assistance.

Jisr-Ash-Shugur water station was rehabilitated and equipped with 260 solar panels of 575 watts capacity to provide clean water for 51,606 IDPs living in 87 IDP sites.

Displacement



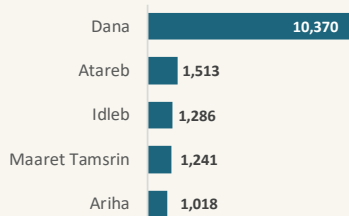
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Total displacements



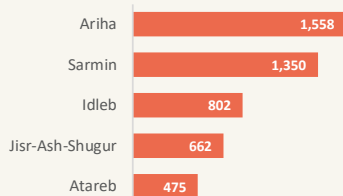
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Returnees

In the second quarter, over 21,625 individuals were displaced in Idleb and Aleppo, primarily due to reduced access to life-saving humanitarian assistance, exorbitant rental costs; loss of livelihoods and income; and fear of impending conflict escalation. The majority of displaced persons sought refuge in Dana sub-district. Conversely, during the same period, more than 8,000 IDPs returned to their places of origin.

Top arrival sub-districts



Top returnees sub-district



Incidents

In July, the CCCM Cluster reported 47 fire incidents in 39 IDP sites across Idleb and Aleppo, resulting in significant damage. Strong winds also affected 5 IDP sites, exacerbating the situation. The incidents resulted in over 40 tents being destroyed or damaged, impacting approximately 700 individuals. The fire and wind incidents severely affected 15 sub-districts, including Dana, Maaret Tamsrin, Afrin, and Azaz in Aleppo and Idleb. Fortunately, no injuries were reported when a bombardment occurred in Al Masbah (Ahl Saraqeb) in Janudiyeh. The CCCM Cluster continues to monitor the situation and provide support to affected IDP sites.

49

Total incidents



41

Fire incidents



47

Affected tents

Response

The CCCM Cluster partners, including WATAN, Mercy USA, and Al Ameen, swiftly responded to the incidents by providing critical assistance to affected individuals and households, including repairing damaged shelters, installing new tents, distributing NFI kits and plastic sheets, and installing solar panels in Al Aman (Darkosh) camp, to address their immediate needs and ensure their safety and dignity.

CCCM Cluster partners contribution

UNHCR partner MUZUN collected data from over 750 sites during the second round of *ISIMM Plus*, reporting 45 incidents with 6 responses. Meanwhile, UNHCR-supported CCCM Cluster REACH release the second quarterly Displacement Movement Report (ISMI) for April - June 2024, highlighting the following key findings:

1) This round covered a total of **896 communities** across; **Aleppo (519)**, **Hama (8)**, **Idleb (369)**

2) As of June 2024, the assessed communities host **2,3 million residents** and **1,7 million IDPs**.

3) New IDP arrivals (April-June 2024) **21,625 individuals** with the top three subdistricts being; **Dana (10,370)**, **Atareb (1,513)**, **Idleb (1,286)**

4) Returnees (April-June 2024) number **8,981 individuals** with the top three subdistricts being; **Ariha (1,578)**, **Sarmin (1,350)**, **Idleb (1,071)**

Additionally, **635 individuals** returned from outside Syria, primarily from Türkiye (447).

Multi-sectoral highlights:



WASH: Residents of Atma camp protested water shortages, citing insufficient supply for summer months despite notifying camp managers. In Qabasin, residents reported water scarcity on July 20 due to dropping well water levels.



SNFI: At least 3,627 families in Idleb and western Aleppo relocated from camps to 4,461 housing units.



Health and Nutrition: Border closure suspended health and nutrition activities as doctors and staff could not travel. Two mobile medical teams halted operations in Afrin and Al Bab, and nutrition services stopped in three northern Aleppo health centers.

CASH: Suspension of transfers due to PTT office closures in NWS led to price spikes across IDP sites. Eleven PTT branches closed in July due to community tension in Turkey.

CCCM Cluster community engagement in 7 IDP sites with over 1,500 families revealed challenges including: suspension of WASH services; inadequate clean water access; insufficient garbage collection areas; and skin diseases like leishmaniasis and lice.

