

HIGHLIGHTS

Displacement Updates in North-West Syria

Over 2.6 million IDPs are living in north-west Syria, bringing the total population to more than four million.

As reported by HNAP, 20,613 IDPs were displaced in September, two-thirds of whom have been displaced three or more times (65 percent). The top three sub-districts of arrival were Maaret Tamsrin, Idlib and Atareb. 10,643 IDPs, just over half of all recently displaced persons, are reportedly living in tents, which usually indicates higher levels of vulnerability owing to poor and crowded living conditions.

Response

Shelter/Non-Food Item (SNFI) Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs in north-west Syria. **Some 2,079,501 individuals*, both IDPs and host community members, were assisted with NFI and/or shelter from January to September 2020.**

During the first three quarters of the year, 1,770,718 individuals received NFI assistance, including core and essential, as well as seasonal or supplementary NFI distributions. Shelter needs of 1,029,352 people were addressed with activities including emergency shelter assistance, rehabilitation of infrastructure, shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters, and seasonal shelter assistance.

SNFI continues to actively coordinate with the Health and WASH Clusters, as well as the Early Recovery Cluster and Cash Working Group, to respond to the needs of the IDP population in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Soap and fabric masks are recommended by SNFI to be included in NFI distributions, with the suggestion to procure items locally. **More than 413,000 individuals have received additional soap with their NFI distributions** since March 2020, when the Cluster shared this as a recommendation in coordination with the WASH and Health Clusters. The SNFI Cluster also updated its recommendations on COVID-19 in both English and Arabic.

SNFI continues to provide **site planning support** through coaching and trainings with the goal of building capacity and facilitating well-planned settlements in north-west Syria. The trainings have been in the form of weekly online sessions via zoom meeting with simultaneous Arabic interpretation. Training topics varied from terrain analysis to child protection in IDP sites, introduction to GIS, and site planning strategies to mitigate GBV. A specific Site Planning Page has been developed on the SNFI website, where various resources are compiled to provide additional support.

Following multiple reports of flood incidents in IDP sites in north-west Syria, SNFI has prepared **Flood Classifications and Effects on IDP Sites** in north-west Syria which were shared and published on the cluster website. This document examines different levels of floods, including the impact, damage and likelihood; and aims to provide possible flood response interventions accordingly. It also includes technical guidance on developing and planning drainage systems in IDP sites, as well as useful links for further tutorials.

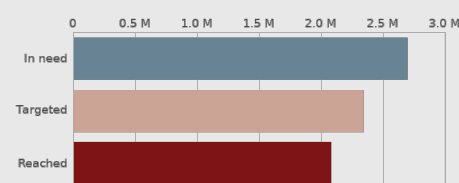
In response to the regular fire incidents reported in IDP sites, SNFI has developed an **awareness raising brochure** focusing mainly on the safe usage of fuel and stoves during winter, targeting individuals and households.

As part of **winterization coordination and planning**, SNFI has focused on engaging with members to harmonize the winterization response and avoid gaps or overlap to the extent possible. In addition to advocating for a strengthened response to address the identified gaps in winterization and infrastructure. The Cluster Coordination Team shared the updated Guidance Note on Winterization for NWS with Cluster members, donors and other stakeholders. Presently, around 1.3 million individuals are targeted with the

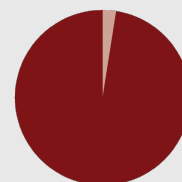
KEY FIGURES

73 Cluster partners

People



Funding



Total funding required:

\$150.1 M

Funded: 97%

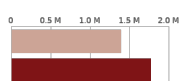
Source: Budget Estimation based on 4Ws

KEY DATES

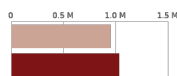
- Monthly SNFI Cluster Meetings: January - June 2020:** January - June 2020: 8 January 2020; 12 February 2020; 8 March 2020; 8 April 2020; 13 May 2020; 10 June 2020, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September.
- SAG Meetings:** Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) met in person at least once every month, in addition to coordination and communication via email and skype as necessary. Main discussions revolved around the flood response in IDP sites, guidance development and fire incidents, as well as incident reasons and mitigation measures. In September 2020, a joint meeting between SNFI and CCCM SAGs was held focused on collaborating on planned camps in emergencies and what steps could be taken in advance to avoid challenges during implementation. Regular meetings between the CCCM and SNFI SAGs will continue on a monthly basis.
- Covid-19 Meetings:** At the end of March 2020, the recommendation was made to avoid meetings that gathers a large amount of people. Shortly after all meetings of the SNFI Cluster in the north-west Syria hub were moved to online meetings, which was followed by the general recommendation for Teleworking due to the global health crisis. The Cluster used various applications in order to cope with the new situation and not affect the coordination and communication with Cluster members via Skype, Microsoft Teams, Webex and Zoom. In coordination with the Health Cluster, new recommendations and inputs on Covid-19 are updated in the guidance and published on the global cluster website to advise members on the best practices to mitigate the risks and avoid virus transmission when delivering aid. The guidance is a living document, with the last updated version drafted in June 2020, with the updated version shared in both English and Arabic in July 2020.
- After-Action Review:** As part of the first round of SCHF allocation for 2020, a number of projects to develop new camps and camp extensions were undertaken. The Cluster provided support to the project partners, and many improvements

winter response, based on the current plans of members. However, some 251,000 of the targeted individuals are still in the gap for winterization assistance due to unsecured funding.

(*To note, IDPs may receive multiple services, including both shelter and NFIs; but this figure aims to reflect the unique beneficiaries reached).



NFI (Total)
Targeted:
1.4 M
Reached: 128%



Shelter (Total)
Targeted:
0.9 M
Reached: 108%

were seen in terms of site planning and services for IDPs. An After-Action Review Workshop was held in September 2020 with the objective of sharing lessons learnt on these projects and establishing recommendations going forward.

- **HLP Meetings:** Together with the Protection and CCCM Clusters, SNFI engaged in meetings on Housing, Land and Property (HLP). Key points from the discussion were related to difficulties in finding a place to rent, evictions from collective centres, the importance of conducting due diligence and ensuring the Do No Harm principle.
- **SCHF 2020 First Standard Allocation:** 19 projects (including 12 SNFI single-sector and 7 multi-sector) have been approved for Syrian Cross-Border Humanitarian Fund (SCHF) first standard allocation fund targeting many locations in north-west Syria, mainly in Idlib and Aleppo. Three international NGOs, fourteen local NGOs and one UN agency have been recommended by the Cluster Review Committee (CRC). These projects target 255,357 individuals (50,170 households) from both IDP and host communities.
- **Winterization Planning:** In preparation for winterization, SNFI started discussing and coordinating the response in advance. In August, SNFI held a meeting focused on winterization cash and voucher modalities, during which post-distribution monitoring, fuel prices and trends, and recommended top-up amounts were discussed. A detailed coordination meeting was held in September 2020, with the objective of coordinating targets and overlap analysis at the community level, to ensure that winterization plans are implemented in an efficient and timely manner.
- **Other Meetings:** HPC Guidance Session: Cluster support session in regard to the HRP 2020. SCHF Allocation: Discussion about Shelter and NFI priorities for the Emergency Reserve Allocation. Cash vs In-Kind discussion with Cluster members and Donors. Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) regular meetings, led by OCHA, are also attended by the Cluster Coordinator (lead and Co-chair) where multi-cluster issues and updates are discussed.

KEY DOCUMENTS

- [SNFI Cluster Factsheet - Northwest Syria - September 2020](#)
- [snfi_emergencyoverview_25february2020_v1](#)
- [Shelter NFI Cluster Technical Guidance \(Updated, July 2018\)](#)
- [HLP XB Turkey Due Diligence Guidelines_FINAL](#)
- [HLP XB Turkey Due Diligence Guidelines \(Arabic version\)](#)
- [Flood Classifications and Effects on IDP Sites in NWS](#)
- [COVID19 - SNFI Cluster Recommendations for NW Syria_20200729 Version 3](#)
- [توصيات محدّثة لأنشطة قطاع المأوى والمواد الغذائية في \(سباق تغشبي فيروس كورونا \(كوفيد-19\)](#)
- [Collective Shelter Conditions in NW Syria](#)
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- [Guidance Note on the Shelter and NFI Response in NWS](#)
- [IEC Material - Fire safety](#)

KEY LINKS

- [Shelter&NFI Cluster NWS - Turkey Hub Dashboard](#)
- [Shelter&NFI Cluster- 2019 - 2020 Winterization Plans Overview](#)
- [SNFI CCCM Emergency Response](#)
- [Photo Gallery - Improving IDP Settlements](#)
- [SNFI Site Planning Support Page](#)