

# North-East Syria Flash update #10

08th – 21st December 2019



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# Situation Overview

To date, 75,438 people, including 18,860 women of reproductive age, remain displaced from Al-Hassakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Aleppo governorates. 117,132 people have returned to their areas of origin. A large number of this population has been displaced more than once. Displacement continues from conflict-affected areas between Ras al-Ain and Tal Tamer such as Alahras, Alamiriyah, Abu Rasian, Um Alkhair, Dahr Alarab, Almahmoudiya and other villages. Partners formerly in these locations have diverted programs and resources to respond to protection needs of newly displaced populations in Tal Tamer, Al-Hassakeh, Areesha camp, Mahmoudli camp, Ar-Raqqa city and surrounding areas.<sup>1</sup> With the continued drastic drops in temperatures and winter approaching, women and girls are adversely affected by the cold weather as there are dire needs for NFIs that will protect them from the weather.



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## Immediate Response

### Gender Based Violence (GBV):

- UNFPA through its implementing partners operates a total of 6 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) in NES including: 2 Emergency WGSS' in Al-Hol and Areesha camps, 1 WGSS in Al-Hassakeh city, 1 WGSS in Qamishli and 2 WGSS' in Raqqa (Ar-Raqqa and Tapqa cities) Governorate.
- WGSS' provide a range of GBV services including: GBV Case Management, Psycho-social Support (PSS), GBV awareness raising, vocational trainings, recreational activities, referral to more specialized services such as mental health, and in more physically severe cases. The WGSS' serve newly displaced women and adolescent girls as well as the people in the host communities.
- UNFPA provides immediate response GBV services integrated with reproductive health services through mobile teams and Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinics and through integrated RH/GBV mobile teams (MTs) to the newly displaced people including referral to existing services in the camps and shelters.
- UNFPA in partnership with 4 implementing partners, launched the 16 days campaign to end violence against women. The theme for 2019 was *Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape*. from 25 November until 10 December. A total of 110 activities were conducted. Most of the activities aimed at raising awareness on sexual harassment. UNFPA, through its IPs focused on the IDP camps in the area.

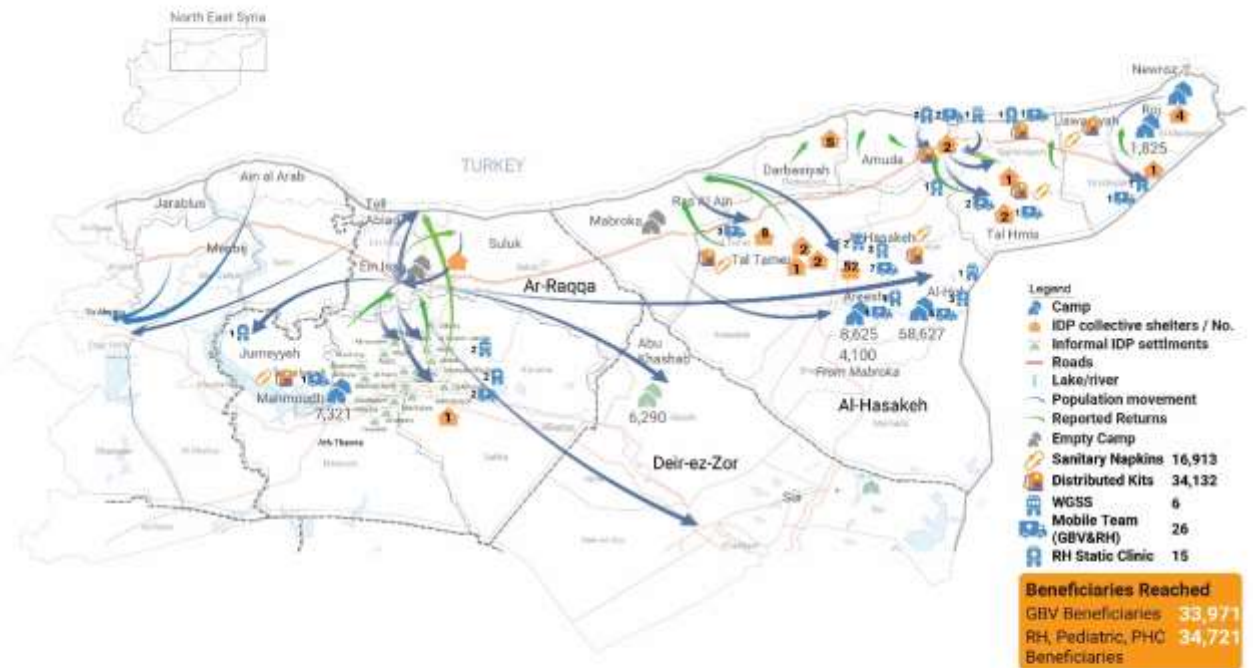
<sup>1</sup> OCHA Sitrep #12- [https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ocha\\_syria\\_sitrep\\_12\\_nes\\_1-19nov\\_final.pdf](https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ocha_syria_sitrep_12_nes_1-19nov_final.pdf)

## Reproductive Health (RH):

- To meet the dire needs of the most vulnerable population (women, adolescent girls and children), UNFPA provides ante-natal care (ANC), post-natal care (PNC), family planning (FP), treatment of reproductive tract infections (RTIs) and urinary tract infections (UTIs), pediatric, primary health care (PHC) and referral services, in addition to deliveries.
- During this period, UNFPA and its implementing partners continued the provision of RH services including: pregnancy care, family planning, infectious diseases treatment and care, pediatric, primary health care, PSS, and referral services for individuals in 22 shelters in Al-Hassakeh city in addition to 9 villages in the rural areas of Al-Hassakeh (4 in Rural Tal-Tamer and 5 in Abdul Aziz Mountain), Ar-Raqqa City (Tabqa and Jurinia)
- In Areesha camp, UNFPA reached 255 women of reproductive age, out of which 83 are pregnant.
- In Mahmoudi Camp, UNFPA reached 151 women of reproductive age, out of which 52 are pregnant.
- In TweiHina Camp, UNFPA reached 64 women of reproductive age, out of which 23 are pregnant).
- From 9th October until the 21st of December, UNFPA has supported 34 deliveries: 23 normal deliveries and 11 C-Sections.

## Beneficiaries Reached through RH and GBV

- **34,721** beneficiaries reached with health services between 09th October and 21st December 2019 (RH, Paediatric & PHC).
- **RH** services were provided to **33,423** WRA (9,732 out of them were pregnant)
- **Pediatric** services were provided to **1,049 children** due to the dire health needs.
- Primary Health Care services were provided to **249 men** due to the dire health needs.
- **33,971** beneficiaries reached with GBV services between 09th October and 21st December 2019
- Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS): **6**
- RH\GBV integrated Mobile teams: **26**
- RH static clinics: **15**
- Kits distributed: **34,132**
- Sanitary Napkin packs distributed: **16,913**



## Al-Hol Camp

UNFPA continues to provide integrated RH/GBV services through its Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS) such as: PSS Counselling, literacy courses, and vocational training. Additionally, ANC, PNC, Family Planning, Treatment of UTIs and RTIs RH services are provided through a maternity clinic which operates 24/7, in addition to 2 RH static clinics, 5 RH/GBV mobile teams (MTs), as well as a *hospitainer*. Additionally, in coordination with UNICEF, literacy classes are being provided for women and girls in Al-Hol camp.

- **182,004 beneficiaries reached** between 13<sup>th</sup> March and 21st December 2019.
- **3** RH/GBV integrated mobile teams.
- **2** GBV mobile teams.
- **1** emergency WGSS
- **2** RH Static Clinic
- **1** Normal Delivery Clinic
- **1** Hospitainer
- **23,168 kits** distributed
- **163,660 Sanitary Napkins** distributed

## Challenges

- The continued challenges in NES collective shelters include: overcrowding, inadequate supply of winterized clothes to meet the needs, lack of drinking water, GBV and protection concerns such as lack of adequate lighting and common WASH facilities in shelters. Additionally, poor living conditions in collective shelters and lack of livelihood opportunities further put women in protection risks including GBV. Additionally, there is a challenge of lack of specialized and trained Health Service providers.

## Next in Response

- 8 trucks containing **10,000 winterized protection dignity kits, 100,000 sanitary napkin packs, 10,782 blankets, 10,782 scarfs, 2,000 flashlights,** and **30 wheelchairs** are awaiting to be transported to Qamishly and distributed.
- 7 trucks containing **5,594 female dignity kits, 3,723 male dignity kits, 449 pregnant and lactating women kits, 239 adolescent dignity kits,** and **30,000 sanitary napkin packs** are awaiting to be transported to Deir-ez-Zour and distributed.
- 1 truck containing: **1,000 female dignity kits** and **11,470 sanitary napkin packs** are awaiting to be transported to Ar-Raqqa and distributed.
- In response to the challenge of lack of trained health service providers, UNFPA has planned to conduct two (2) Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) trainings for UNFPA IPs in Al-Hassakeh Governorate. The first MISP training was conducted in Qamishli City on December 21st 2019.

## Immediate Needs

**The UNFPA funding gap for the NES immediate needs, for the period Nov. 2019 - March. 2020 is:**

### 1. NES (Nov. 2019-March. 2020)

Kits: 4,120,000

Services: 1,080,000

**Total 5,200,000 USD**

### 2. Al-Hol Camp (Nov. 2019-March. 2020)

Kits: 1,860,300 USD

Service: 352,000 USD

**Total 2,210,000 USD**