

Aleppo: Sector partners reach communities in East Aleppo

UNHCR, with its partner Al-Ihsan Charity, has been responding to returning families in Al-Shaar neighborhood in eastern Aleppo. Its distribution point has been serving around 300 families (estimated 1,500 persons) on a daily basis with core non-food items such as, mattresses, plastic rolls, kitchen sets, jerry cans, blanket and solar lamps.

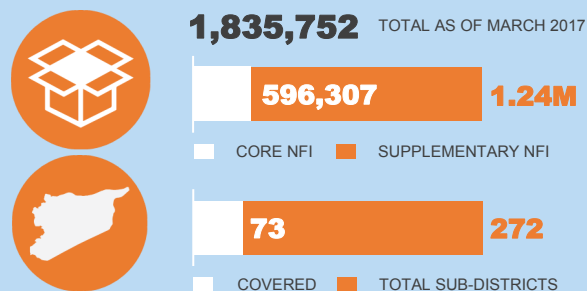
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KEY POINTS

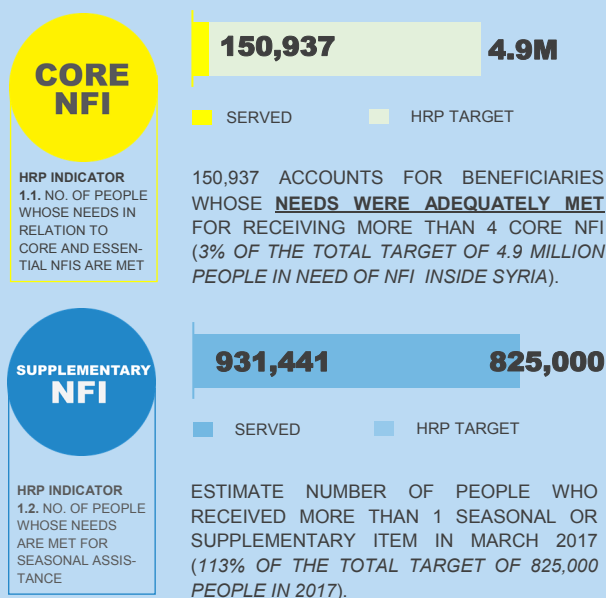
- Sector partners participated in an inter-agency convoy on 24th of March to seven hard-to-reach communities of Wadi Barada valley in Rural Damascus governorate. Collectively, the convoy served at least 24,500 people from the communities of Barhaliya, Deir Qanoun, Deir Maqran, Hseiniyeh, Kafir Elzeit, Kafr Elawamid, and Suq Wadi Burda. Along with other provisions, around 11,000 beneficiaries received children clothing and blankets from NFI sector partners (IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR). Humanitarian support to the Wadi Barada valley, with an estimated 33,500 people in need, is still needed as access is still limited. Among the priority NFI needs identified at that time include, high thermal blanket and special winter clothing kit.
- In March, sector partners were quick to provide support to the most vulnerable population in newly accessible neighborhoods in Aleppo City. UNHCR with Al Birr, Al Taalouf and SARC collectively served at least 124,000 people with 50,000 basic household items, and 135,000 supplementary items including winter kits. Return movement to these newly accessible neighborhoods is happening in a small scale as the majority of the areas remains uncondusive for return due to lack of basic services and infrastructure damage that put the safety of the returning population at risk. Access to electricity is one the urgent and pressing concerns confronting the returning population.
- To better address information management related issues of the sector, it organized an IM Support Group composed of IM or reporting focal points from all sector partners. The first meeting was conducted on the 22nd of March and attended by 14 representatives from 9 sector partners. There was an in-depth discussion on partners' regular needs assessment and monitoring activities as well as challenges on reporting. The group agreed to meet every other month. The group also serves as a venue to share expertise and technical IM skills.

NUMBERS IN BRIEF

TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED



BENEFICIARIES ADEQUATELY SERVED



OVERALL REACHED BENEFICIARIES



GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Widespread insecurity, challenging physical access and rigorous bureaucratic procedures and approval limit provision of adequate and regular humanitarian assistance especially to those who live in besieged and hard-to-reach areas;
- Absence of age and gender disaggregated information of population in need unable the sector to accommodate and target specific needs;
- Logistical constraints especially during inter-agency convoy such as, road blockage, presence of checkpoints, and presence of threats continue to hamper rapid distribution;
- Lack of actual data on distribution recipients prevent the sector to better measure the actual reached and served beneficiaries;
- Limited and irregular monitoring of distribution due to insecurity and sensitivities compromise the ability of the sector to assess the impact of its assistance and better inform future planning;
- Absence of clear and effective feedback mechanism from population in need due to information gathering sensitivities unable the sector to better determine the efficacy of its effort;
- Lack of income generating activities to provide the necessary financial means continues to hamper access to basic household items among the most vulnerable population in need;
- Diminishing active participation among sector members affects coordination and the overall sectorial reach;
- Inexact coordination structure impacts the level of efficiency in coordinating sectorial response for interagency convoys.
- Lack of reliable consolidated information for interagency convoy reach affects the sector's ability to determine the extent and impact of its convoy contribution;
- Insufficient number of detailed and comprehensive assessment makes it difficult for the sector to shift its response priorities from distribution of basic essential NFI items to provision of supplementary items.

CRISIS BACKGROUND: *The crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that led to 6.3 million IDPs and 4.8 million Syrian refugees. The 2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview reported that around 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 5.8 million people need to receive essential household items and other multi-sectorial assistance as they continue to live in an unsafe and uncertain environment. The degree of resilience and positive coping mechanism of the affected population have gradually reduced due to the protracted nature of the conflict. Purchasing power and the ability to provide for their basic household needs have decreased due to economic recession that left many people unemployed and the prospect of accessing essential household items has also declined due to closure of essential service providers.*



PARTNER IN FOCUS

UNICEF was established by the United Nations General Assembly on 11 December 1946 and became a permanent part of the United Nations system in 1953 to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. Working with other UN agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, UNICEF operates in over 190 countries and territories defending the right of children as mandated by the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

UNICEF opened its office in Syria in 1970. Since the conflict began in 2011, it has significantly scaled up its operations to meet rapidly expanding needs. UNICEF delivers lifesaving humanitarian assistance for women and children in health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, child protection, education, and adolescent development programmes. UNICEF is investing in longer-term systems strengthening and resilience-building initiatives to help children, families and communities focusing on the most vulnerable. UNICEF has over 200 staff in Damascus and its five field offices in Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Homs, Tartous and Qamishli. UNICEF also provides its assistance through cross-border operations from Amman and Gaziantep.

UNICEF implements a programme of distribution of winter kits and blankets to conflict affected families and children with a focus on reaching the most vulnerable (including internally displaced families, female headed households, and children with disabilities) both through its regular programme, humanitarian convoys and cross-border deliveries. Given the economic downturn, UNICEF is supporting local economies and job creation through local procurement of winter related emergency supplies, clothes and blankets. This includes working directly with small scale workshops and cooperatives. In 2016, UNICEF reached more than 700,000 children with clothing kits and blankets, including more than 119,000 children living in hard to reach and besieged areas.

An e-voucher programme has been introduced in 2016 enabling families to purchase clothing for their children using vouchers at a network of over 30 stores in Qamishli, Homs, Tartous, Latakia and Damascus. The e-voucher programme gives families flexibility in choosing the right items and sizes for their children. Giving families choice and the ability to shop for themselves also contributes to their empowerment and sense of dignity. The programme supports the local economy by creating demand for local suppliers.

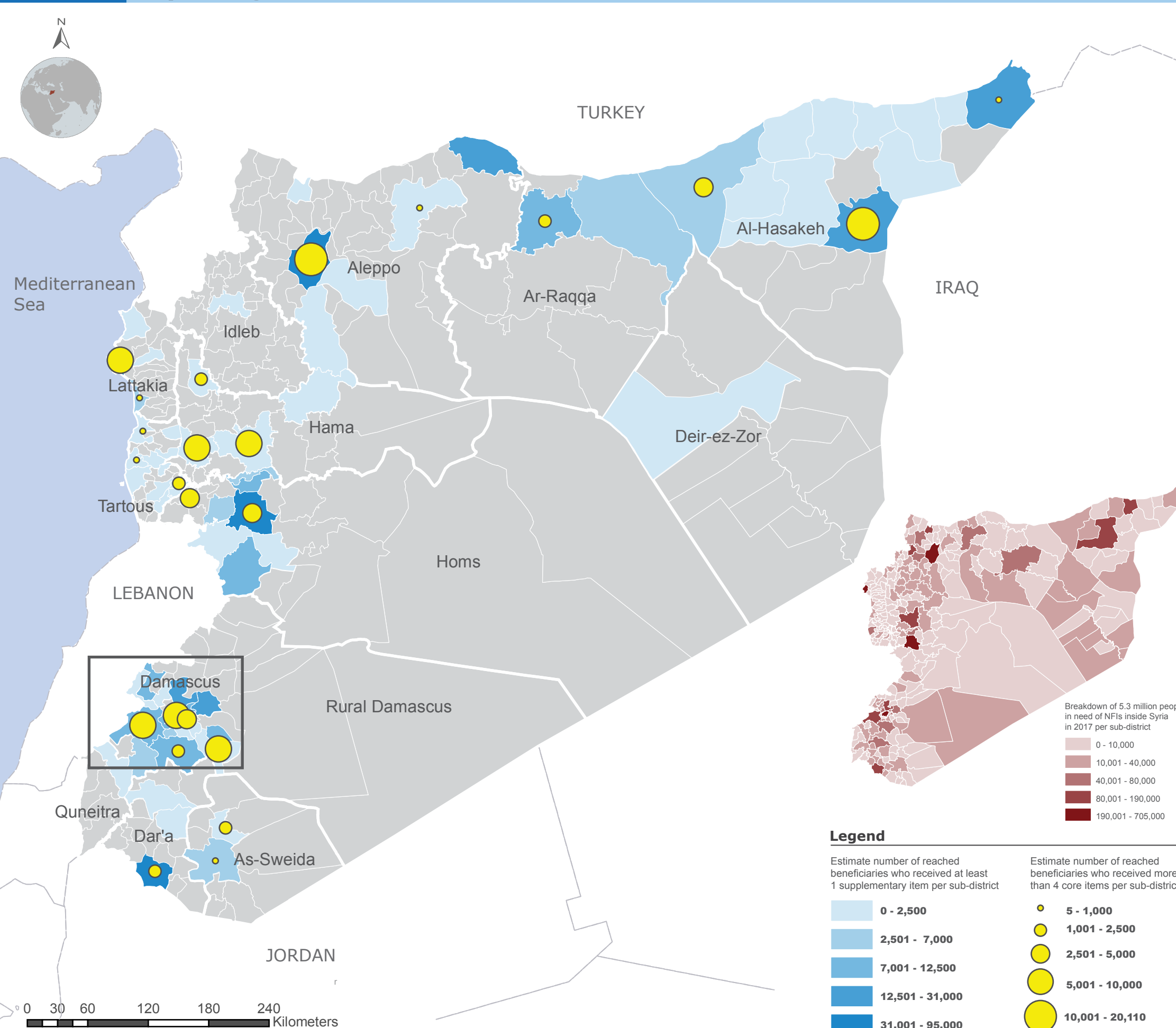
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SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

Reporting Period: March 2017



TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED

2,230,955

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE NON-FOOD ITEM AS OF MARCH 2017

CORE ITEMS

150,937

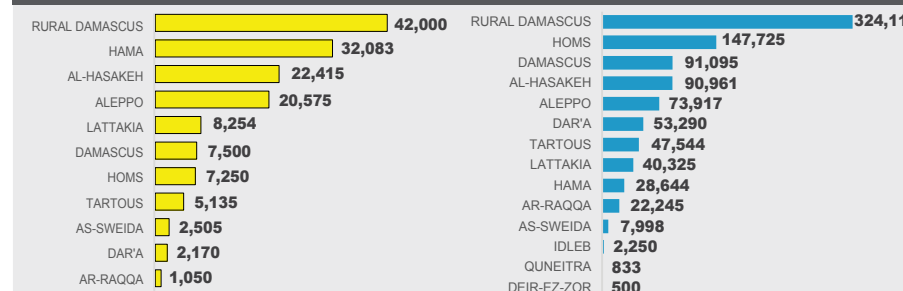
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI (3% OF THE 4.9M TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF NFI IN SYRIA)

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

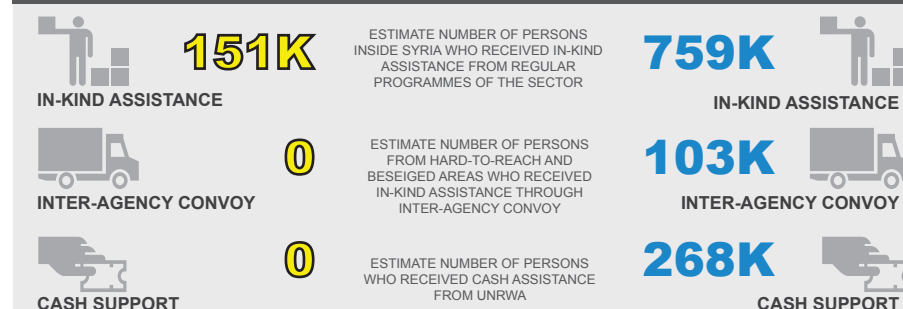
931,441

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM (113% OF THE 825,000 TOTAL TARGET PEOPLE IN NEED OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI IN SYRIA)

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES PER GOVERNORATE



BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



NOTE: Breakdown of beneficiaries per type of support does not necessarily sum up to the reported number of beneficiaries as some communities may have received more than one type of assistance.

TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER GOVERNORATE



TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER TYPE



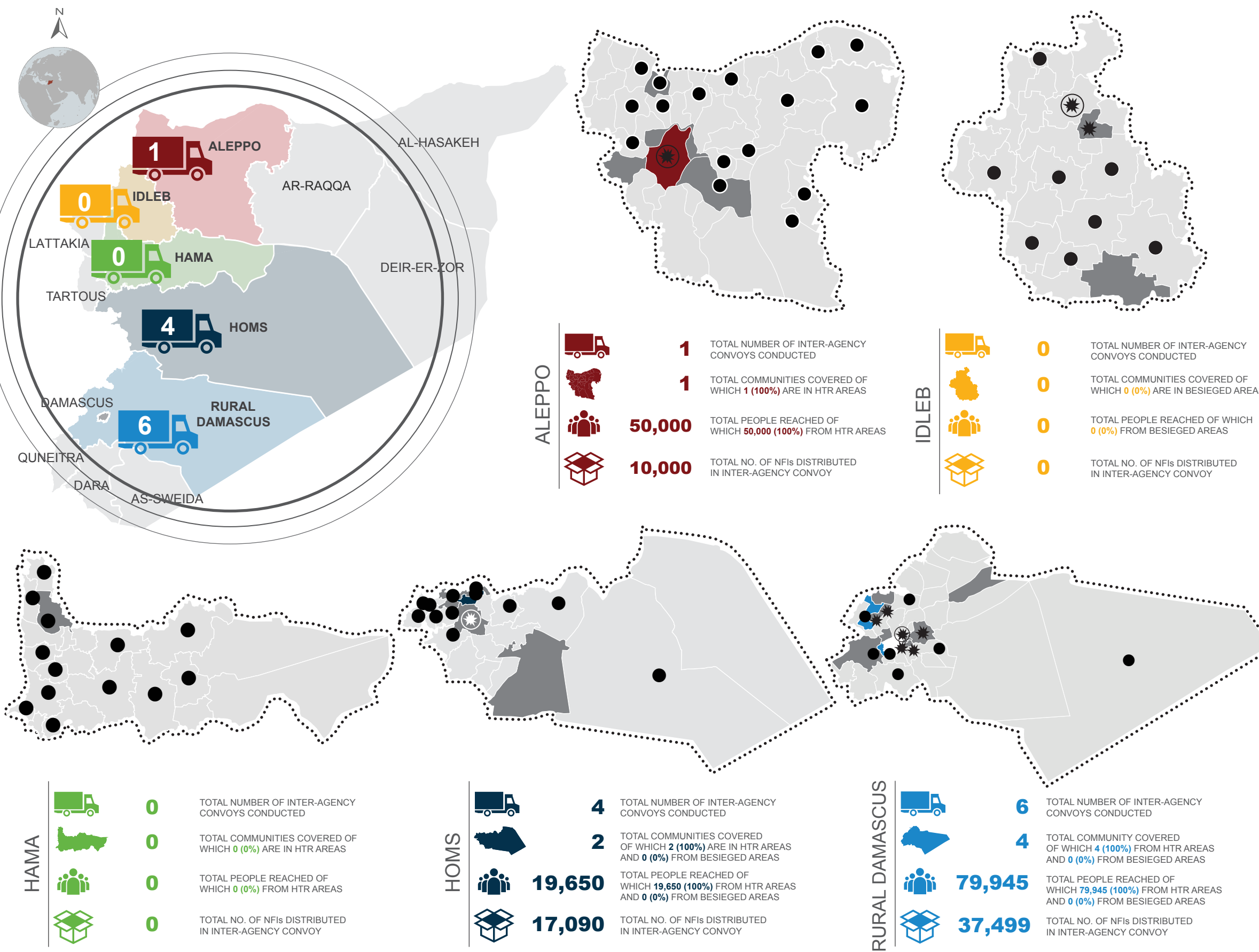
TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH





SYRIA: INTER-AGENCY CONVOY

Reporting Period: March 2017



SUMMARY



11

TOTAL NUMBER OF INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS



7

TOTAL COMMUNITIES COVERED OF WHICH 0 (0%) ARE IN BESIEGED AREAS & 7 (100%) FROM HTR AREAS



149,495

TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED OF WHICH 0 (0%) FROM BESIEGED AREAS AND 149,495 (100%) FROM HTR AREAS



64,589

TOTAL NO. OF NFIs DISTRIBUTED IN INTER-AGENCY CONVOYS

NAME OF BESIEGED AND HTR COMMUNITIES COVERED BY INTER-AGENCY CONVOY (2016-2017)

GOVERNORATE	HARD-TO-REACH COMMUNITIES	BESIEGED COMMUNITIES
ALEPPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● AFRIN● ALEPPO CITY● HAJEB● NABUL● TALL REFAAT	
IDLEB		<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ FOAH
HAMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● MADIQ CASTLE	
HOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● AR-RASTAN● DAR KABIRA● HOMS CITY● KAFR LAHA● TALBISEH● TALDU● TIR MAALAH	
RURAL DAMASCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● BLUDAN● JIRUD● MADAMIYET ELSHAM● QUDSIYA● RAWDA BATRONEH● SARGHAYA● SUQ WADI BARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ ARBIN★ AZ-ZABADANI★ BEIT SAWA★ DARRAYA★ DUMA★ EIN TERMA★ HAMMURA★ HARASTA★ HEZZEH★ JISREIN★ KAFR BATNA★ KHAN ELSHIH★ MADAYA★ SAGBA

LEGEND

- No. of inter-agency convoys (IACs)
- No. of beneficiaries (persons) reached by IACs
- Sub-districts with besieged communities
- Sub-districts with (HTR) hard-to-reach communities
- Sub-districts with besieged and HTR communities
- No. of distributed non-food items
- Areas covered by convoy in 2016

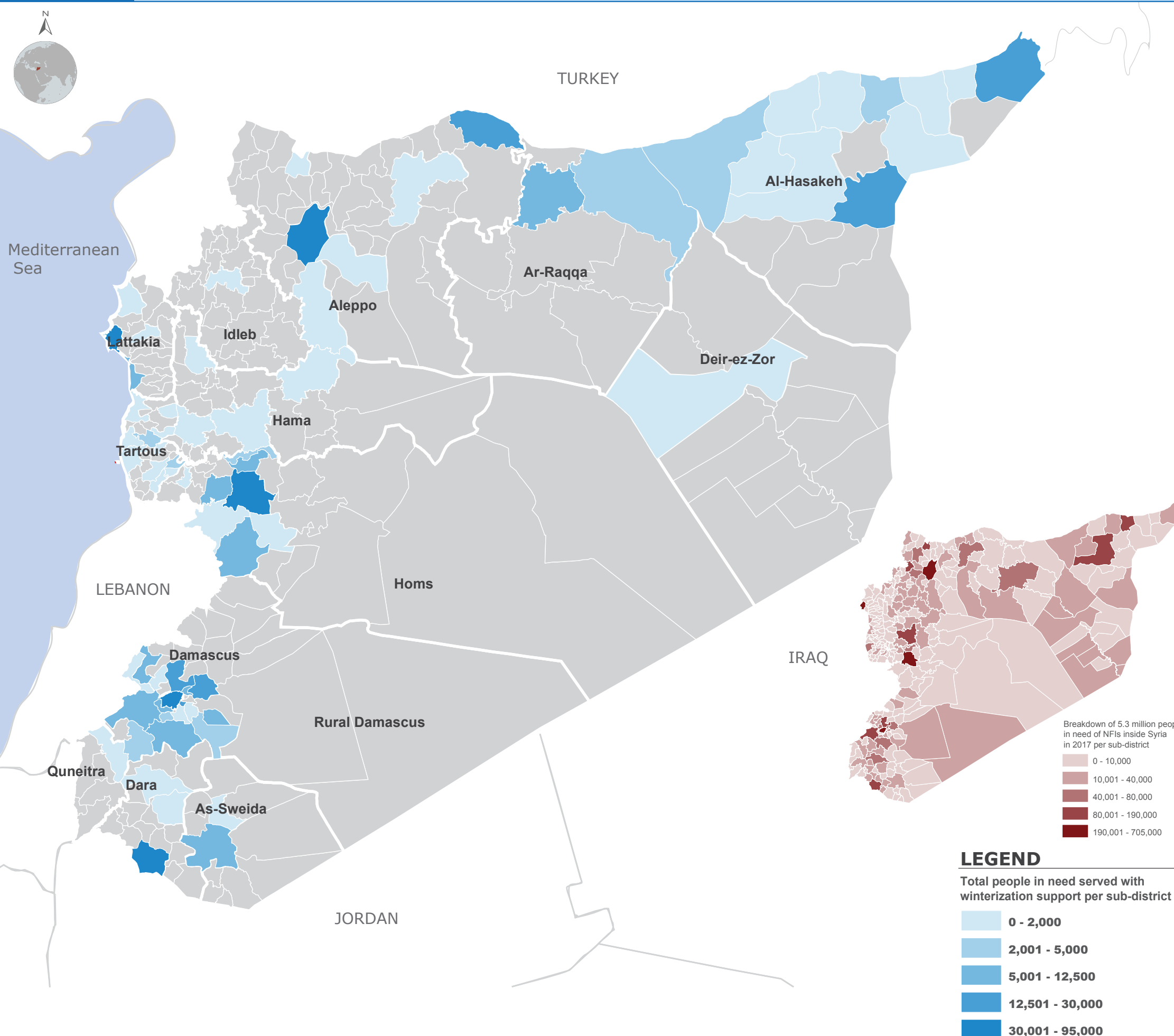
FOOTNOTE/S:

- A. The information presented here only shows DRC, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF convoys.
- B. One convoy is counted as one completed trip.



SYRIA: NFI WINTERIZATION SUPPORT

Reporting Period: March 2017



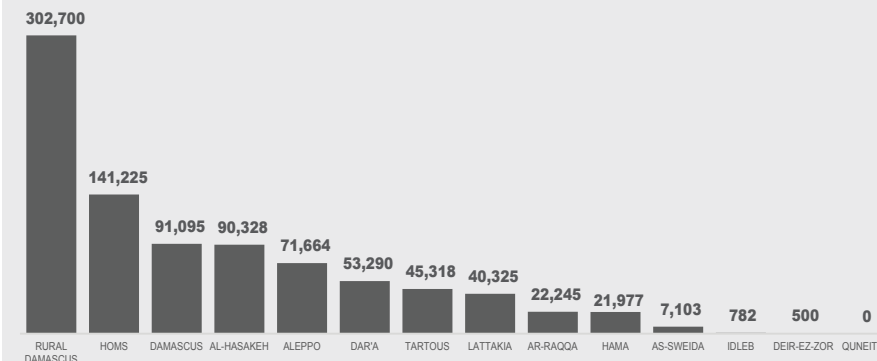
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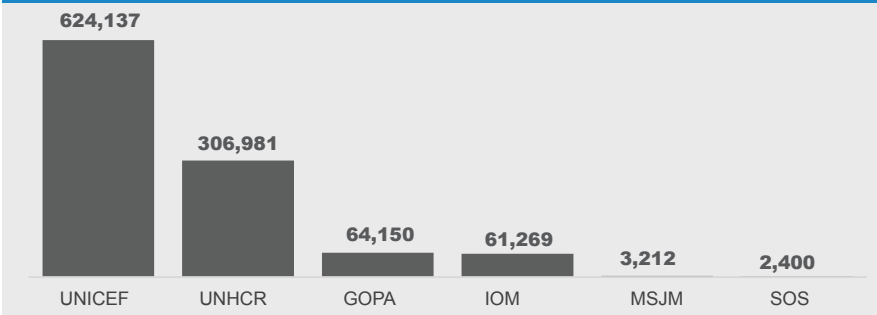
888,551

PEOPLE IN NEED WHO RECEIVED WINTERIZATION SUPPORT IN 2017

BREAKDOWN OF BENEFICIARIES PER GOVERNORATE



BREAKDOWN OF BENEFICIARIES PER AGENCY



NOTE: Breakdown of beneficiaries per agency does not necessarily sum up to the reported total number of winterization beneficiaries as there could be some duplication of served beneficiaries per agency.

QUANTITY OF WINTER ITEMS PER TYPE

1,050,452

ESTIMATE NUMBER OF WINTER ITEMS DISTRIBUTED



ESTIMATE QUANTITY OF WINTER CLOTHING KITS*

248,443



ESTIMATE QUANTITY OF PLASTIC SHEET \ WATER PROOF FLOORING

28,602



ESTIMATE QUANTITY OF OTHER ITEMS

773,407

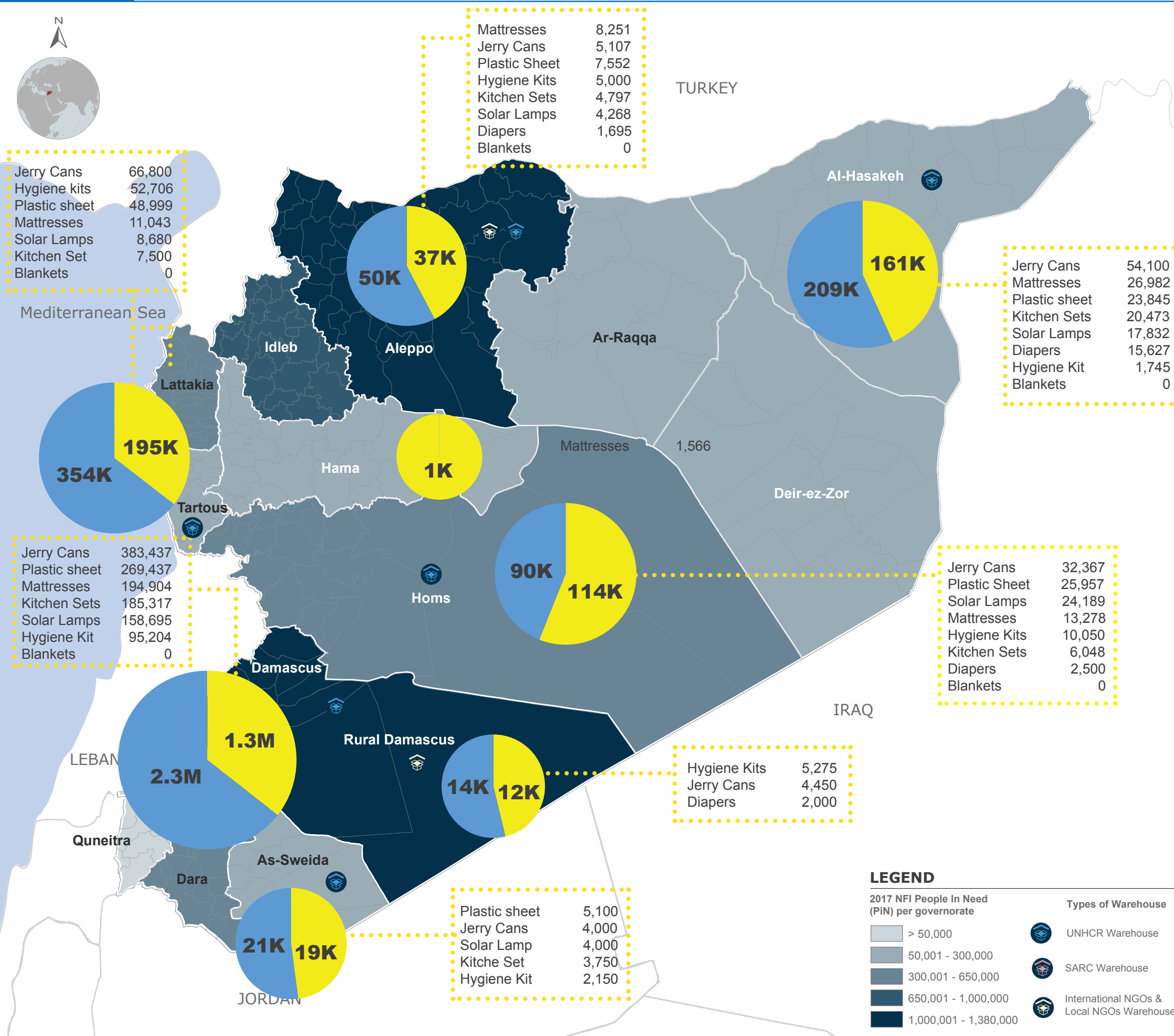
*NOTE: Content of winterization kit per agency varies.

IOM (cotton underwear long sleeve with long pants, wool gloves, wool hats, wool scarves, wool socks)
UNHCR (sweater, underwear, baby clothing set, high thermal blanket, plastic sheet, sleeping bag, jackets)
UNICEF (children winter clothes)



SYRIA: NFI STOCKPILE

Reporting Period: March 2017

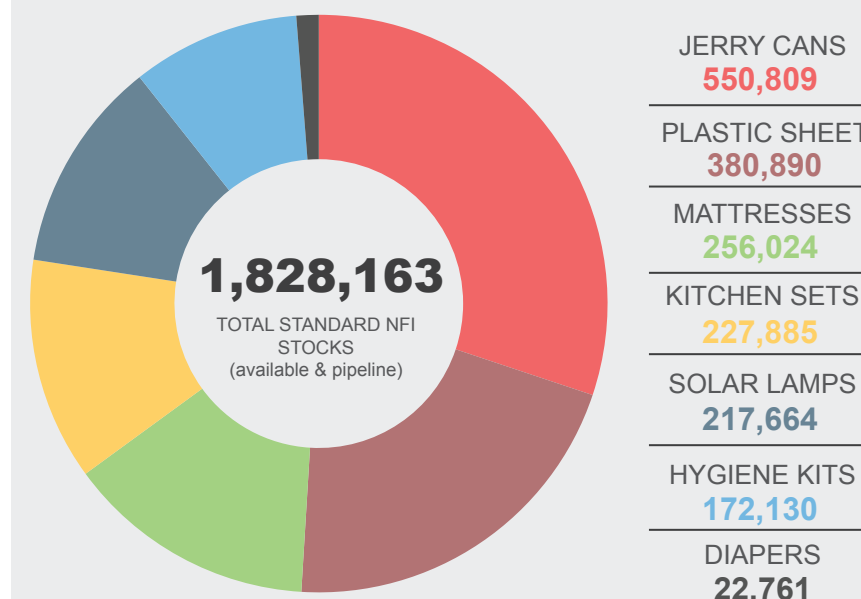


4,898,222

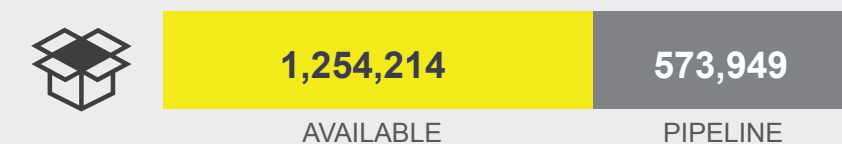
TOTAL STANDARD AND
SUPPLEMENTARY NFI
STOCKS AS OF MARCH 2017

CORE NON-FOOD ITEMS

BREAKDOWN OF STANDARD NFI STOCKS PER TYPE



BREAKDOWN OF CORE NFI STOCKS PER STATUS



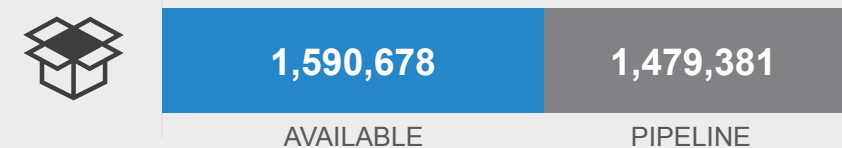
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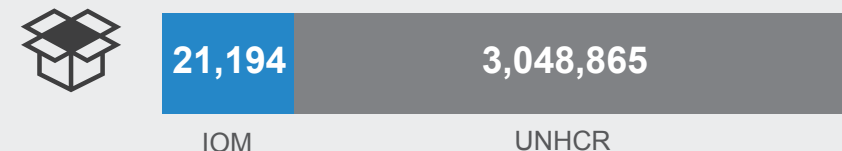
SUPPLEMENTARY NON-FOOD ITEMS

3,070,059
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY NFI
(available and pipeline)

BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER STATUS



BREAKDOWN OF SUPPLEMENTARY NFI STOCKS PER AGENCY

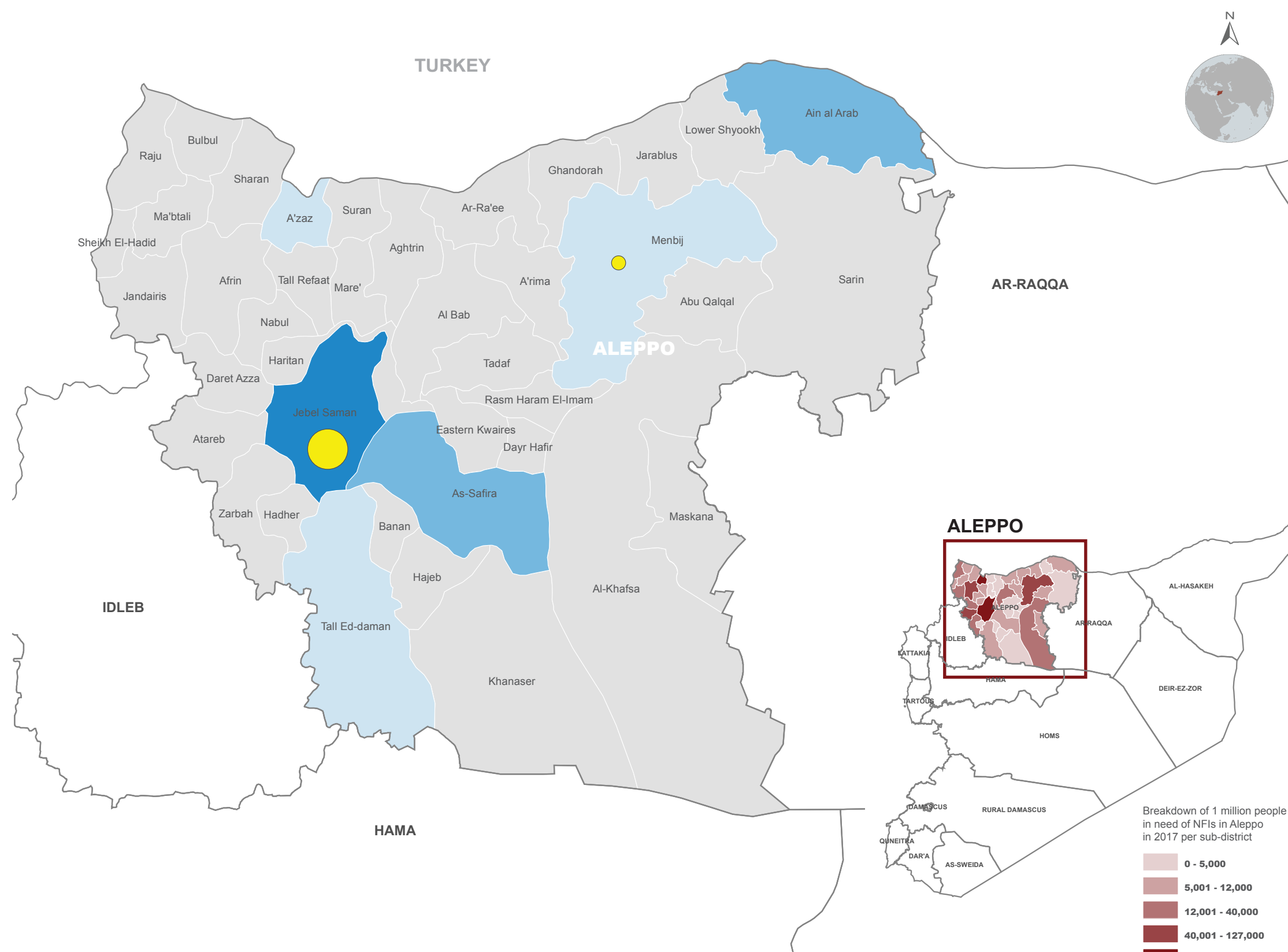


FIELD MAPS



ALEPPO, SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

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Legend

Estimate number of reached beneficiaries who received more than 4 core items per sub-district



20,110

465

Estimate number of reached beneficiaries who received at least 1 supplementary item per sub-district

1,001 - 1,575

701 - 1,000

1 - 700

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED

692,595

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE NFI AS OF MARCH 2017

CORE ITEMS

20,575

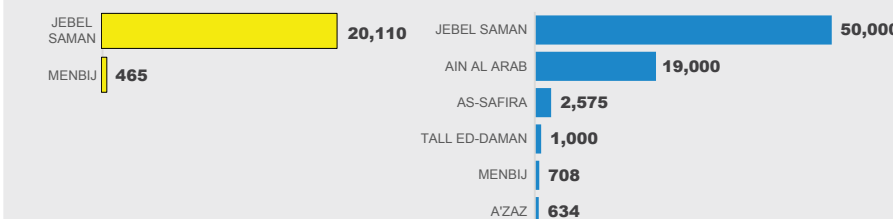
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI ITEMS (2% OF THE 1.0M PEOPLE IN NEED IN ALEPPO GOVERNORATE)

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

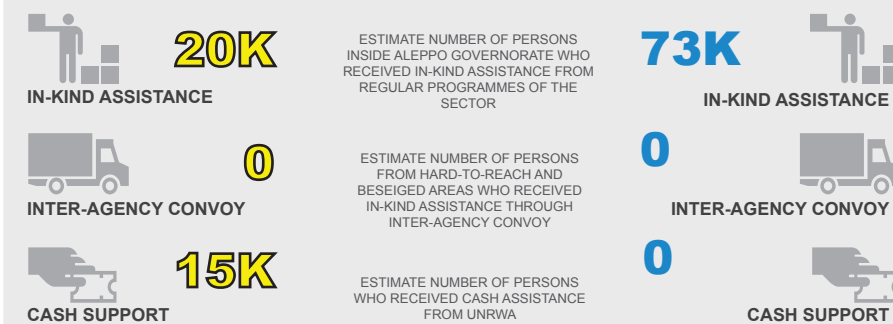
73,283

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM WHICH INCLUDES SEASONAL ITEMS (7% OF THE 1.0M PEOPLE IN NEED IN ALEPPO GOVERNORATE)

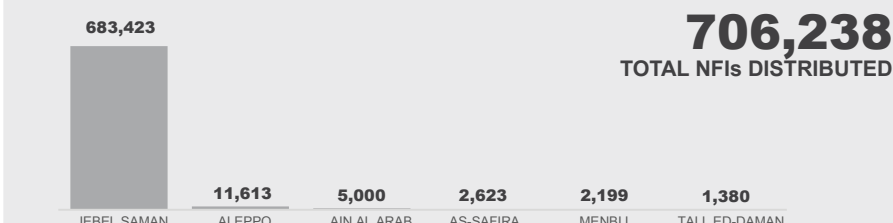
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES PER SUB-DISTRICT



BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



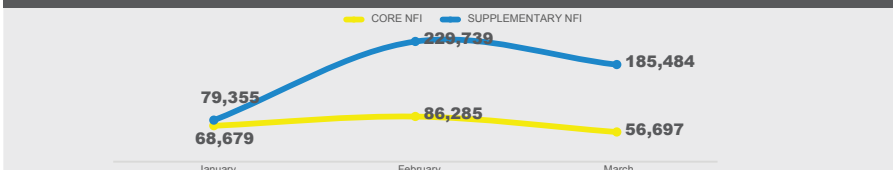
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TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER TYPE



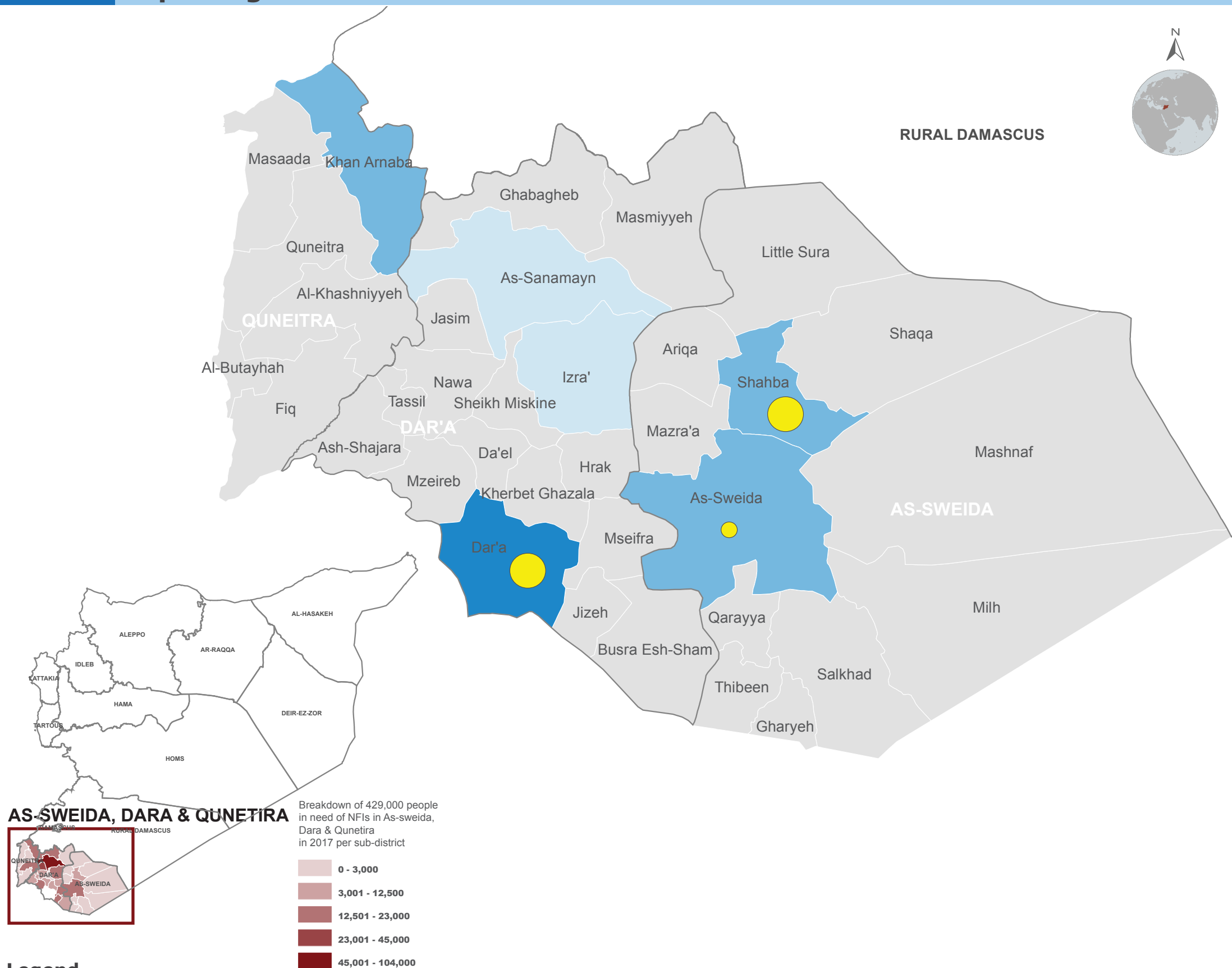
TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH





AS-SWEIDA, DARA & QUNEITRA, SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

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Legend

Estimate number of reached beneficiaries who received more than 4 core items per sub-district



501 - 2,500



5 - 500

Estimate number of reached beneficiaries who received at least 1 supplementary item per sub-district



8,001 - 53,500



801 - 8,000



800



TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED

130,965

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE NFI AS OF MARCH 2017

CORE ITEMS

4,675

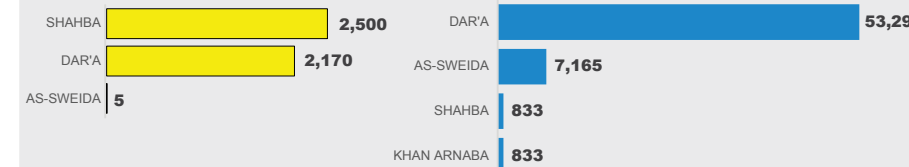
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI ITEMS (1% OF THE 429,000 PEOPLE IN NEED IN AS-SWEIDA, DARA AND QUNEITRA GOVERNORATES)

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

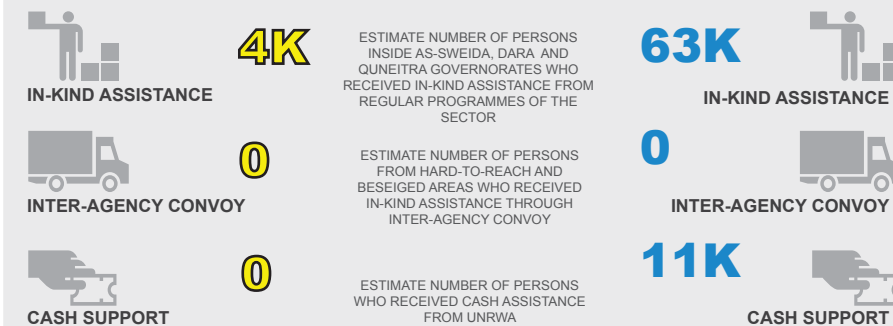
63,622

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM WHICH INCLUDES SEASONAL ITEMS (14% OF THE 429,000 PEOPLE IN NEED IN AS-SWEIDA, DARA AND QUNEITRA GOVERNORATES)

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES PER SUB-DISTRICT

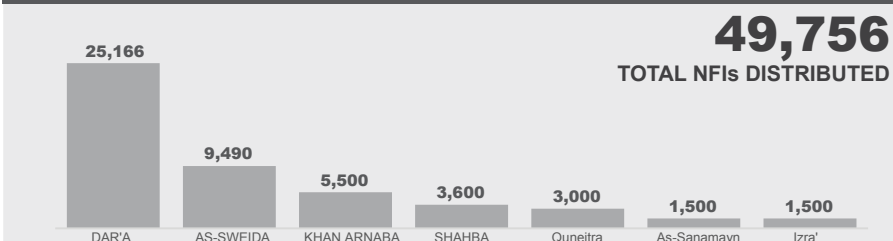


BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



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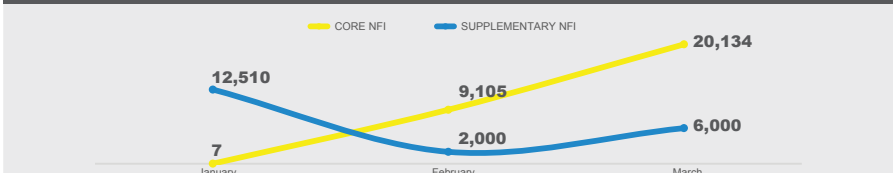
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TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER TYPE



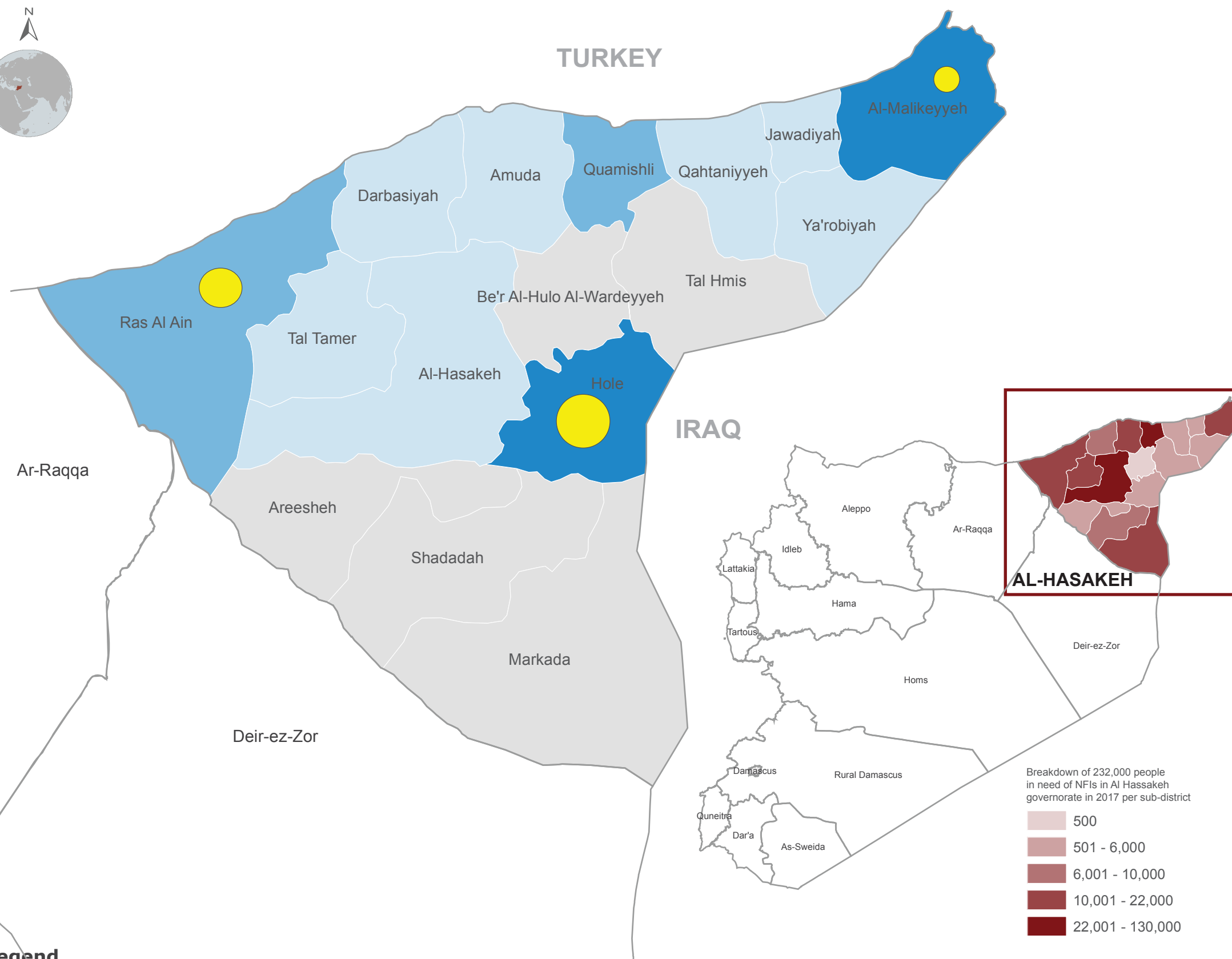
TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH





AI-HASSAKEH, SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

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TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED

148,209

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE NFI AS OF MARCH 2017

CORE ITEMS

22,415

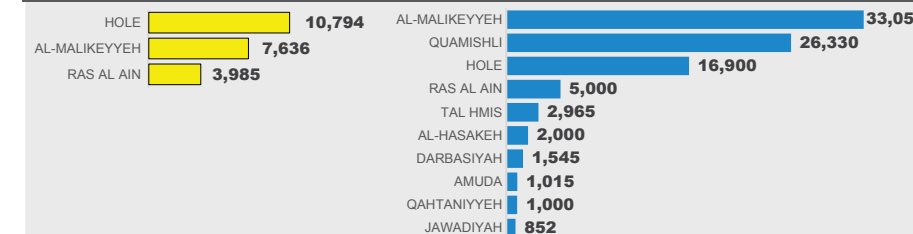
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI ITEMS (9% OF THE 232,000 PEOPLE IN NEED IN AL-HASSAKEH GOVERNORATE)

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

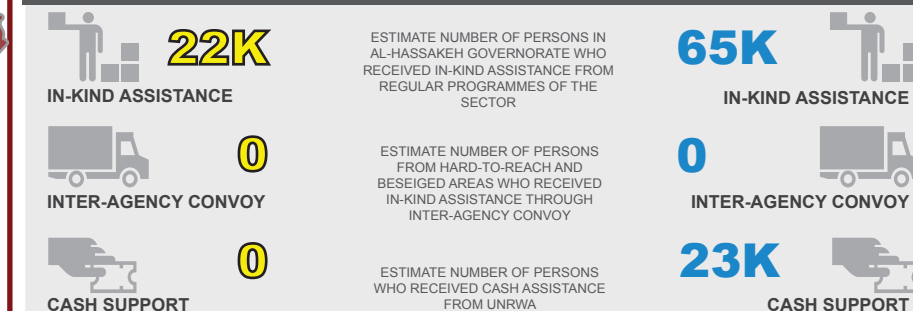
67,913

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM WHICH INCLUDES SEASONAL ITEMS (29% OF THE 232,000 PEOPLE IN NEED IN AL-HASSAKEH GOVERNORATE)

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES PER SUB-DISTRICT



BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



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TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER SUB-DISTRICT

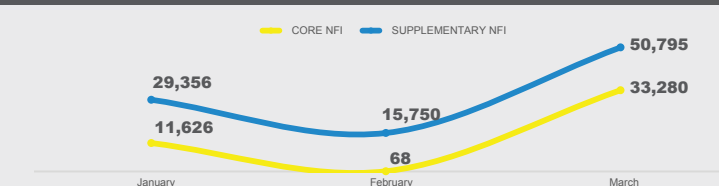


140,875
TOTAL NFIs DISTRIBUTED

TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTED PER TYPE



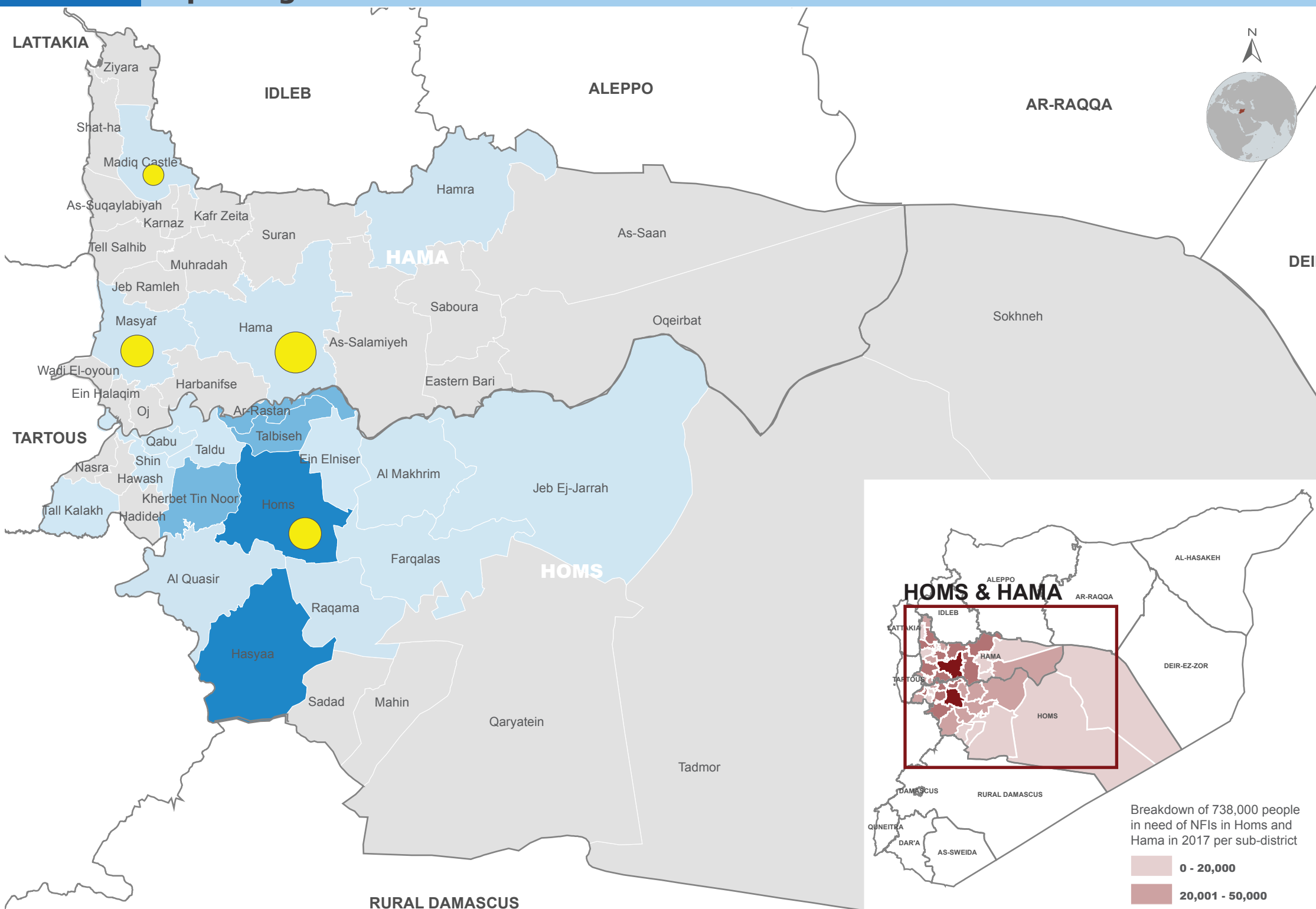
TOTAL NFI DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH





HAMA & HOMS, SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

Reporting Period: March 2017



Legend

Estimate number of reached beneficiaries who received more than 4 core items per sub-district



4,001 - 8,400



1,751 - 4,000



1,750

Estimate number of reached beneficiaries who received at least 1 supplementary item per sub-district



8,501 - 95,000



3,501 - 8,500



0 - 3,500

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED

366,270

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE NFI AS OF MARCH 2017

CORE ITEMS

39,333

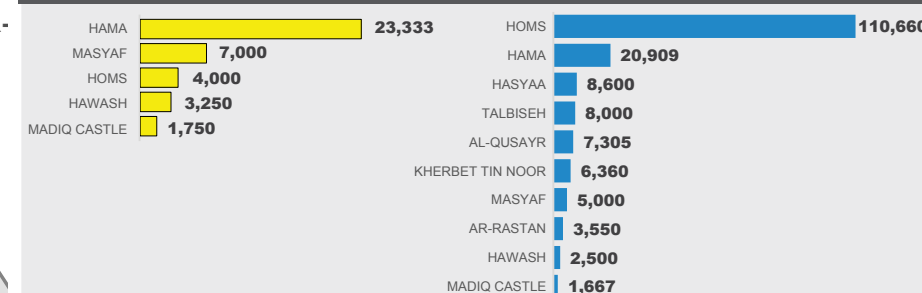
PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS WERE ADEQUATELY MET FOR RECEIVING MORE THAN 4 CORE NFI ITEMS (5% OF THE 738,000 PEOPLE IN NEED IN HOMS AND HAMA GOVERNORATES)

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

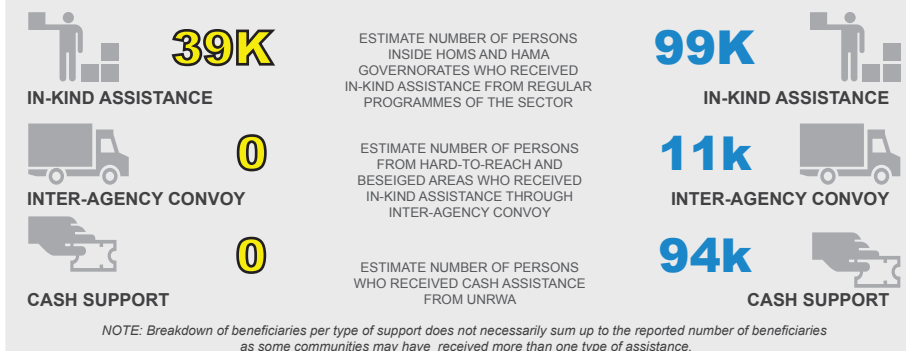
174,551

PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM WHICH INCLUDES SEASONAL ITEMS (23% OF THE 738,000 PEOPLE IN NEED IN HOMS AND HAMA GOVERNORATES)

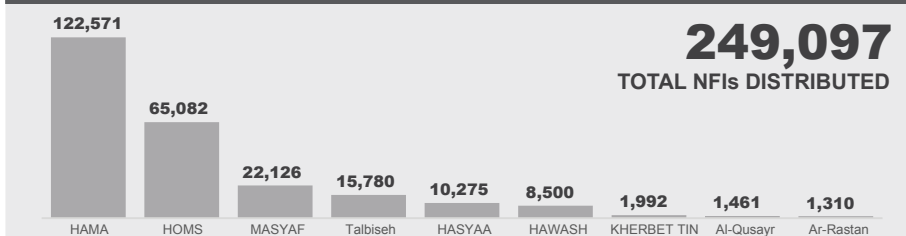
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BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY TYPE OF SUPPORT



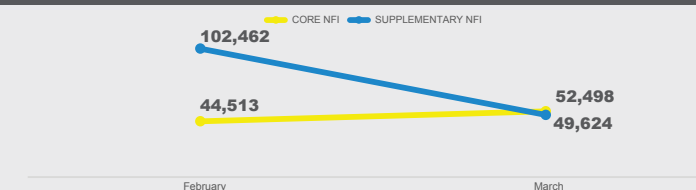
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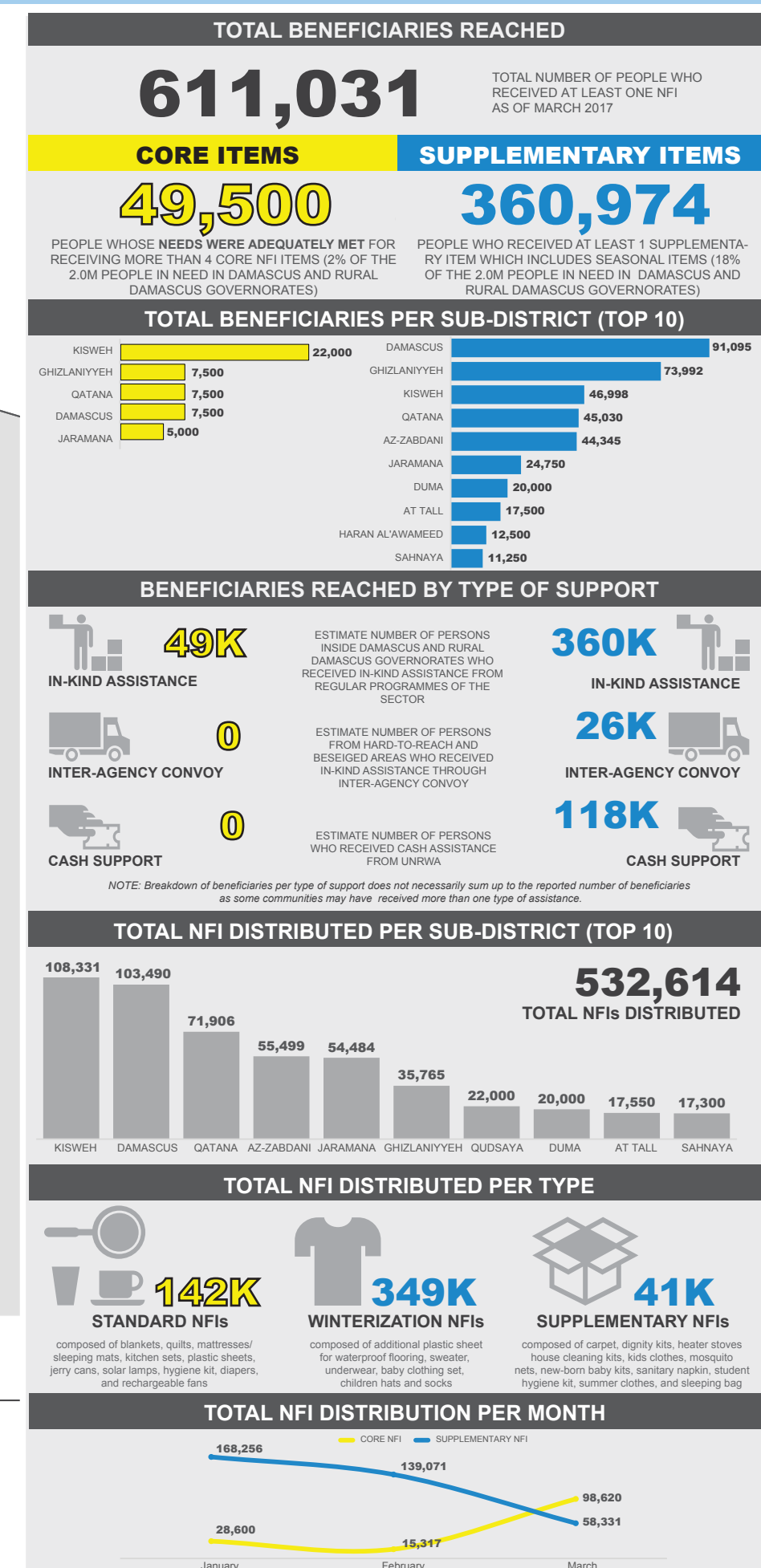
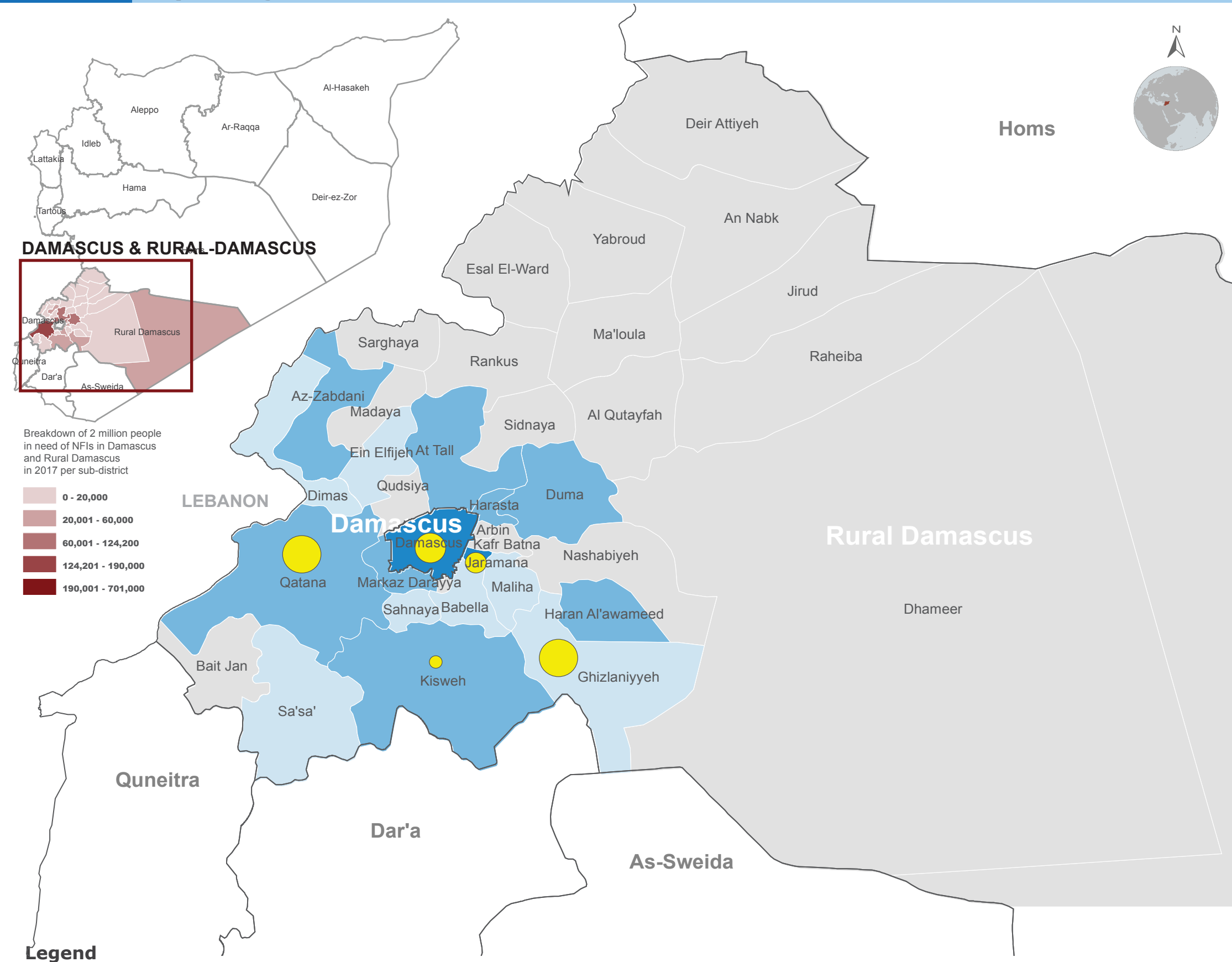
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DAMASCUS & RURAL DAMASCUS, SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

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TARTOUS & LATTAKIA, SYRIA: NFI RESPONSE

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