

Summary of Findings

		•	
Communities asse	sse	d:	563
Total IDP arrivals:			25,041 (†19%) ²
Total IDP departur	es:³		44,649 (†33%)
Total IDP arrivals and	IDP d	epartures by region:	
	35,783		
16,417			
		8 624	8 866

16,417 8,624 8,866 Idleb and surrounding areas Northern Aleppo region

IDP arrivals IDP departures

¹ Some figures reported may be repeated displacements.

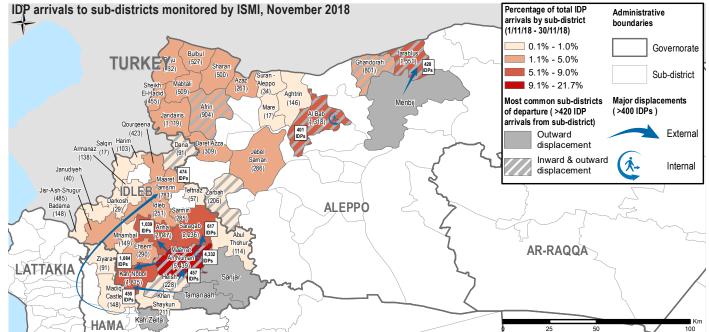
² CCCM/REACH, ISMI Monthly Displacement Summary. October 2018

³ IDP departure figures reflect aggregated departures of both IDP and resident/pre-conflict populations. Discrepancies between total reported arrivals and departures are possibly attributed to some departures being repeated displacements, as well as some IDPs leaving to areas outside of ISMI coverage. Following the announcement on 17 September of a demilitarised zone (DMZ) to be implemented along the major frontlines of Idleb governorate and surrounding areas, many parts of opposition-held north-west Syria saw reduced levels of displacement in October, compared to the preceding months^{2,4} With November, however, came a renewal in hostilities between Government of Syria (GoS)-allied forces and armed opposition groups (AOGs) in several parts of the DMZ. These contributed to the 16,417 total IDP arrivals and 35,783 IDP departures reported from assessed communities in Idleb and surrounding areas, many of which were concentrated in AI Ma'ra district. Substantial IDP departure waves were reported in particular from Jarjnaz (12,107) community in Ma'arrat An Nu'man sub-district, driven by aerial bombardments throughout the month.⁵

In parallel, in northern Aleppo governorate, **large-scale security** operations were conducted in several major cities and urban centres during November, including in Al Bab, Afrin, Azaz and Jarablus.⁶ These, combined with ongoing inter-AOG tensions and poor humanitarian conditions reportedly contributed to the 8,624 total IDP arrivals and 8,866 IDP departures across the region.

⁴ Al Jazeera, 'Russia, Turkey agree on borders of demilitarised zone in Idlib', 22 September 2018 ⁵ Reuters, 'Shelling kils eight in de-escalation zone around Syria's Idlib', 2 November 2018; Reuters, 'Shelling kills five in Idlib', Syrian Observatory, 24 November 2018; The Guardian, 'Syrian planes resume airstrikes amid claims of gas attack in Aleppo', 25 November 2018

⁶ Daily Star, '25 fighters killed in clashes between pro-Turkey fighters in Afrin', November 19 2018; The Jerusalem Post, "25 killed' as Turkey battle Syrian fighters accused of 'plundering'', November 19 2018

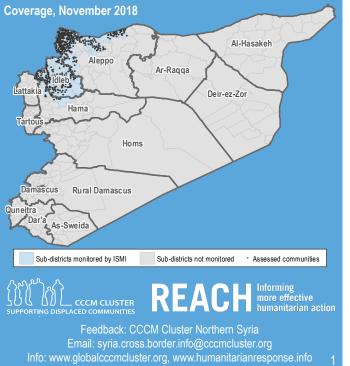


About ISMI & This Factsheet

The IDP Situation Monitoring Initiative (ISMI) is an initiative of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster, implemented by REACH and supported by cluster members.

Following a baseline assessment conducted at the end of 2016, weekly, biweekly and now monthly data collection cycles were initiated. This factsheet presents an overview of reported inward and outward movements of IDPs from 1 to 30 November 2018. Such displacements were reported in 563 communities in sub-districts monitored by ISMI. The coverage map in this section shows the sub-districts that were monitored for the most recent round of data collection, as well as the communities reporting movements. ISMI monitoring coverage varies over time depending on access. Displacements are identified through an extensive key informant (KI) network, either from alerts initiated by KIs or from follow-up by enumerators. At least two KIs are interviewed in each assessed community, and collected information is further triangulated through other sources, including CCCM member data and humanitarian updates. This approach allows for regular updates on IDP movements at the community level across sub-districts monitored by ISMI in north-west Syria.

The data used for this product was collected, triangulated and verified based on submissions from ISMI's network and select CCCM cluster members following the ISMI methodology. Due to differences in methodology and coverage, figures presented in this output may differ from official CCCM Cluster or UNHCR data. All data is for humanitarian use only.



Monthly Overview of IDP Movements in north-west Syria, November 2018



IDLEB & SURROUNDING AREAS⁷

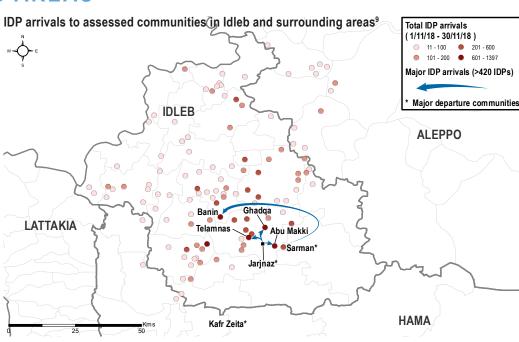
Key Figur	es			
Communities	assessed:		222	
Total IDP arriv	als:	16,417	(†49%)	
Sub-districts with most arrivals (# IDPs):				
Ma'arrat An Nu'ma	n		5,439	
Saraqab			2,236	
Ariha			2,047	
Kafr Nobol			1,815	
Maaret Tamsrin			781	
Total IDP depa	artures:	35,783	(†51%)	
Sub-districts with most departures (# IDPs):				

Ma'arrat An Nu'man	14,593
Dana	4,619
Heish	3,467
Badama	2,797
Tamanaah	1,784

Overview

Following a sharp decrease in the total number of displacements reported in the region from September to October, several areas of oppositionheld Idleb, western Aleppo and northern Hama governorates witnessed renewed large displacements throughout November. Notably, substantial IDP departure waves were reported from assessed locations in Ma'arrat An Nu'man (14,593) sub-district in southern Idleb, propelled by aerial bombardments on Jarinaz (12,107) and neighbouring communities.⁵

Other major displacements were also concentrated in southern, central and western Idleb, as well as western Aleppo governorates. These were triggered predominantly by intermittent clashes and localised exchanges among armed groups in many parts of the DMZ.8 KIs reported that IDP arrivals to many areas were driven by escalations of ground-based conflict and aerial bombardment. Throughout November, many IDPs were reportedly displaced to locations in which family or host community ties were available, and which were in close proximity to their areas of origin.



IDP Arrivals

More than two thirds (70%) of the 16.417 IDP arrivals in the region reported in November were to assessed locations in Ma'arrat An Nu'man (5,439), Saragab (2,236), Ariha (2,047) and Kafr Nobol (1,815) sub-districts, all located in central and southern Idleb governorate.

Last sub-district of departure of arrivals (# IDPs):

Ma'arrat An Nu'man	7,827
Tamanaah	1,397
Heish	1,051
Sanjar	606
Zarbah	509

At the community-level, Telamnas (1,397) and Ghadga (952) in Ma'arrat An Nu'man sub-district, as well as Has (884) in Kafr Nobol, experienced the highest IDP arrivals. Many IDPs arriving to these areas reportedly came from nearby communities.

Vulnerable groups among IDP arrivals:10

ċ, ήX ĥ

Most common push factors of IDP arrivals:¹¹

2nd 3rd

31 4

16 17

8 0

1st

43 4 4

18 16 15

6

28

0

Escalation of ground-based conflict	
oss of income	
Anticipation of future conflict escalation	
Escalation of aerial bombardment	
loss of assets	

All IDPs arriving to Telamnas were reportedly displaced from Jarinaz community, triggered by sustained aerial bombardments, particularly in the second half of the month.5

Most common pull factors of IDP arrivals:¹¹ 1 of 2nd 2nd

	IST	Zna	sra	
Safety and security situation	65	16	4	
Family ties/host community relationship	27	17	13	
Access to shelter/shelter support	8	16	16	
Access to humanitarian assistance	1	18	17	
Access to income/employment opportunities	7	10	12	

KIs reported that the priority needs of IDPs arriving from Jarinaz were safety and security, shelter, food, winterisation and non-food items (NFIs).

IDP Departures

In parallel, the total number of IDP departures (35,783) reported from assessed communities in the region between 1 and 30 November increased by 51% compared to October.12 More than a third (38%) of these were primary displacements, in contrast to just 2% of the previous month's total reported departures. All primary displacements reported in November were from just 15 assessed communities. in Al Ma'ra and Idleb districts.

Top intended destination sub-districts (# IDPs):

Ma'arrat An Nu'man	5,499
Afrin	2,379
Badama	2,373
Dana	2,018
Madig Castle	2,002

Following aerial bombardments on Jarjnaz,⁵ a total of 3.568 IDPs and 8.539 residents reportedly left the community, accounting for 27% of all departures tracked in north-west Syria over the reporting period. Substantial departures were also reported from elsewhere in Ma'arrat An Nu'man sub-district, namely Sarman (1,140) and Maasaran (855) communities. Furthermore, Tah community in Heish sub-district witnessed significant IDP departures (2,583), following similar intensifications of violence.

Additionally, large-scale secondary displacements were reported from Dana (4,619) sub-district in northern Idleb governorate. KIs reported many of these to be people returning communities they were formerly displaced from in Jisr-Ash-Shugur, Ma'arrat An Nu'man and Madig Castle sub-districts, following perceived improvements in the safety and security situations of these areas.

⁷ Idleb governorate's surrounding areas include communities in Atareb, Daret Azza, Haritan, Jebel Saman and Zarbah sub-districts in western Aleppo gov-ernorate, as well as in Kafr Zeita, Madiq Castle, Suran and Ziyara sub-districts in northern Hama. These sub-districts have been added to the larger Idleb and surrounding areas region as populations in these sub-districts demonstrate similar movement patterns and are served by the same cross-border responses ⁶ Reuters, <u>Rebels say Syrian army steps up attacks in Idlib', November 17</u> 2018; <u>Syria Live UA map, November 2018</u>
⁹Community markers also account for camps, informal settlements and other

IDP sites when they are in close proximity to a community. District and the formal beam of the control of the second s disabilities travelling alone.

¹¹ Number of accessible communities in which the most common push and/or pull factors for IDP arrivals were reported by KIs. 2

² Some tracked departures may be repeated displacements

Monthly Overview of IDP Movements in north-west Syria, November 2018

NORTHERN ALEPPO¹³

Key Figures			
Communities assessed:			
Total IDP arrivals:	8,624 (∔ 14%)		
Sub-districts with most arrivals (# IDPs):			
Jarablus Al Bab Jandairis Afrin Ghandorah	1,551 1,318 1,119 904 801		
Total IDP departures:	8,866 (+10%)		

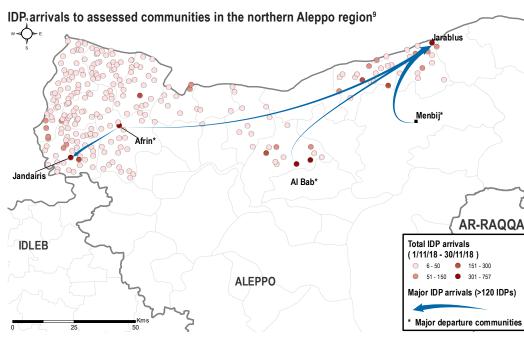
Sub-districts with most departures (# IDPs):

Al Bab	2,801
Jandairis	1,425
Afrin	1261
Ghandorah	1009
Jarablus	730

Overview

Throughout November, ongoing insecurity. tensions among AOGs, and challenging humanitarian conditions continued to drive new displacements across many parts of northern Aleppo governorate. As in previous months, most IDP movements remained localised within the region, with large intra-regional and intra-sub-district secondary displacements reported. However, largescale IDP arrivals were also reported to assessed communities in the region from conflict-affected parts of Idleb governorate, such as Ma'arrat An Nu'man sub-district,⁵ as well as neighbouring territories in Aleppo governorate, such as Menbij.

An escalation in hostilities in the city of Afrin at the beginning of the month was followed by widespread security and arrest operations.⁶ These operations later progressed to affect several other parts of the region - most notably, A'zaz, Al Bab and Jarablus sub-districts.⁶ In tandem, November saw a heightening in the reported use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) near civilian areas, with several cities in northern Aleppo - in particular Jarablus - being affected.14



IDP Arrivals

In line with patterns seen in October, significant inflows of IDPs were reported throughout November to assessed communities in Jarablus (1,551), AI Bab (1,318) and Jandairis (1,119) sub-districts. Together, these three accounted for almost half (46%) of the 8.624 total IDP arrivals reported in the region.

At the community level, the region's major cities and urban centres, namely, Jarablus (638), Afrin (507), Al Bab (473) and Jandairis (336) experienced the highest numbers of IDP arrivals.

Last sub-district of departure of arrivals (# IDPs):



As in previous months, IDPs most commonly arrived from elsewhere within the northern Aleppo region (3,427). Al Bab (845) and Afrin (801) were the most common last sub-districts of departure of IDP arrivals in November.

Last place of departure of IDP arrivals:

Same region	40%
Different region	27%
Other/unknown	33%

In addition, 1,545 IDPs reportedly arrived from communities in neighbouring Idleb governorate and surrounding areas, more than half of whom from AI Ma'ra (784) district. Following displacement patterns expected in the event of a major escalation of conflict in the region,¹⁵ 1,308 (85%) of these were to communities in Afrin district. A further 514 IDPs were reported arriving to the region from Menbij district, west of the Euphrates river in north-east Aleppo governorate.

Top 3 shelter types of IDP arrivals:

(1) Solid/finished house	5,230 IDPs
(2) Individual tent	1,073 IDPs
(3) Managed camp	733 IDPs

Most common push factors of IDP arrivals:¹¹

	1st	2nd	3rd
Loss of income	80	46	42
Reduced access to shelter	15	44	40
Reduced access to food	12	50	30
Reduced access to humanitarian assistance	24	40	27
Anticipation of future conflict escalation	37	30	16

Loss of income, as well as reduced access to shelter and food were commonly reported by KIs as push factors for IDP arrivals. Meanwhile, KIs reported safety and security as the first most common pull factor for IDPs, in 48% of communities of arrival.

Most common push factors of IDP arrivals:¹¹

	1st	2nd	3rd
Safety and security situation	126	18	16
Access to income/employ ment opportunities	43	81	35
Access to shelter/shelter support	26	60	45
Access to humanitarian assistance	9	44	31
Access to food	19	37	21

IDP Departures

Top intended destination sub-districts (# IDPs):

Ar-Raqqa	456
Al Bab	444
Jandairis	422
Menbij	410
ldleb	284

In contrast to the neighbouring Idleb region, a higher proportion (80%) of the 8,866 IDP departures in November from assessed communities in northern Aleppo were secondary displacements. Substantial secondary displacement waves were reported from AI Bab (1,340), Jandairis (889) and Afrin (724) communities, in addition to large primary displacements from Jandairis (462) community. KIs reported that various factors were driving these displacements, including general insecurity, reduced access to humanitarian assistance, and opening of safe passages to elsewhere.

¹³ Figures for the northern Aleppo region include accessible communities in the following sub-districts: Afrin, Aghtrin, Al Bab, Ar-Ra'ee, A'zaz, Bulbul, Ghandorah, Jandairis, Jarablus, Ma'btali, Mare', Raju, Sharan, Sheikh El-Hadid and Suran.
¹⁴ Middle East Eye, <u>'Car bomb kills at least nine people, including civilians,</u> in Syria's Afrin' 16 December 2018; Arab News 'Bomb in Turkish-controlled
in Syria's Afrin' 16 December 2018: Arab News 'Bomb in Turkish-controlled

1, wounds 24', 12 November 20 CCCM/REACH, Idleb and Surround tions Overview August-Senter

