

UNHCR Cross-Border Operation for North-West Syria 2022

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Background

After 11 years of conflict, civilians in north-west Syria continue to suffer the disintegration of community structures and rule of law, proliferation of weapons, strain on resources, and high levels of trauma and psychological distress. Multiple displacements coupled with family separation, have forced people to resort to harmful coping strategies, weakened family and community support structures, and fostered an increasingly complex and high-risk environment.

In 2021, of the 4 million people living in north-west Syria (NWS), over 2.8 million people were internally displaced (IDPs), 90% of whom lived in unplanned sites. The situation in north-west Syria is likely to remain complex and dynamic in 2022. displacement. Lines of control in Syria will potentially continue to shift and result in further displacement as well as changes to humanitarian access, including cross-border access.

UNHCR's cross-border operation from Turkey delivers humanitarian assistance within the framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan for Syria and based on the UN Security Council Resolution 2585 authorizing cross-border humanitarian operations. In 2022, UNHCR will continue to lead the coordination of three clusters - Protection, Shelter/NFI and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) - for which UNHCR also serves as a provider of last resort. These efforts will be undertaken in close partnership with the Humanitarian Liaison Group as well as local and international NGOs and the Whole of Syria coordination structure.

2021 Achievements

- **250,000 individuals** assisted with **50,000 emergency core relief item kits**
- **155,000 individuals** assisted with **31,000 emergency shelters**
- Since 2014, **336 trans-shipments** (58 in 2021) assisting **3,380,000 individuals**
- **203,000 individuals** assisted through **community-based protection interventions, civil status documentation, legal assistance and protection monitoring activities**
- **IDP movement tracking and site monitoring** for **1.7 million people in camps and 2.8 million IDPs**

Protection

UNHCR aims to increase humanitarian effectiveness to address protection concerns including legal assistance; civil status documentation; and housing, land and property issues. UNHCR plans to provide 6,000 people of concern with legal assistance through a strengthened network of public and private legal service providers. UNHCR aims to benefit 5,000 people of concern with awareness sessions and workshops, while assessing the capacity of civil registry for providing civil documentation. UNHCR plans to enable 300,000 people of concern access to community-based protection services.

Shelter and basic needs

In 2022, UNHCR and partners plan to provide emergency family tents to 20,000 households (100,000 individuals), mainly targeting newly displaced people (in Idleb and Aleppo Governorates) and IDPs residing in congested collective centres. Furthermore, UNHCR plans to gravel 15,000 tents, protecting 75,000 individuals, alongside constructing 40 km of roads, 40 km of drainage and sewage lines, and installing solar streetlights to benefit around 50,000 individuals, focussing on flood-prone areas.

UNHCR plans to distribute 35,000 emergency CRI kits (containing five high thermal blankets, two plastic tarpaulins, two jerry cans, four foam mattresses, four sleeping mats, one kitchen set, one hygiene parcel and one solar lamp) to 175,000 individuals. UNHCR partners will maintain contingency stock in NWS for a rapid response to new displacements (due to conflict and natural disasters).

Cluster Coordination

In 2022, UNHCR will continue to lead the coordination of three clusters - Protection, Shelter/NFI and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM). It will continue to capacitate the different entities and ensure coordinated deliveries by Cluster agencies to ensure complementarity and to prevent overlap in delivery.

Continued cooperation and coordination with partners will ensure understanding of the protection situation and an effective response to protection needs. UNHCR will also continue to co-lead the Protection Monitoring Task Force, which gathers data on protection risks and threats through regular monthly monitoring as well as rapid assessments, and the HLP Technical Working Group.

UNHCR uses evidence-based planning to identify and address needs and results-based monitoring to implement its emergency response, coordinating with partners and the Shelter/NFI Cluster (NFI is the inter-agency term for CRI) to target areas with the highest need, avoiding overlap in distributions and duplication of assistance across organizations. The CCCM Cluster contributes to reducing and responding to risks in IDP sites by reporting and coordinating the response to fires, floods, snowstorms and high-speed winds, among others. Supported by UNHCR and its partner, the Cluster's IDP Situation Monitoring Initiative (ISMI) tracked 300,000 displacements in 2021 and provided data on 902 communities in northern Syria, sharing regular reports on IDP movements, information on spontaneous returns, trends, as well as intentions of newly-displaced populations. Population movement data and location details are triangulated and published to trigger and inform humanitarian, multi-sectoral responses. enabled the quick identification of IDPs in need of life-saving assistance.

Overall budgetary requirement by objective for UNHCR Cross-Border operation for 2022

Objective	Required 2022 budget
Protection	2,285,000 USD
Shelter and basic needs	14,850,000 USD
Cluster coordination (including CCCM)	1,150,000 USD
Total	18,285,000 USD

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