

# SNAPSHOT

## As-Sweida Emergency Response

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SYRIA  
SHELTER AND NFI SECTOR  
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements



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## NEEDS



**160k+** displaced individuals



Need for essential HH items



**90% +** Require shelter upgrades for safety & dignity

## RESPONSE



**79K** received essential HH items



**3.9 K** essential HH items planned for distribution



Shelter repair Resource mobilisation & planning ongoing

## Highlights & Needs

- **Scale of displacement:** 29,208 IDPs (6,647 HH) hosted in 167 collective centres/sites, mainly in Dar'a (18,857 individuals in 69 sites), Rural Damascus (4,016 in 22 sites), and As-Sweida (6,335 in 76 sites). In addition, 137,307 IDPs are residing with host communities, making up over 90% of the displaced population. Some families use centres temporarily for registration/distributions before moving to rented accommodation.
- **Overcrowding:** Most centres are schools or hotels with limited room capacity. Families (4–5 households, mainly women and children) share single classrooms/rooms, while men often sleep outside. Nearly 60% of sites are over capacity, with pressure most visible in Hrak, Izra'a, and Sheikh Miskine.
- **Shelter conditions:** Collective centres remain substandard, lacking privacy and safety, and are unsustainable as long-term solutions. Eviction risks are high with the new school year resuming in September. While NFI coverage is relatively high (98% of sites in Dar'a, 77% in Rural Damascus), conditions remain inadequate, reinforcing the need for more durable shelter solutions.

- **NFI needs:** There is an urgent need for core NFI kits (mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, jerry cans, solar lamps) to address immediate living conditions, as well as winterization items (winter clothing, heaters, carpets, fuel and jerry cans) to prepare for the approaching cold season.
- **Shelter repair in areas of origin:** Many houses in displacement-affected villages were looted, vandalised, or burned, leaving families unable to return. There is a critical need for minor shelter repairs (doors, windows, plastering, basic fixtures, debris clearance) to support safe, voluntary, and dignified returns once conditions permit.

## Response

- **Coverage to date:** According to partner reporting as of, over 16,164 households (~79,161 individuals) across Dar'a, As-Sweida, and Rural Damascus have received shelter/NFI assistance to date.
- **Distribution breakdown by organization:** UNHCR accounts for roughly 61% of all completed distributions, followed by MWL (7%), AFH (7%), and OXFAM (6%), with the remaining 19% covered by other partners (including AKF, Cross, DRC, EPDC, GOPA, Holland, ICRC, IFRC, IOM, IRS, IYD, NRC, ONSUR, SARC, SHAFAK, SKT, Society, SSSD, Takaful Al Sham and Violet).
- **Geographic distribution:** The majority of assistance has been delivered in As-Sweida (~44%), followed by Dar'a (~46%) and Rural Damascus (~7%).
- **Upcoming NFI distributions:** DRC 600 kits; IOM 2,990 kits; OXFAM/SSSD 1,210 kits.
- **Shelter actions:** Sector partners are mobilising for coordinated post-emergency shelter repair once access allows. Priority will be minor repairs in areas of origin (doors, windows, fixtures, plastering, debris clearance) to support safe, voluntary, and dignified returns.
- **Complementary interventions:** UNHCR has started delivery of 50 solar tree lights units to As-weida and it's still ongoing while the partners are preparing a package of collective-centre upgrades to improve living conditions. UNHCR plans to upgrade eight centres—seven in Dar'a and one in As-Sweida—, alongside the distribution of indoor solar kits to enhance safety. Additionally, EPDC plans to support two to three additional centres, while Binaa will upgrade two centres in Dar'a.

## Responding Organisations (25)

Action For Humanity (AFH) | Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) | Binaa | Danish Refugee Council (DRC) | Emirates Red Cross | Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East (GOPA) | International Association for Relief and Development (ONSUR) | International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) | International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) | International Humanitarian Relief Association (IYD) | International Organization for Migration (IOM) | Islamic Relief Syria (IRS) | Mercy Without Limits (MWL) | Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | OXFAM International (OXFAM) | Palestine Red Crescent Society | Qatar Red Crescent (QRCS) | Shafak Organization (SHAFAK) | SKT Organization (SKT) | St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC) | Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) | Syrian Society for Social Development (SSSD) | Takaful Al Sham Charity Organization (Takaful Al Sham) | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | Violet Organization (Violet)



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