

Northwest Syria Flash Update #2

Response to Displacement from Lebanon to Syria

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As of 4 October, some **264 households** have reportedly arrived from Lebanon to north-west Syria following the escalation of hostilities.

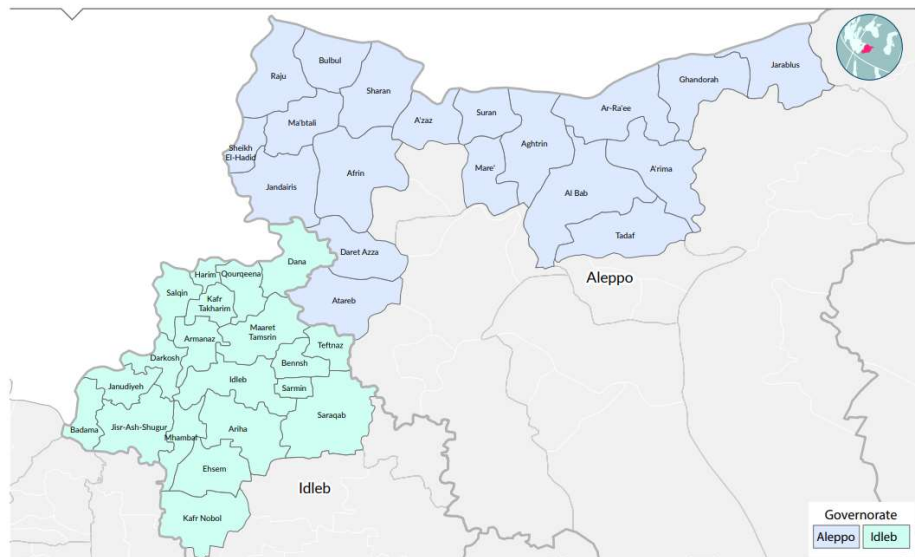
UNHCR Response

UNHCR has mobilized community protection networks, outreach teams, and protection monitors to monitor new arrivals and provide support. Newcomers will be informed about available services at community centers and through outreach programs, with referrals to additional service providers as needed. UNHCR is prepared to distribute essential items, including 800 pre-positioned tents and 830 core-relief item kits, stored in partner warehouses in northwest Syria. This comes at a time of an observed increase in refugee returns to north-west Syria from Türkiye since June 2024.

Overview of Development



NORTH-WEST SYRIA



As of 4 October, UNHCR and partners have observed that an estimated total of 264 Syrian households have fled the conflict in Lebanon and entered north-west Syria. Many families and individuals are now on the move to areas in greater Idlib and northern Aleppo supported by relatives and humanitarian organizations.

UNHCR's monitoring to date indicates that most of these households originate from north-west Syria and are currently staying with relatives. More than half of the households are headed by women, with an average household size of five. Over 80% of the households consist of women and children, and almost half have family members still in Lebanon, primarily men heads of households. Priority needs include immediate assistance, such as core relief items, cash, medical support, and psycho-social assistance, and long-term housing solutions. The majority of households intend to remain in north-west Syria due to local ties and the perception of relative safety and security. A few respondents remain undecided, but none currently plan to relocate elsewhere.

As of 4 October, there have been no reported arrivals of Lebanese nationals.

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