

Northwest Syria Flash Update #3

Response to Displacement from Lebanon to Syria

10 October 2024

As of 10 October, some **3,000 individuals** 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.

Overview of Developments

As of 10 October, based on key informant interviews, REACH estimates that around 3,000 Syrians fleeing the conflict in Lebanon have arrived in north-west Syria, mainly in communities in Jarablus, Idlib, and Ariha.

It has also been reported that approximately 1,000 individuals, many of whom have arrived from Lebanon, are waiting to cross into northern Aleppo, where local authorities are overseeing their entry.

Humanitarian partners on the ground are providing protection services and medical care to people as they arrive. Family members and others are assisting those who arrive with onward transportation. Many of those arriving, especially children, the elderly and chronically ill, are exhausted from their journey and in need of support.

UNHCR's monitoring indicates that Syrian households fleeing Lebanon's conflict and arriving in north-west Syria are primarily from the north-west and have sought refuge with relatives. Women head two-third of these households, which average five individuals.

Notably, 70% of households consist of women and children, while around a third have family members still in Lebanon. The vulnerable households urgently require core relief items, livelihood support, medical care, psycho-social aid, as well as sustainable housing solutions.

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