MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- The TWG formed by the shelter sector has successfully accomplished its task of revising the sector strategy and 4 sector guidelines. The revised strategy and guidelines have been translated into Arabic and shared with MoLAE for their review.

- The shelter sector partners continue to respond to Afrin emergency. So far, Shelter sector partners have installed 558 Shelter kits that benefited 7,735 individuals in Nubul and Tal Refaat areas, where IDP families are sheltering in public buildings and empty houses.

- IDP sites which have been used to accommodate displace people from Eastern Ghouta for months, are witnessing gradual reduction in number of IDPs. Up to the end of June, total number of IDPs in these sites was 16,335, with an average occupation rate of 83%.

- The shelter sector partners have been responding to the shelter needs of IDPs living in Jbab IDP sites. The Shelter Sector mapped out the stock of shelter items available with partners and the available shelter items can meet the need of over 67,000 people.

- UNHCR together with its implementing partner PUI visited Jabal Alnoubah, Ghimam, and Maysaloun in Northern Rural Lattakia where they collected information that will help to prioritise the returnee families for shelter assistance based on vulnerability criteria.

- Shelter sector IM team regularly follows up with the sector partners who use ActivityInfo for reporting their shelter activities in order to understand the issues these partners face and to provide technical support. This will also help to improve ActivityInfo tool for future usage. In addition, Sector IM updated the 4W templates with the list of updated communities.

OVERALL FIGURES

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Total no. of people covered with emergency and durable shelter support in Syria as of June 2018

TARGET 864,296
REACH 145,350

NUMBER OF PEOPLE COVERED WITH VARIOUS SHELTER SUPPORTS

DURABLE SHELTER SUPPORT

TARGET 423,446
REACH 3,136

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GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Access and safety are the key challenges in some parts of the country as well as partner capacity and heavy processes along with funding constraints;
- Increasing needs, diminishing coping capacities of both the IDPs and host communities, and limited financial resources of the government to provide shelter compensation require sector partners to scale up operational presence;
- Shelter and infrastructure needs are huge and the Shelter Sector partners collectively do not have capacity to meet all the needs;
- Issues related to the loss of occupancy documents deprived some population from accessing shelter supports;
- Opportunities for systematic field-based data collection remain very limited due to access or authorization restrictions, resulting in incomplete needs analysis in some areas.

CRISIS BACKGROUND: The crisis in Syrian Arab Republic that started in March 2011 has transformed into a complex emergency that has displaced around 6.1 million people in various parts of the country. As per the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview, around 13.1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance of which around 4.2 million people are in need of shelter support and other multi-sectorial assistance as they continue to struggle in an unsafe and uncertain environment. Due to the protracted nature of the hostilities, many of both displaced and host communities become more vulnerable and their ability to cope and find safe and durable shelter solutions have been greatly affected. The humanitarian community has been challenged to both provide emergency and life-saving shelter solutions while building back community cohesion and resilience through provision of adequate shelter assistance.

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