



HIGHLIGHTS

During 2018, sector partners provided cash-based or in kind assistance to over 2.4 million beneficiaries; 63% received regular monthly cash assistance, in particular through the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN).

While over the year all indicators improved, in the second half of 2018 rising costs of housing, utilities and food due to high inflation levels exacerbated the economic insecurity faced by vulnerable Syrian households, negatively affecting their ability to meet their basic needs. Inflation levels peaked in October at 25% and although they later dropped to 20% in December, the gap between monthly cash assistance and the refugee minimum expenditure basket (representing the minimum cost of living including rent, utilities, food, health, education, transportation, etc.) increased.

Compared to 2017, in 2018 sector partners covered 13% more beneficiaries overall with cash assistance (reaching a total of 1.9 million), while the regular monthly cash assistance reached 27% more refugees. More than 1.5 million received multipurpose cash support under the ESSN programme, which contributed to meeting the various basic needs of Syrians under temporary protection. An additional 448,919 individuals benefited from other cash assistance programmes such as winterization and alternative to camps (AtC) one-time relocation package assistance.

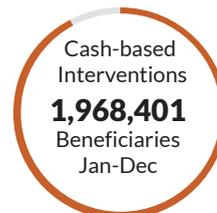
To address the specific needs of vulnerable groups, including vulnerable women and girls as well as additional winter requirements, sector partners supported more than 400,000 beneficiaries with NFIs in 2018. Over 210,000 individuals received core relief items (CRI) assistance such as heaters, blankets, mats, winter clothing as well as kitchen sets, jerry cans and wheelchairs. Sector partners also supported 193,266 individuals, mainly women and girls, with hygiene and dignity kits complemented by awareness raising sessions.

Shelter support remained a priority for the Basic Needs sector. Despite a drop in the number of beneficiaries receiving shelter assistance, including rental subsidies and emergency shelter support, compared to 2017, the need for shelter support remained high in 2018. Sector partners jointly developed Inter-Agency Shelter Programming Guidelines to help increase the impact of related sector activities.

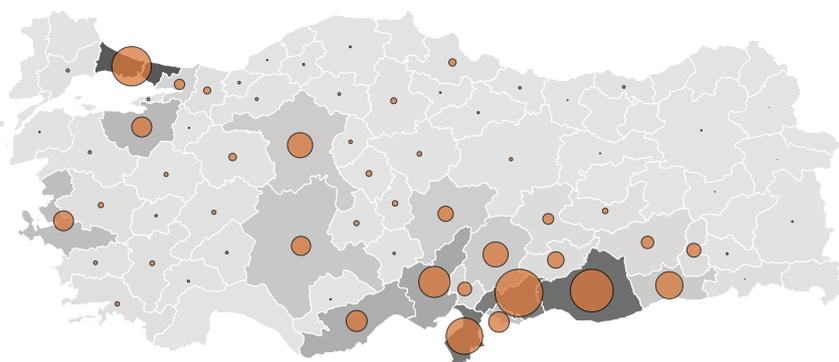
The sector saw significant progress in support to municipalities hosting large numbers of Syrians under temporary protection covering infrastructure development, technical support (including planning, participatory decision making and budgeting) and enhancing recreational spaces and facilities allowing interaction between refugees and host communities.

During 2018, six temporary accommodation centres (TACs), Islahiye, Karkamış, Nizip 1, Adiyaman, Midyat and Akcakale, were closed. In addition, three more TACs were decongested in Kilis Elbeyli, Kilis Öncüpınar and Kahramanmaraş. With the closure and decongestion of TACs, a combined population of 60,490 opted to relocate to live among the host communities. All those opting to leave the TACs to live among host communities received a one-time relocation package assistance to cover basic needs whilst transitioning to other potential cash assistance. More than 8,500 individuals who opted to be relocated to other TACs, were provided with camp to camp transfers supported with transportation.

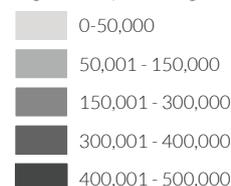
During 2018, sector partners under the coordination of co-leads UNHCR and WFP initiated cross-sectoral efforts to build stronger linkages between basic needs and livelihoods to promote refugee self-reliance and reduce aid dependency. Long term, this will support transitioning cash beneficiaries to livelihoods opportunities.



COUNTRY COVERAGE



Registered Syrian refugees by province



People assisted by province**



ACHIEVEMENTS

	Reached / Targeted (3RP)	Implementing organizations
# of people benefiting from all forms of cash-based interventions*	1,968,401* / 2,130,650	6
# of people benefiting from monthly cash-based interventions	1,519,482	3
# of people benefiting from one-time cash-based interventions	448,429	5
# of people benefiting from core relief items	210,013 / 230,000	3
# of persons benefiting from hygiene kits, dignity kits or sanitary items	193,266 / 600,000	3
# of municipal infrastructures newly established to expand capacity for service delivery	27 / 22	2

CURRENT REPORTING PARTNERS AS OF DECEMBER 2018



*All figures in this dashboard represent the cumulative achievements reported since January 2018 up to December 2018.

**Beneficiaries may benefit from more than one form of Basic Needs assistance. Figures in this dashboard do not account for any overlap.