

HIGHLIGHTS

Displacement Updates in North-West Syria

The overall humanitarian situation remains dire in north-west Syria (NWS), with the population reaching approximately 4.5 million people as of June 2021. Humanitarian needs continue to be driven by the impacts of **over a decade of hostilities** exacerbated by economic deterioration and multiple displacements.

More than 2.7 million are Internally Displaced People (IDPs), many of whom are living in over-crowded locations with limited access to essential services. As of June 2021, over 1.7 million IDPs were living in 1,393 camps or informal sites. Women and children represent 80 per cent of this caseload while more than 34,000 IDPs are reported to be persons with specific needs.

The expanding impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic** has further complicated the lives of people in humanitarian settings in NWS. By the end of June, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 25,570 cases, including 709 deaths and 22,415 recoveries

Response

SNFI Cluster members continue to actively respond to the needs of the newly displaced population as well as protracted IDPs in NWS. In the second quarter of 2021, **around 211,000 individuals received NFI assistance** in the form of NFI kits, kitchen sets, mattresses, jerry cans, carpets, solar lamps, tarpaulin, and blankets or in the form of multi-purpose cash transfers. In addition, 96,000 people were reached with seasonal/supplementary NFI distributions.

Shelter needs of approximately 159,000 people were addressed during the reporting period. As part of a complementarity approach, some sites and IDPs benefited from more than one SNFI activity. Of this shelter support, 59% was related to the provision of emergency shelter, 31% to the rehabilitation of infrastructure in IDP sites, 9% to shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelters, as well as 1% to rental assistance provision.

As part of the COVID-19 response, as was recommended at the beginning of the pandemic in coordination with the WASH and Health Clusters, Cluster members have so far provided over **434,000 people with additional soap** with their NFI distributions in 2021, including close to 13,800 in the second quarter.

The Cluster continues to strongly advocate for better, more dignified, emergency locally built shelters in north-west Syria (NWS). The Cluster and its Technical Working Group (TWiG) has developed and shared an advocacy paper on **Dignified and Safer Living Conditions for IDPs in Protracted Crises: North West Syria**. This document outlines general principles that should inform SNFI Cluster members approach to shelter in NWS. Importantly, the Dignified Shelter Conceptual Framework documents and endorses the need for a range of shelter options that are appropriate to a range of shelter needs. These include immediate, life-saving interventions as well as humanitarian shelter solutions that reflect situations of protracted displacement and build on the choices that are already being made by IDPs themselves.

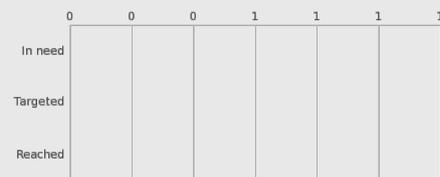
The **Flood Risk Reduction TWiG**, led by SNFI and in collaboration with the CCCM, ERL and WASH Clusters has published the final version of its guidance document in both English and Arabic. Building on the engagement of the TWiG, this document aims to provide basic guidance on infrastructure improvements in IDP sites, camps, and communities in north-west Syria in order to mitigate the risk of floods and contribute effectively to disaster reduction.

Regarding ongoing **capacity building**, the Cluster's co-chair organization,

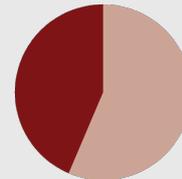
KEY FIGURES

57 Cluster partners

People



Funding



Total funding required:

\$187.6 M

Funded: 43%

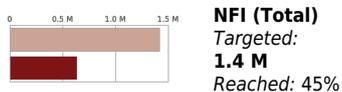
Source: Budget estimation based on 4Ws 2021.

KEY DATES

- Monthly SNFI Cluster Meetings: January - June 2020:**
13 January; 10 February; 10 March; 14 April; 20 May; 9 June.
- SAG Meetings:**
The 2021 Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) was formulated during February and continue to meet on a monthly basis to discuss and guide the strategic direction of the Cluster.
- HRP 2021 Briefing Session:**
This briefing held on 12 April focussed on all specific requirements for submissions of Shelter and/or NFI projects in the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).
- Flood Response TWiG Meetings:**
Led by the SNFI Cluster, the TWiG met regularly and provided guidance on the infrastructure improvements in camps and sites in NWS, considering an integrated approach of SNFI, CCCM, ERL and WASH.
- Winterization After Action Review:**
Held on 3 June with participants representing implementing organizations, donors, and the Cluster Coordination Team; the session focussed on evaluating best practices and lessons learnt from the 2020-2021 Winterization assistance process. Key points of discussion focused on the importance having a harmonized approach, as well as timeliness when planning and carrying out winterization activities.
- HLP Meetings:**
Together with the Protection and CCCM Clusters, SNFI engaged in meetings on Housing, Land and Property (HLP). During a meeting on 22 June, key topics focussed on forced evictions in north-west Syria, strengthening coordination, as well as collaborating on a lease agreement checklist.
- Other Meetings:**
The SNFI Cluster continues to reach out to main donors to share updates on the field situation

Care, led several trainings on Shelter Modalities in the second quarter. These workshops engaged shelter/ NFI cluster members to learn more about the different shelter types and implementation modalities relevant and applicable to the context.

Under the **SCHF Reserve Allocation**, SNFI received and carefully reviewed project proposals from members. The Cluster's priority areas of intervention for this allocation are provision of NFIs, fuel and flood prevention needs focusing on high severity needs areas, and integrated multi-sector response and pilot shelter projects.



and operational response, and advocate on key messages such as integrated site planning and better shelter solutions in NWS. Regular and ad-hoc ICCG and HLG coordination meetings. Meetings and discussions were held online in line with COVID-19 mitigation measures.

KEY DOCUMENTS

- [Dignified and Safer Living Conditions for IDPs in Protracted Crises: North West Syria](#)
- [Guidance Note on the Shelter and NFI Response in NWS](#)
- [Shelter Conditions in Syria October 2020](#)
- [SNFI Cluster Factsheet - Northwest Syria - May 2021](#)
- [Shelter Repair and Rehabilitation Guidelines 2018](#)
- [Shelter Repair and Rehabilitation Guidelines 2018 \(Arabic\)](#)
- [HLP XB Turkey Due Diligence Guidelines_FINAL](#)
- [HLP XB Turkey Due Diligence Guidelines \(Arabic version\)](#)
- [Flood Classifications and Effects on IDP Sites in NWS](#)
- [COVID19 - SNFI Cluster Recommendations for NW Syria_20200729 Version 3](#)
- [توصيات محدّثة لأنشطة قطاع المأوى والمواد اللغذائية في \(سياق تفشي فيروس كورونا كوفيد-19\)](#)
- [Collective Shelter Conditions in NW Syria](#)
- [Collective Shelter Conditions in NW Syria](#)
- [IEC Material - Fire safety](#)
- [TWiG on Flood Risk Reduction: Basic Guiding Requirements - Arabic](#)
- [TWiG on Flood Risk Reduction: Basic Guiding Requirements](#)
- [Dignified and Safer Living Conditions for IDPs in Protracted Crises: North West Syria](#)
- [NFI Distribution Guidelines in Northwest Syria - ENGLISH Version](#)
- [NFI Distribution Guidelines in Northwest Syria - ARABIC Version](#)
- [Shelter Conditions in NW Syria](#)
- [Fire Prevention and Response Guidance Note](#)
- [Fire Prevention and Response Guidance Note \(Arabic\)](#)

KEY LINKS

- [Shelter&NFI Cluster NWS - Turkey Hub Dashboard](#)
- [Photo Gallery - Improving IDP Settlements](#)
- [SNFI Site Planning Support Page](#)