In 2020, an estimated 11.06 million people are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance in Syria. This includes 4.65 million people in acute need. As the crisis enters its tenth year, 6.7 million people remain internally displaced, which is further exacerbated by the COVID-19 epidemic and deteriorating economic conditions.

An estimated 33 per cent of IDPs live in inadequate shelter conditions, including damaged and/or unfinished buildings, public buildings such as schools, and other non-residential buildings. Geographically, poor shelter conditions are most prevalent in Aleppo, Idlib, Rural Damascus, Raqqa governorates and the camps in the northeast and northwest. The health and safety effects of such conditions become more profound during the winter.

Needs for Shelter & NFI assistance remain significant and response is still limited in comparison to needs. Nearly 4 million people are living in areas of high elevation, snowfall and extreme winter weather. Currently, the sectors’ partners aim to deliver life-saving winter assistance to 3.0M vulnerable individuals, the targeted number is based on the partner’s capacity and expected funding; it does not represent the total number of people estimated in need of winter assistance. The main target for assistance is beneficiaries residing in camps, collective shelters, informal settlements and areas of high altitude and snowfall. The Sectors will utilize a variety of response mechanisms including cash support, vouchers and in-kind distributions.

Critical gaps have been identified in the informal settlements in Northwest where mainly tents and makeshift shelters are not appropriately weatherized to withstand harsh conditions. In Northeast, deteriorating, poorly isolated and overcrowded collective shelters are putting residents at a greater risk of contracting Covid-19, especially with the approaching winter. Many continue to live in areas with high elevation and snowfall with inadequate shelter including Rural Damascus. Across the country heating solutions and fuel are an urgent need.
## WINTER ASSISTANCE UPDATE

As of 1 January 2021

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| Individuals reached | 495,357 | 864,874 | 255,248 |

*As of 1 January– will be updated monthly per partner’s achievements in winter outreach

**Individuals Targeted**

- **Gap due to unsecured funding**
  - Syria Hub: 1.3 M
  - Turkey XB Hub: 1.5 M
  - Northeast Syria: 270,080

- **Can be reached with available funding**
  - Syria Hub: 848 K (64%)
  - Turkey XB Hub: 487K (36%)

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**Funding Gap**

- **Funding Secured**
  - USD 40 M (62%)
  - USD 42.9 M (64%)
  - USD 13 M (64%)

- **Gap in funding**
  - USD 64.5 M (38%)
  - USD 24.5 M (38%)

***Funding secured by partners in NWS and NES is sufficient to cover their planned partners activities***