



More than 15,000 consultations have been provided to Afrin IDPs in Tal Refaat and surrounding areas.

Photo: WHO Syria

137,070

Estimated number of people displaced from Afrin

157,018

Total treatments delivered by WHO

17,571

Consultations provided by WHO-supported NGOs and clinics

15,173

Patients provided with medicines by WHO-supported NGOs and clinics

1450

Children vaccinated against measles

SITUATION

- An estimated 137,070 people remain displaced in the Tal Refaat area, Nabul and Zahraa, Fafin, and surrounding villages.
- There are restrictions on the movement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Afrin, and many continue to be prevented by different parties to the conflict from seeking safety and services in Aleppo city, or from returning to their homes in Afrin district.
- Restrictions in reaching Aleppo facilities is resulting in lengthy clearance procedures for the referral of sick and injured patients.
- Acute diarrhoea, upper respiratory infections, and lice are the most reported communicable diseases among IDPs from Afrin.
- WHO faces a funding gap of \$5.4 million for its Afrin response operations to provide lifesaving assistance and services to more than 240,000 people in need as a result of the ongoing conflict.

WHO RESPONSE

I. CROSS LINE

- Coordination with the national health authorities, SARC, ICRC, UN agencies and national NGO health partners is ongoing.
- WHO delivered health supplies for 32,018 treatments during the reporting period, bringing the total number of WHO treatments delivered to 157,018.

- WHO is supporting 8 mobile medical teams deployed by health partners and consisting of 40 health care workers working around the clock to respond to growing health needs. 5 mobile clinics and 6 health facilities managed by DOH/SARC have also been mobilized with support from WHO. 17,571 outpatient consultations have been provided, and 15,173 patients received assistance through the provision of medicines.
- SARC facilitates the referral system to Zahraa local hospital via 4 active ambulances, with 26 cases supported to date, including 16 obstetric deliveries.
- Vaccination teams reached 1450 children between 1 and 15 years-old (in Fafin, Ehres, and Tal Refaat). The routine vaccination programme is also active in Nabul, Zahraa, and Meskan DoH point.
- Coordination with DoH and SARC is ongoing to facilitate medical evacuations. Approvals were received from MoFA to facilitate medical evacuations for IDPs who fled from Afrin and are currently in Nabul, Zahra and surrounding villages to the city of Aleppo. 36 severely ill patients are to be transported to Aleppo after getting the required clearances.

II. CROSS BORDER

- Cross-border support continues for health partners in Afrin district, including helping health partners to start mobile medical teams in order to compensate for closed hospitals and primary health care centres.