WHO-supported mobile teams provide essential health services to internally displaced people at arrival sites. Photo: HIHFAD

Situation overview

- The conflict has increased in north-west Syria, impacting civilians, civilian infrastructure and service provision in northern Hama and southern Idleb governorates.
- Approximately 300,000 people have been affected by the recent crisis, many of whom have been displaced multiple times in the recent past. As such, their ability to cope is reduced or compromised.
- Since the escalation of the conflict on 28 April, 18 health facilities have been hit and put out of service.
- As of 15 May, 49 health facilities have totally or partially suspended service provision. These health facilities provided at least 171,000 consultations, 2,760 major surgeries and 1,424 newborn deliveries per month to a highly vulnerable population.
- The areas that recently displaced people are moving towards are already densely populated – often to areas with camps at full or excess capacity, putting additional strain on services.
- The western neighbourhoods of Aleppo city have also witnessed an increased shelling.
- WHO and health partners are responding in accordance with the readiness plan prepared in anticipation of increased conflict in north-west Syria.

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