

A WHO-supported medical team provides trauma care services to injured children in Al Hol camp

- During the reporting period, 68 080 inhabitants continued to seek shelter in a camp originally designed to house only 10 000 people.
- The volatile security situation in northern-east Syria is negatively impacting operations requiring coordination, such as referral mechanisms and the provision of health services. This forces patients requiring treatment to wait for longer periods of time before receiving treatment.
- The total number of available health services in the camp are: 15 static medical points, 8 medical mobile teams, 3 delivery clinics, 2 HIV and TB clinics, 3 field hospitals, one static point for vaccinations, one static point for leishmaniasis, and one mobile medical team.
- The referral system is ongoing and patients are referred to the WHO-supported Al-Hikmah private hospital in AlHassakeh governorate which receives only emergency cases.
- Phase 8 remains a challenge with more than 5 security incidents occurring and affecting operations by health actors. Insecurity has also affected the TCN Annex, with the only health point at the Annex entrance suspended, and mobile teams facing staff shortages. There are no ambulances in the annex .The health sector is discussing a new modality to engage paramedics with stretchers to carry patients out to the gate area where the ambulance is available. TCN inhabitants expressed their anger at the lack of services by attacking mobile health workers stationed inside the annex. As a result, all health partners agreed to enter the Annex in one

convoy to avoid further violent incidents against health workers.

- The provision of health services in the three field hospitals was relatively affected, especially in the provision of major and specialized surgeries; however, the three field hospitals continued to admit and treat new patients who require basic and essential surgical interventions such as open fractures, wound cleaning and sterilizing, normal and caesarian deliveries, in addition to abdominal and chest trauma. Other essential health services not available at the hospitals need to be referred outside the camp, including major surgeries cholecystectomies, burns treatment, malnutrition and ophthalmology. Although the referral mechanism was affected by the latest security incidents, the emergency mechanism (including children with severe acute malnutrition) is being smoothly implemented.
- The Disease Early Warning and Response System (EWARS) reported with an average of 91.7% and 100% timeliness. This decrease in reporting response is related to the lack of health teams in charge of submitting the required data. However, the most common morbidity cases are related to acute diarrhoea, influenza-like illnesses, severe acute respiratory infections, chickenpox, measles scabies and lice.
- During the reporting period, there was one suspected measles case. A blood sample was collected and sent to the central laboratory in Damascus for confirmation. No suspected acute flaccid paralysis or tuberculosis cases were reported.

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