

Provision of primary health care to newly internally displaced people through WHO-supported mobile teams. Photo: SEMA

Situation overview

- The escalation of conflict in north-west Syria continued unabated during the reporting period, impacting civilians, health care infrastructure and health service provision in northern Hama and southern Idleb governorates.

- Since the beginning of the year, there have been 38 attacks on health care, resulting in 31 deaths and 55 injuries of health staff.

- Due to the recent crisis, it is estimated that over 330 000 people have been newly displaced, moving mostly to areas near the Turkish border in northern Idleb. In these areas, a large number of IDPs who were displaced previously are already present. More than half of the population in Idleb governorate are already IDPs.

- Recently displaced people have mostly settled in either already densely populated camps that are at full or excess capacity, or in makeshift camps in the countryside. Some have found refuge with host families or in mosques and schools. This has put an additional strain on health care service delivery.

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