

UNMAS Response to Displacement: The Case of Syria



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Overview of Displacement in Syria

- Syria is the largest displacement crisis globally
- Displacement into Syria from Iraq
- Multiple displacement
 - Compounds the already severe consequences for survivors of explosive hazards
- Movement is unsafe for a variety of reasons , including the threat posed by explosive hazards
- IDPs and returnees are particularly vulnerable to explosive hazards



Kobane, Aleppo, Northern Syria

Displacement in Syria (as of end December 2016)

→ IDPs

↗ **186,652** this month

41,738 households

1,222 locations

82% fled due to violence

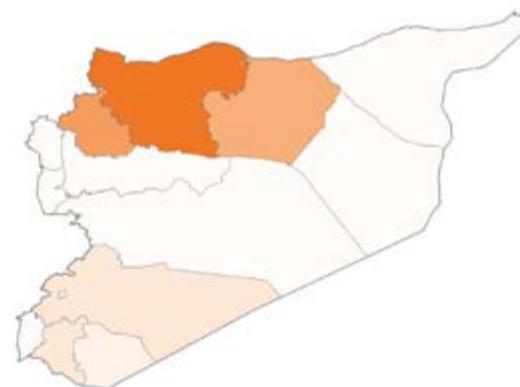
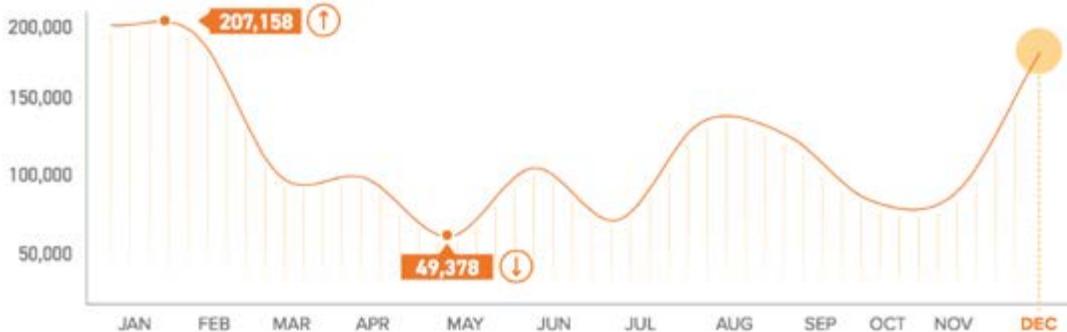
56% displaced for the first time

5.7M in total

40% live in abandoned buildings

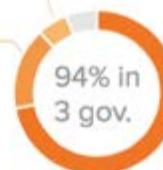
26% live with host family

18% live in rented accommodation



6% in Ar-Raqa

16% in Idlib

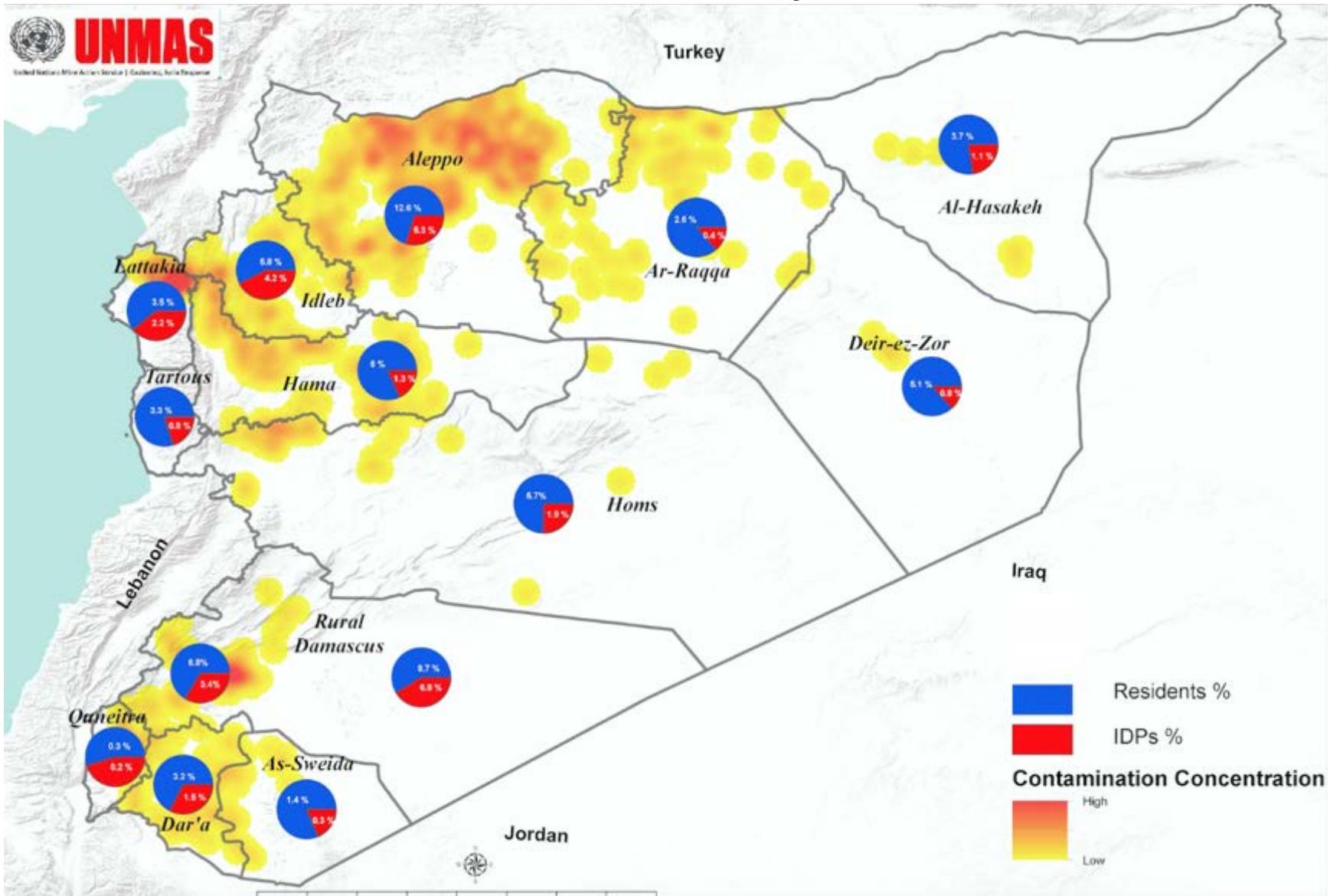


72% in Aleppo
91% in Jebel Saman sub-district

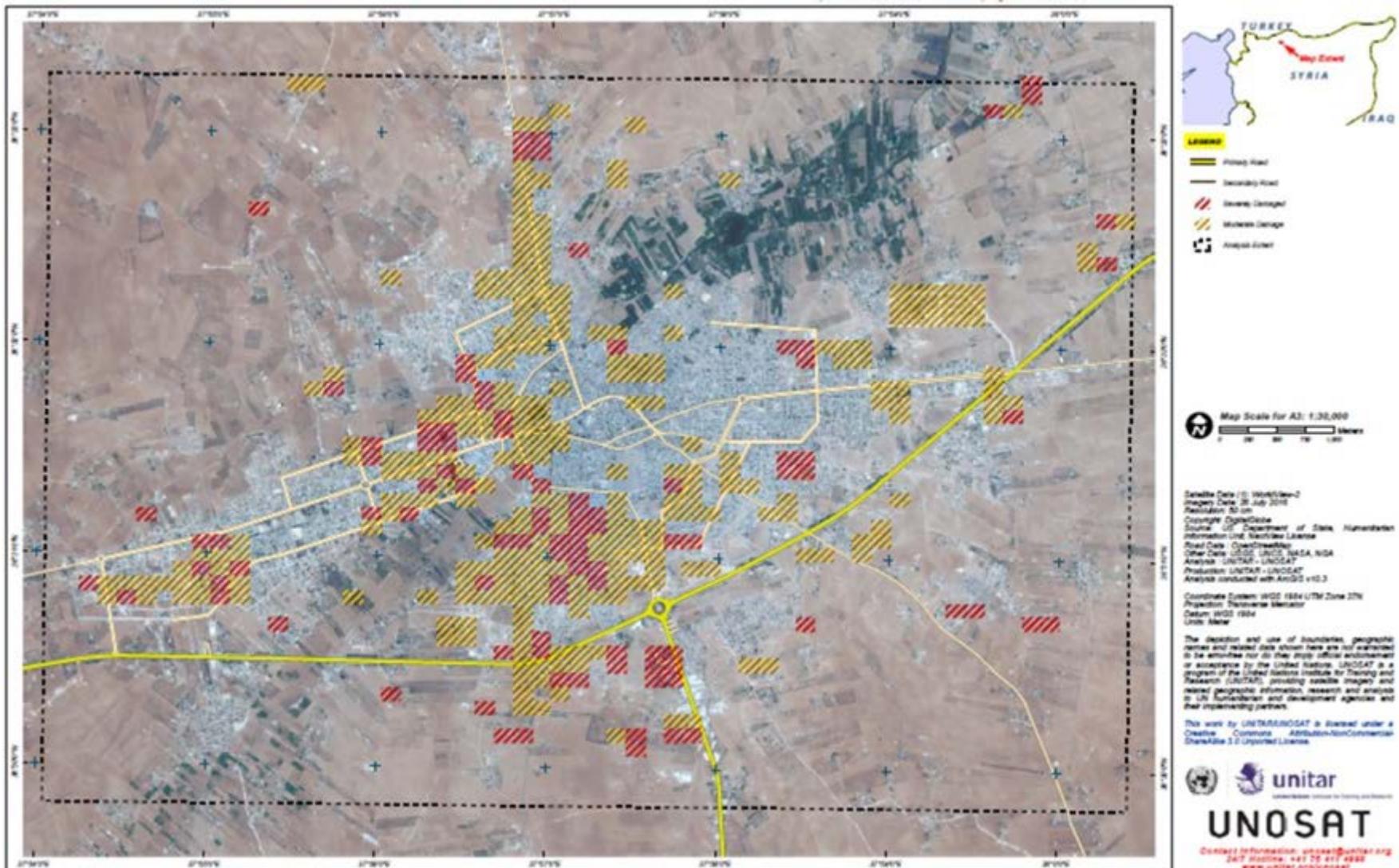


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UNMAS Response to the Long-Term Impact

We are afraid of shelling. My daughter is ten years old. She was injured in an air strike. She sleeps clinging to my clothes.

- Focus Group Discussion with displaced women
- (Mine Action Sub Cluster, Syria Response, 2016)

- Handicap International Report
 - 67% of those assessed sustained injuries directly related to the conflict
 - Of these: 53% are due to the use of explosive weapons.
- Long-term consequences exacerbated in the context of displacement:
 - 89% of people with injuries due to the use of explosive weapons have permanent or temporary physical impairments.
 - 80% expressed signs of high psychological distress.
 - 66% were unable to carry out essential daily activities because of feelings of fear, anger, fatigue, disinterest and hopelessness.
- UNMAS will expand the VA response in Syria in coordination with Health Cluster

