

Responding to the mounting humanitarian needs of displaced with medical needs and protection services

UNFPA, through its partners is providing health (including reproductive health) and psychosocial support services in response to East Ghouta as follows: Dwaer shelter: Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), Ministry of Saint James the Mutilated (MSJM), Syrian family Planning Association (SFPA) 1 mobile clinic each – 3 mobile clinics in total. Adra shelter: Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), Monastery of Saint James the Mutilated (MSJM), Syrian family Planning Association (SFPA) 1 clinic each – 3 mobile clinics in total. Harjelleh shelter: Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) 3 medical mobile teams, Monastery of Saint James the Mutilated (MSJM) 1 mobile clinic, Syrian family Planning Association (SFPA) 1 mobile clinic and 2 medical mobile teams



Assessing the needs of currently displaced people from Afrin to Tel Refat, Nobol and Al Zahra in Aleppo



UNFPA conducted a mission to Tal Rifaat, Nubbol and Zahra together with SARC and another partner (MSJM) on 17 March to monitor the distribution of dignity kits, sanitary napkins and provide health services (SARC for general health and MSJM focusing on reproductive health). As this was the first time for UN staff to reach Tal Rifaat.e

On 13 March in Tel Refaat, 550 winterized kits, 300 female dignity kits 250 male hygiene kits and 2,000 sanitary pads were distributed. 8,000 protection kits moved from Damascus to Aleppo for prepositioning. 200 winterized kits were distributed in Afrin on 14 March.

Assessing needs and vulnerabilities in the besieged area of Eastern Ghouta

UNFPA was part of a second cross line UN mission to assess and monitor the emergency in Douma, March 15. Issues of concern noted during the mission include overcrowding, lack of lighting, water. Insufficient access to medical facilities, which have limited human resources, supplies equipment and no referral mechanism. Reproductive health services are insufficient including lack of antenatal care services, adequate support during delivery and postnatal care.



On the occasion of the International Women's Day, Presenting the 1st national program for women empowerment

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, 8th of March, and under the patronage of Ministry of Social Affairs & labor, the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs & Population, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), organized a conference to present and discuss the national program for women empowerment.

Academia and governmental institutions joined the conference aiming to discuss the strategy and identify the status of women in Syria at both the national and international level. The strategy will be implemented on 3 phases starting in 2018 till 2030. It includes practical interventions to achieve the global goals in the Syrian context.

The program focuses on various topics, incl. the relation between women and poverty, economics, education, health, violence, media, decision making and environment. It also focuses on the rural women.



On the occasion of the International Women's Day, Inaugurating 2 Social Support and Women Empowerment Centers in Al-Sweida



On the occasion of the International Women's (IWD), Syrian Family Planning Association, supported by UNFPA, launched Social Support Center in Salkhad, and Women Empowerment Center in Slim, Al-Sweida on 9th of March.

The center in Salkhad is to provide complementary health services to women and children, monitor pregnancies, social and legal consultations, and fitness & sport services as well case studies of survivors.

Whereas the center in Salim is aiming to provide vocational training, including but not limited to sewing, as well as providing health services, including free check-ups and

medications. The center in Slim has 2 clinics for women and children equipped with specialized medical staff, psychotherapists and lawyers.

Responding to the mounting humanitarian needs of those displaced with medical needs and protection services

UNFPA took part in a mission with UNHCR to Harjelleh, on 17 March to assess the situation for women and girls. The total population in the shelter is more than 7000. It is estimated that the shelter has around 1900 women and 3800 children.





UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

While UNFPA assistance must remain concerned with saving lives and safeguarding human dignity, preparing Syrian people for future recovery, reconstruction, reconciliation and stability, is equally a priority.

UNFPA Syria focusses on:

- Improving access to high-quality reproductive health care.
- Scaling-up gender-based violence prevention and response.
- Enhancing youth participation and inclusiveness.
- Supporting capacities to collect and use gender-and age-disaggregated data for tailoring response and recovery programming.

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