

UNFPA SYRIA Country Office

Achievements Overview

2021

January to December



876,000
beneficiaries

(841,000 women and girls)
received assistance through
UNFPA interventions.



14,500
dignity kits

distributed to vulnerable women,
men and girls to protect them,
promote hygiene and ensure
respect and a dignified life style.



151,000
pregnant and
lactating women

reached with cash and voucher
assistance.



84 %
of funding

secured compared to the
needed funding for 2021.

Accomplishments

January to December - 2021



803,500

individuals (including 796,000 women and girls) benefited from life-saving Reproductive Health (RH) services and activities.



212,000

individuals (including 203,000 women and girls) benefited from Gender-based Violence (GBV) prevention and response services and activities.



50,000

young people (including 30,000 women and girls) benefited from resilience-based activities.



51,000

individuals (including 48,000 women and girls) reached with RH awareness raising and individual/group counselling on COVID-19.



199,000

individuals (including 190,000 women and girls) reached with psychosocial support (PSS) and case-management services.



813,000

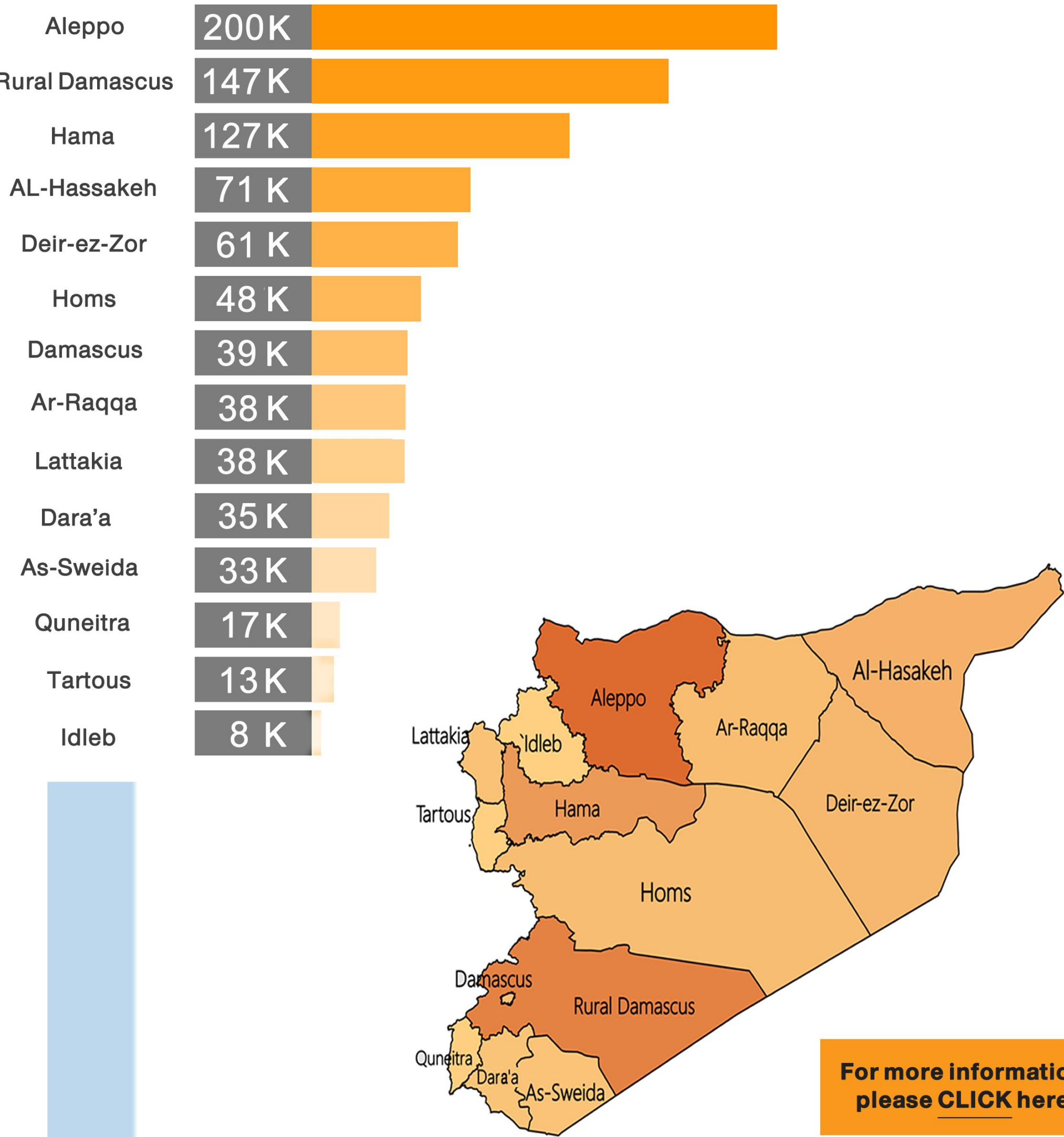
individuals (including 784,000 women and girls) provided with information on GBV and RH.



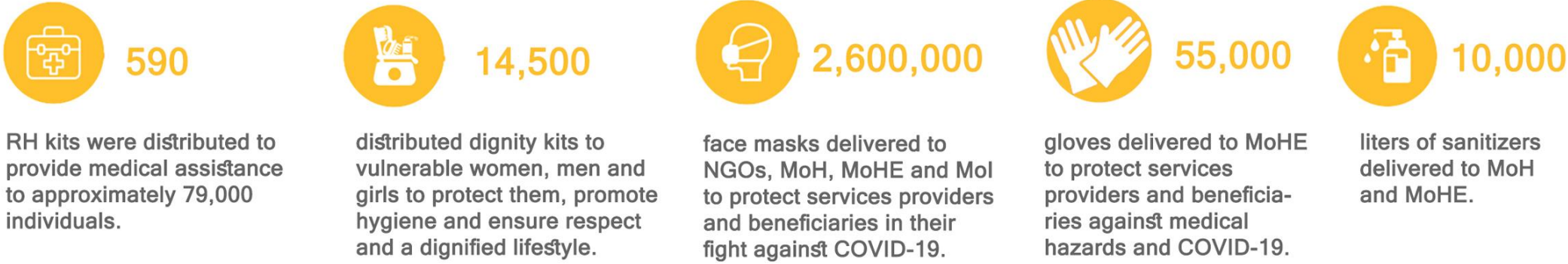
151,000

pregnant and lactating women reached with voucher assistance.

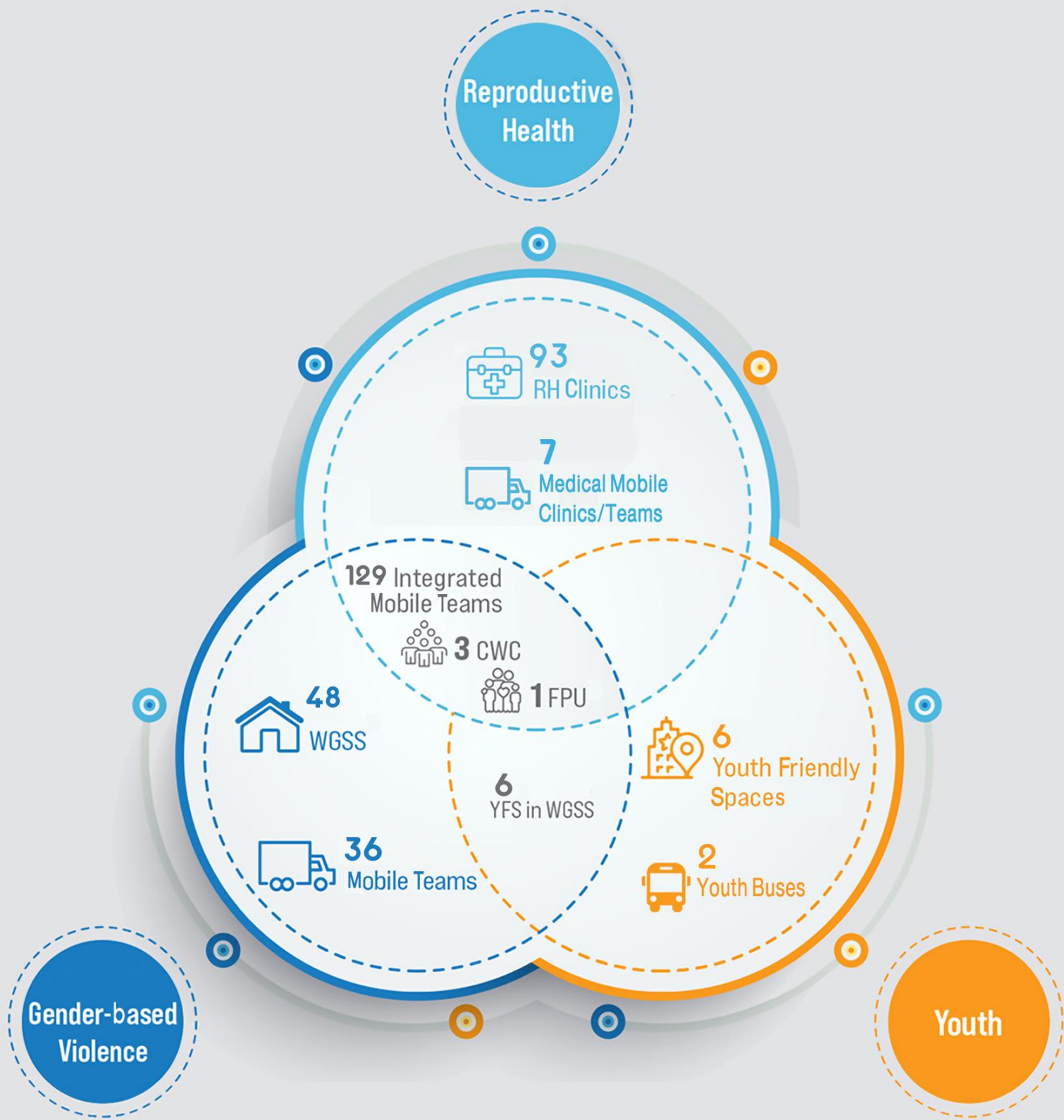
Beneficiaries received assistance through UNFPA interventions per governorate



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UNFPA-supported service delivery points



MoH : Ministry of Health
MoHE : Ministry of Higher Education
Mol : Ministry of Information

CWC :Community Well-being Center
FPU :Family Protection Unit
WGSS :Women's and Girls'SafeSpace

YFS : youth Friendly Space



Build capacity of **2150** health professionals to enhance RH service provision.



Build capacity of **1300** front line workers on GBV basic concepts and Gender to strengthen service provision.



700 service providers trained on GBV and Gender topics.



4,800 young people trained on youth topics.



170 national partners received capacity building on ICPD25 key principles, aiming at enhancing their knowledge and skills.



8 partners engaged in the ICPD25 implementation process and activities.

The Unsung Heroes Bringing New Lives into the World

"This is the first time I saw my baby wrapped with a clean sheet" Sousan, a 32-year-old mother of two children, expresses her delight to UNFPA staff after giving birth with the assistance from one of the midwives.

Sousan came from Southern Ar-Raqqa, like many other women who reside there, she has no access to healthcare services that can support her safe pregnancy, i.e. (prenatal care and postnatal care) due to absence of facilities in southern Ar-Raqqa. She came nearly 50 km away to deliver her baby once she heard about midwives.

During the crisis, 50% of Syrian hospitals were completely or partially destroyed and over 40% of healthcare personnel left the country. Poor and very expensive transportation systems in remote areas make it even harder for women to seek support in the nearest cities.



Sousan feels happy after giving birth safely to her newborn in November 2021, thanks to UNFPA-supported midwives network

"I've known Midwife Maisoun for many years. She had provided me with the medical services when I delivered my two babies. Now that I am pregnant after I returned to my home, Maisoun has been continuously following up on my pregnancy. I feel safe and relieved around her, " recalls Hala, 36 years-old, six months into her pregnancy in Jaabat village, Maskaneh.



Midwife Maisoun from Deir Hafer is examining a woman a few days after she helped her deliver her newborn

In January 2021, UNFPA invested in the capacity of the local community by establishing and supporting a network of midwives in rural Aleppo equipping them with the necessary tools to conduct their work and extend assistance to women in delivery. Midwives play a crucial role in the provision of reproductive health services in rural communities and remain instrumental health professionals not only for the current time but for the future generation.

The UNFPA Midwife Network in eastern Aleppo is currently composed of seven certified midwives, who originate from the sub-district of Deir Hafer, 65 km from Aleppo. All midwives have received specialized training on reproductive health by UNFPA and have been equipped with reproductive health kits that ensure safe and clean normal deliveries, even in the absence of specialized doctors and advanced health facilities. All kits contain the essentials for safe and clean deliver such as a plastic sheet, a blanket, sterile gloves, soap, a razor blade, and an umbilical cord clamp.

Maisoun has been a dedicated certified midwife for over twenty years. In 2021, she joined the UNFPA Midwife network. Every day, she gets up early, gathers her tools and provides regular or urgent checkups to pregnant women and lactating mothers. She is well-known for her service in the community of Deir Hafer, rural Aleppo, and has earned the trust of locals and neighboring villages east of rural Aleppo.

The protracted crisis and deteriorating economic situation has significantly impacted access to services, particularly to reproductive health services, family planning and antenatal care to safe childbirth services and postpartum care. In rural Aleppo, there are no specialized maternity centers as health facilities went out of service. Pregnant and lactating women are confronted daily with widespread destruction and limited access to health services.



Both Hala and Ghena are pregnant. They came to have their pregnancy monitored at Maisoun's clinic

The midwives network has expanded its area of coverage in April 2021, to reach Maskane in the far south-east of Aleppo, almost 50 km away from Deir Hafer, where women struggle to find support during prenatal care, delivery and postnatal care. The quality of the service provided has attracted women from other districts to seek the support of the midwives.

Midwife Maisoun expressed how much the kits have been life-saving not only for women, but also for newborns as she witnessed babies suffering from omphalitis and other infections due to unclean delivery conditions. Maisoun also praised the support she received from other midwives' part of the network: "The network has allowed me to meet the midwives in other areas so that we exchange experiences and coordinate amongst each other, including referring cases from one to another".



A UNFPA staff member, trained as a pediatrician, checks on Sousan's newborn during a monitoring visit to the midwives' network

As of September 2021, a total of 774 women benefited from the UNFPA-supported midwives network in eastern rural Aleppo by receiving professional and timely support, and being able to benefit from clean deliveries, thanks to the kits that were distributed to midwives and delivering women.

UNFPA, together with over 40 global partners and over 300 national partners, works to scale up quality midwifery education, policies and services around the world. Midwives save lives. UNFPA Syria calls on all the stakeholders including donors, developmental and humanitarian actors to continue supporting midwives' services in Syria. During the 10 years of the crisis in Syria, along with the covid-19 pandemic, mothers continue to give birth and new life begins. Thanks to our donors, people in remote areas have been able to benefit from life-saving services.



Midwife Maisoun on her way to visit a new mother in the village



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