

UNFPA SYRIA

Quarter 3

2021



654,000
beneficiaries

(633,000 women and girls)
received assistance through
UNFPA interventions.



9,600
dignity kits

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



128,000
pregnant and
lactating women

reached with cash and voucher
assistance.



82 %
of funding

secured compared to the
needed funding for 2021.

Accomplishments

January to September - 2021



472,000

individuals (including 468,000 women and girls) benefited from life-saving Reproductive Health (RH) services and activities.



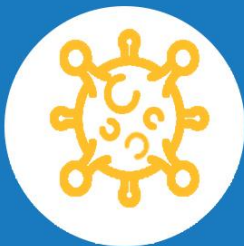
161,000

individuals (including 153,000 women and girls) benefited from Gender-based Violence (GBV) prevention and response services and activities.



21,000

young people (including 12,000 female) benefited from resilience-based activities.



32,000

individuals (including 30,000 women and girls) reached with RH awareness raising and individual/group counselling on COVID-19.



140,000

individuals (including 134,000 women and girls) reached with psychosocial support (PSS) and case-management services.



544,000

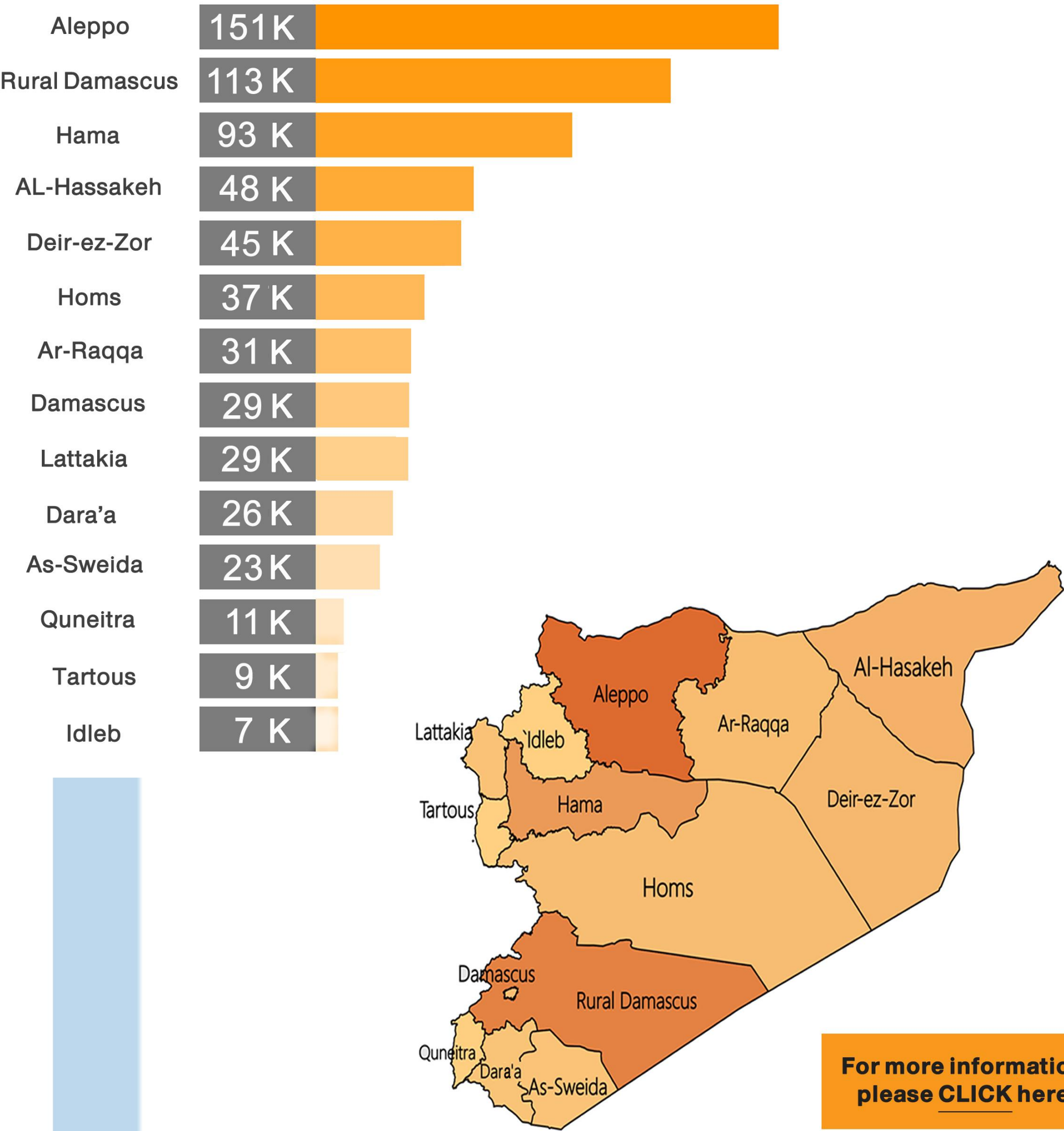
individuals (including 525,000 women and girls) provided with information on GBV and RH.



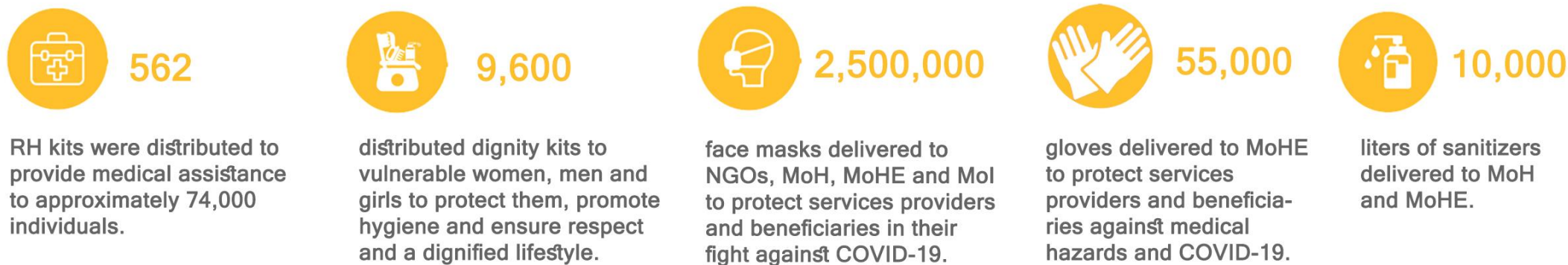
128,000

pregnant and lactating women reached with voucher assistance.

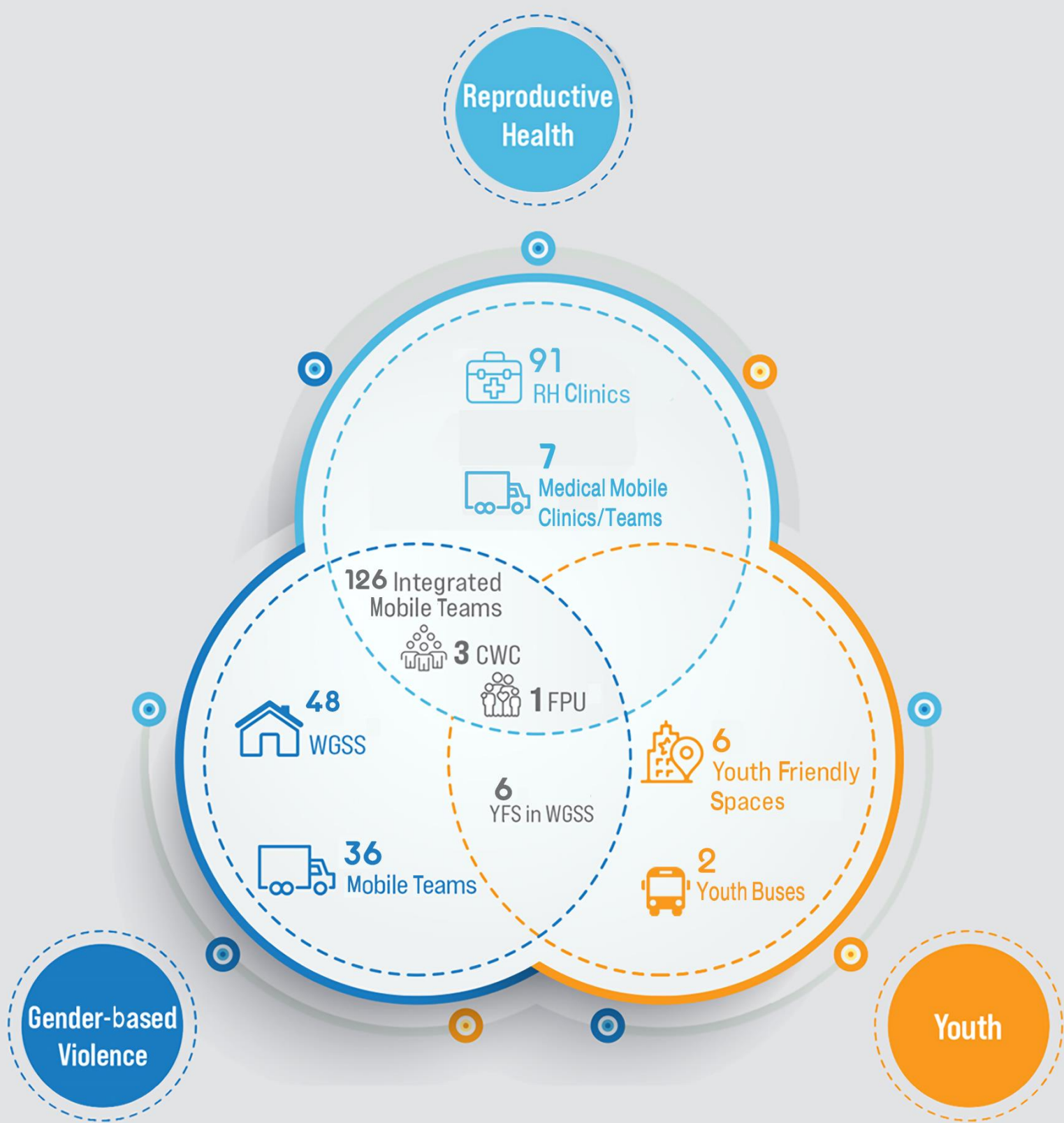
Beneficiaries received assistance through UNFPA interventions per governorate



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UNFPA-supported service delivery points





1400 public and NGOs service providers

trained on RH topics.



950 service providers

trained on ways to provide RH and GBV services during the COVID19 pandemic.



480 service providers

trained on GBV and Gender topics.



2,500 young people

trained on youth topics.



120 national partners

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

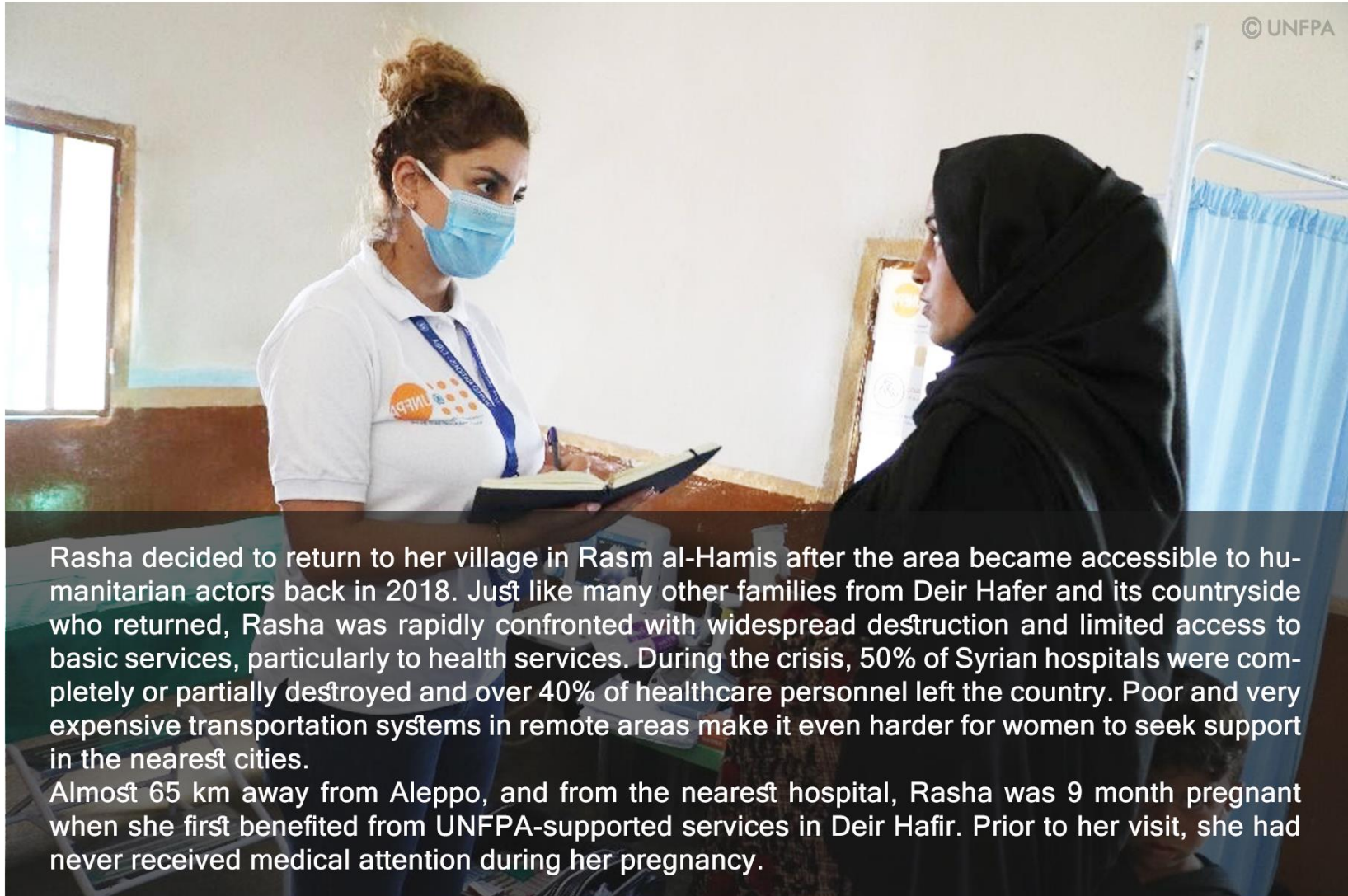


8 partners

engaged in the ICPD25 implementation process and activities.

Integrated Mobile Team Reaching the Furthest behind in Deir Hafir - Aleppo

“When we returned, life was difficult due to the massive destruction in the area and the absence of basic health services. As a result of the crisis, most of the doctors and healthcare workers have left” recalls Rasha, one of the pregnant women from Deir Hafir area in Aleppo Governorate, unable to receive basic reproductive health services. Thanks to the UNFPA-supported integrated mobile team, which provides reproductive health and gender-based violence response services, Rasha was able to seek medical attention during her pregnancy. A gynecologist, a midwife, a Gender-based Violence case worker, a psychosocial support officer and three outreach volunteers are working simultaneously in remote areas to ensure that no one is left behind.



Rasha decided to return to her village in Rasm al-Hamis after the area became accessible to humanitarian actors back in 2018. Just like many other families from Deir Hafer and its countryside who returned, Rasha was rapidly confronted with widespread destruction and limited access to basic services, particularly to health services. 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.

Almost 65 km away from Aleppo, and from the nearest hospital, Rasha was 9 month pregnant when she first benefited from UNFPA-supported services in Deir Hafir. Prior to her visit, she had never received medical attention during her pregnancy.

Rasha visiting UNFPA-supported Integrated Mobile Team and receiving her first medical consultation during her pregnancy.

As thousands of internally displaced people returned to rural Aleppo in 2018, UNFPA first deployed a mobile team to provide essential Reproductive Health services to remote villages. Due to increasing needs in the area, a primary health clinic, and a women and girls safe space were established in 2019 allowing for the redeployment of the mobile teams to more villages in the vicinity of Deir Hafer.

Since 2021, UNFPA has been working on adapting its integration strategy to reach the furthest behind with life-saving joint Reproductive Health and Gender-based Violence services in one location, including antenatal and postnatal care services, treatment of respiratory tract infections and urine tract infections, early detection of breast and cervical cancer, menopause and postmenopause care, individual and group information dissemination sessions for all, neonatal care, family planning, GBV case management, psychosocial support and individual material support (mainly sanitary napkins and dignity kits). The current integrated mobile team active in Deir Hafir rural area covers 12 villages on a monthly basis. These villages have no access to medical and protection services, and UNFPA is often the only actor available in the area.

On a daily basis, the integrated mobile team provides a full package of services to about 50 women and girls while linking women from rural areas to UNFPA-supported static facilities in Deir Hafer, showing the integral role of the integrated mobile team. UNFPA informed feedback and data gathered from partners and field staff shows that the integration of the mobile teams has enabled UNFPA to reach twice the number of beneficiaries compared to a single service mobile team.



Deir Hafir area has very limited access to services for women and girls. Limited and expensive transport costs further challenges the access to health services.

As the UNFPA-supported integrated mobile team makes its way through the villages, residents welcomed the team and even offered their houses as a working space. Nadia, 45 years old, displays a great sense of hospitality and generosity towards UNFPA. She told the team that she was very happy and eager to open her door to UNFPA: “As women need privacy, I am very much happy to open my house for the women who come to get the right services”.



Nadia offered her house to the integrated mobile team to provide its services, in Rasm Al Hamis village in rural Aleppo.

The integrated mobile team has also become a safe space for women to share their concerns with professional staff as they receive medical assistance and attend awareness session on Reproductive Health and Gender-based Violence: “When I don’t have a medical consultation, I come to attend the awareness sessions as we want to be educated rather than left behind” explained Rana, 33 years old, a mother of six children. Rana mentioned the importance of raising awareness on family planning and the values of information she receives throughout the sessions.



Rana participated in an awareness session on family planning run by the mobile team in Rasm Al Hamis village in rural Aleppo.

Why Availing our Integrated Approach Is a Priority for Us

Engaging the local community, making the best of the available resources, and most importantly reaching those in need in Syria are among the benefits of UNFPA's new integration strategy. Integrated mobile teams have proven to be an efficient, cost effective service, enabling UNFPA to reach twice the number of beneficiaries compared to a single service mobile team. Thanks to our donors, people in remote areas have been able to benefit from life-saving services.

Syrian women, girls, boys and men who have been exposed to trauma and bereavement are still in need of urgent assistance. More is needed for UNFPA to increase its number of services, expand the services provided, and continue delivering to the most vulnerable population.

