



UNFPA SYRIA

Programme Snapshot

Quarter 2 - 2021

 **484,000**
beneficiaries

(471,000 women and girls)
received assistance through
UNFPA interventions.

 **7,500**
dignity kits

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

 **104,000**
**pregnant
& lactating
women**

reached with cash and
voucher assistance.

 **67 %**
of funding

secured compared to the
2021 need.

Beneficiaries



352,000

(348,000 women and girls) benefited from life-saving reproductive health services and activities.



125,000

(119,000 women and girls) benefited from GBV prevention and response services and activities.



7,000 young people

(4,000 female) benefited from resilience-based activities.



27,000

(26,000 women and girls) with RH awareness-raising and individual/group counselling on COVID-19.



93,000

(89,000 women and girls) were reached with Psycho-social support "PSS" and case-management services.



385,000

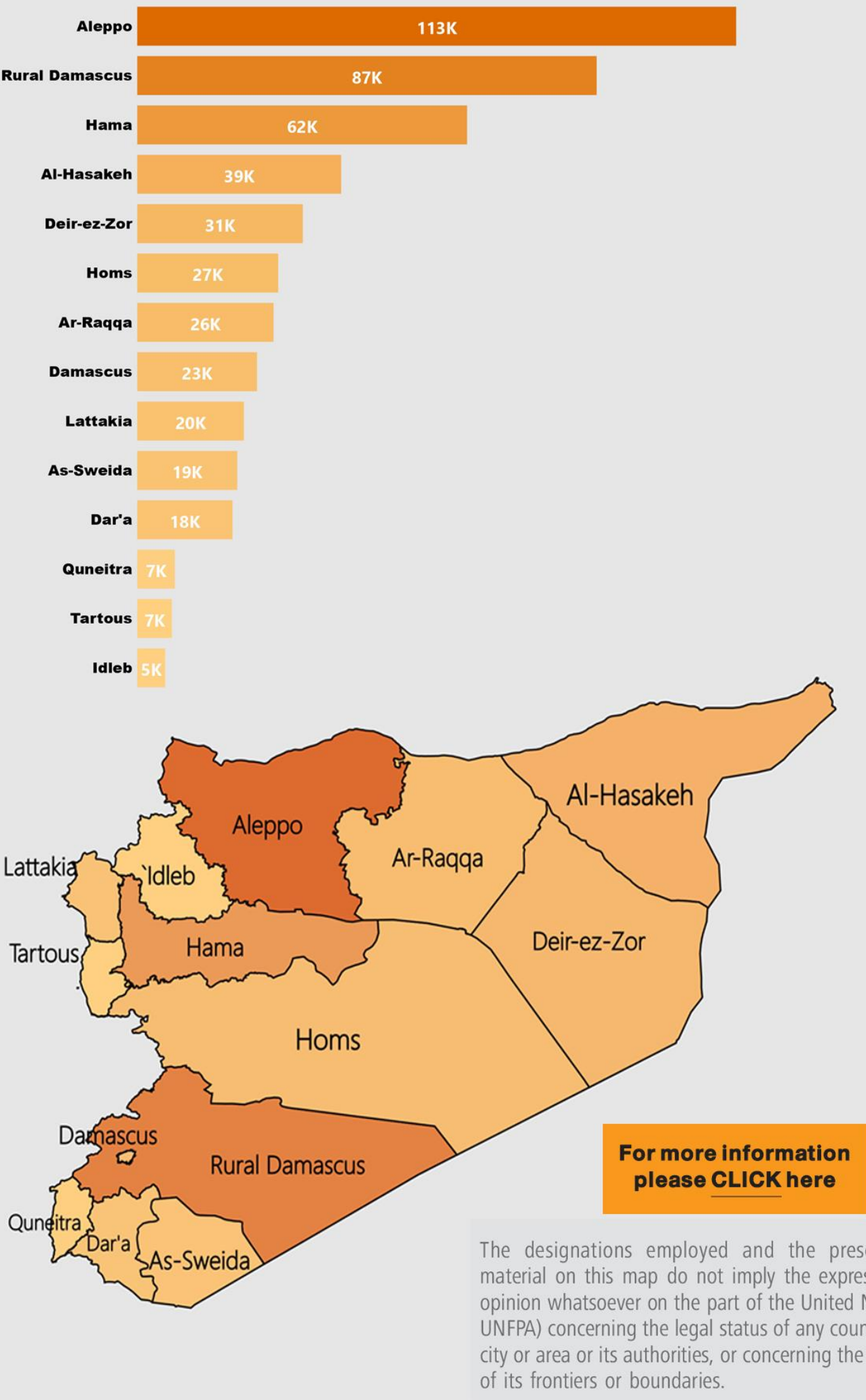
(376,000 women and girls) provided with information on GBV and RH.



104,00 pregnant & lactating women

reached with voucher assistance

Beneficiaries received assistance through UNFPA interventions per governorate and service



Distributions



29,000

unique individuals benefited from 284 RH Kits distributed to provide medical assistance to 2,600,000 individuals in the catchment area.



7,500

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



2,600,000

face masks delivered to NGOs, *MOH, *MOHE and *MOI to protect services providers and beneficiaries.



55,000

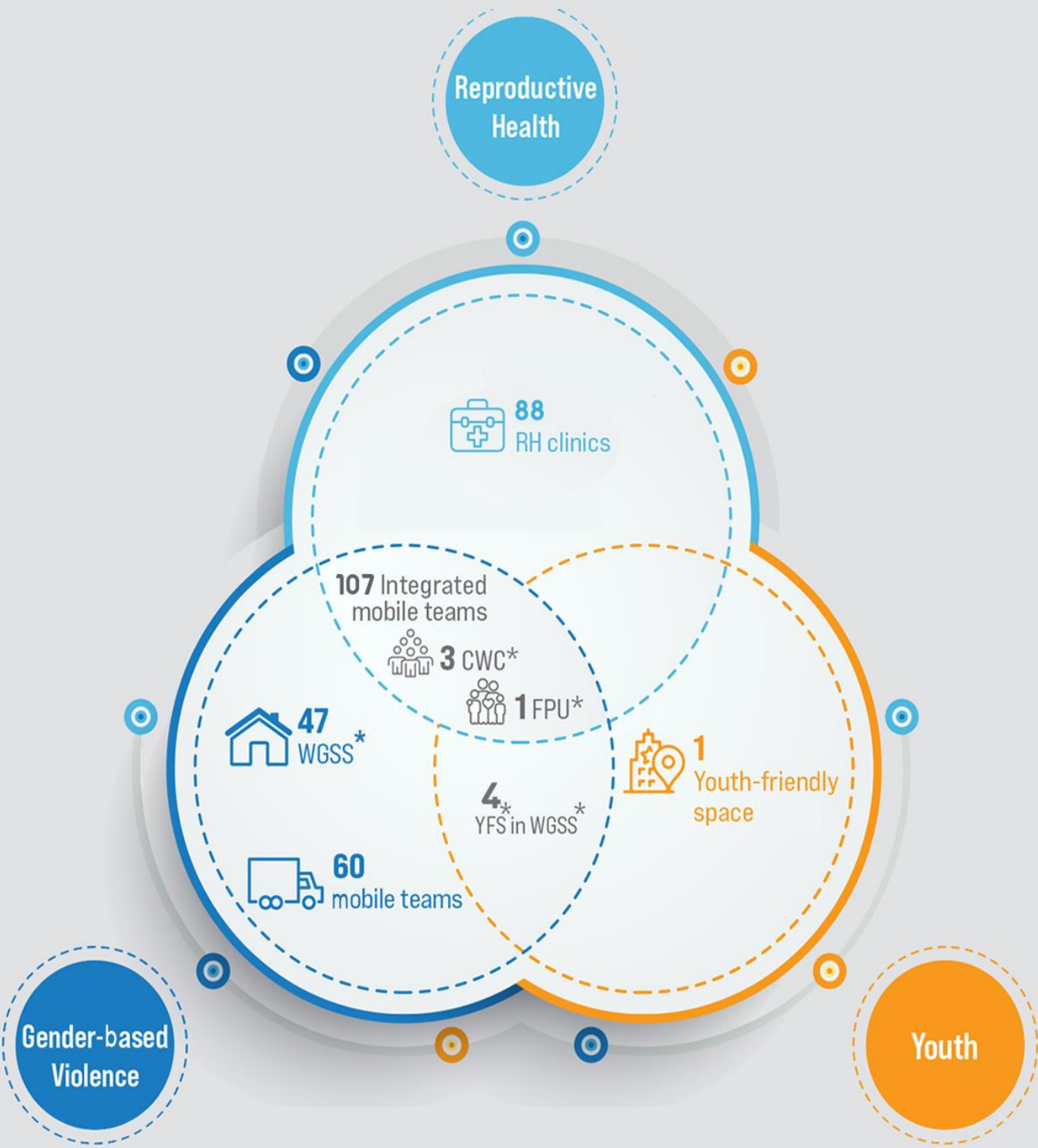
gloves delivered to *MOHE to protect services providers and beneficiaries.



10,000

liters of sanitizers delivered to *MOH and **MOHE.

Supported Reproductive Health /Gender Based Violence/ Youth service-delivery points to leave no one behind



*MoH : Ministry of health
*MoHE : Ministry of Higher Education
*Mol : Ministry of Information

*CWC : community well-being center
*FPU : family protection unit
*WGSS : women and girls safe space

*YFS : youth friendly space

Capacity Building



770 public and NGOs service-providers

trained on reproductive health topics.



550 service providers

Service providers trained on ways to provide RH and GBV services during the COVID-19 pandemic



320 service providers

trained on GBV and gender topics.



550 young people

trained on youth topics.



120 national partners

had the skills and knowledge of their staff enhanced on ICPD key principles.



8 partners

engaged in ICPD25 implementation.

The Family Protection Unit, a UNFPA-supported Shelter for Survivors of Gender-based Violence in Rural Damascus



Since 2017, UNFPA has been supporting the Family Protection Unit (FPU), a shelter in rural Damascus for women and children survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). The FPU, under the umbrella of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs and Population (SCFAP), is managed by a local NGO, the Syrian Youth Council (SYC). The FPU provides a comprehensive and integrated approach for women survivors of violence, focusing on their protection and well-being and providing a range of specialised services including case management, psychosocial support (PSS), psychotherapy, legal counselling and aid, vocational training, awareness raising, reproductive health and recreational activities.

The work of FPU has been critical and often life-saving, particularly considering the limited operating shelters in Syria receiving women and children who have been exposed to various, often severe, types of GBV, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape. FPU receives survivors of extreme cases of GBV, who have nowhere to go, and responds to their physical, psychological, and social needs to empower and support survivor's reintegration as active members of the community. Several of the services provided in the shelter are also open externally in separate areas of the Centre.



To ensure the continuity as well as the improvement and expansion of services provided in the FPU, UNFPA in coordination with the SCFAP and UNDP engineering services conducted rehabilitation activities in early 2021. The garden was rehabilitated to include a playground for children residing at the shelter and provide them with a safe space to play, communicate, and learn.



An open safe space for women survivors was also created to enable women engagement in outdoor activities.

A library was also established in the FPU, serving as a multipurpose room to hold computer training, the newly-established children book club sessions, and other activities. Based on the request of beneficiaries, the gym and the hair-dressing room were expanded allowing for new gym equipment and more advanced/specialized vocational training. Finally, a solar system was implemented for heating and lighting, a crucial development considering the long hours of power cuts currently experienced in Syria.

UNFPA is continually striving for the development of FPU staff capacities, improving their skills in dealing with very complex cases of GBV and in developing an approach that is woman-centred and focused on building women's empowerment. Relevant staff members at the FPU have attended training on basic counselling, PSS interventions, and family counselling. Complementary training will be conducted with the third phase focusing on group counselling. Most recently, the staff of the FPU and some relevant personnel from SYC have taken part in a training with Differenza Donna, an Italian NGO, specialised in provision of services for women survivors of GBV. The training focused on strengthening understanding of the conceptual framework of violence against women and the methodologies of working in a shelter for GBV survivors. Among the objectives of this training is developing a Standard Operating Procedure that ensures the quality services provided in the FPU meet international standards for such facilities in addition to the Code of Conduct for daily life in the FPU.



**“ Nothing liberates our greatness like the desire to help,
the desire to serve ”**

UNFPA, with the generous support of donors, continued to work with partners to serve the most in need, delivering life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) services to communities inside Syria. As of June 2021, UNFPA Syria is funded for 67% of 2021 funding needs, thanks to the donors who responded to the UNFPA appeals for funds. However, more resources are still needed to ensure continuation of existing GBV and SRH services across the Country, carry on with the new pilot interventions on specialized programming for adolescent girls and address the negative social norms on GBV, aiming to support women and young people with disabilities.

With your support,
UNFPA will keep
pushing boundaries
and reaching the
furthest behind
towards a world with
zero unmet need for
contraception; zero
preventable maternal
deaths; and zero
gender-based
violence and harmful
practices.

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