

Population Monitoring Initiative (PMI)

The goal of this project is to improve the protection of the most vulnerable in southern Syria by providing operational updates on population, specifically IDP movements, sub-regional profiling, and contextualizing refugee returns through the lens of humanitarian conditions related to protection across approximately 100 villages in southern Syria.

Background

The humanitarian response in southern Syria has been complicated by limited accessibility and the need to manage remotely from Jordan. Such remote management requires strong ties to local networks and the implementation of an effective and efficient mechanism to collect and disseminate information timely, accurately and completely in order to plan & manage protection and humanitarian interventions that serve the most vulnerable populations.

Operational partners in southern Syria collect a wealth of data related to their individual programming. However, utilizing this wide scope of data to develop a wholistic picture of the population movements and humanitarian situation in the region requires a dedicated mechanism to collect, analyze, and report on the data in a way that is both granular enough to inform programming while also taking into account the greater context. Having such a dedicated mechanism also allows for the harmonizing of tools, surveys, and analysis, which allows for the collection of data that is comparable across organizations and villages in southern Syria.

Centralizing these efforts is crucial as the movement dynamic shifts from internal displacements towards return movements. Developing harmonized tools and analysis to support an early and in-depth understanding of the needs and conditions for households engaging in return movements is critical to implementing an informed and effective response. This requires understanding the differences in needs between IDP households, internal return households, refugee return households, in addition to how many of each household are residing in specific locations as well as the general conditions of that location itself.

Project Objectives

- To keep a consistent report of the population movement that includes refugee and IDP return movements together with humanitarian conditions on the village level.
- To proceed with the harmonizing of data gathering tools and methodologies which has its focus on creating correct reporting of returning movements.
- To develop further the style of PMI consortium of sharing data to ensure a greater reliability of data. This assurance is created by raising the number of data sources, making minor changes to the current level of data confidence, aggregation and implications conditions.

- To make it easier for the wide dissemination of contextual in-depth information through sub-regional profiles taking note of the social, political, economic conditions that are resource-based and portray the likely consequences of the conditions that arise.
- To provide trend analysis together with visualizing conditions.

It is important to note that certain indicators subject to fluctuation are analyzed over time, whereas other more static structures are mapped out and analyzed contextually. These include security and accessibility, population and tribal mapping, governance structures, economy, protection, infrastructure damages and sector specific reporting.

Project Deliverables

Population Movement Monthly Report and Sub-Regional Profiles

Partners

UNHCR: the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.

Protection Cluster: The purpose of the Protection Cluster and its Sub-Clusters is to strengthen and coordinate the humanitarian protection response in Syria. The programmatic interventions of the Clusters' partners aim to mitigate and alleviate the protection consequences of the conflict inside Syria.

Shelter and NFI Cluster: Supports people affected by natural disasters and internally displaced people affected by conflict with the means to live in safe, dignified and appropriate shelter.



Better DATA
Improve data quality, collection and timeliness to stimulate sharing and coordination



Better DECISIONS
Analyze and visualize data to support better decision making



Better OUTCOMES
Maximize program outcomes and make a difference

iMAP's services have facilitated informed and effective disaster risk management, emergency response, and development activities by enabling evidence-based decision-making for cluster/sector leads, critical NGO, and government operations. iMAP's goal is to alleviate the suffering of victims of natural disasters and armed conflicts by providing the humanitarian community with a decision-making service through the provision of recent, reliable and appropriate geographical and strategic information.