



# Urban Analysis Network Syria (UrbAN- S)

**Services:** Research and Analysis (Urban Profiling), Data Management, GIS, Information Management, Capacity Building

**Objective:** The Urban Analysis Network Syria (UrbAN-S) builds on three years of work analyzing urban areas in Syria, with the objective of contributing to holistic urban information and analysis for better planning, targeting and monitoring of interventions.

The UrbAN-S understands the analysis of urban areas as an adaptive exercise for understanding how cities are or are not functioning, and how the people living in them cope during and in the aftermath of the Syrian conflict. UrbAN-S brings a combination of expertise in urban analysis, information management, and collaborative and inclusive approaches to better understand information needs on the ground, to make information more relevant and more accessible, and to build the capacity of local partners to use that information.

The UrbAN-S project provides interested actors access to up-to-date and accurate analysis of critically-affected cities in Syria, based on information on sectors and urban systems, such as demography and population movement, skills and labor force, economy, markets and livelihoods, services and infrastructure, shelter and damage, housing, governance, protection and HLP, quality of urban life and access to public spaces, mobility and transport, and urban-regional connectivity.

To achieve better and more holistic responses in urban areas, the UrbAN-S will operate in close collaboration with the existing structures and coordination mechanisms of Syria, supporting the planning for durable solutions, post-conflict peace-building and stabilization, as well as integrated response planning. The expected direct impact of these actions will be to provide operational actors with the required tools, approaches and expertise to inform and improve planning and response in Syrian cities.

## Key Outputs:



City Profiles



Capacity Building



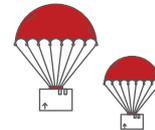
Damage and Needs Assessment



Urban Information Web Portal



Syria remains a complex humanitarian situation with more than **6.1 million** internally displaced persons (IDPs).



**13.1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance**, according to the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

Project Duration:

**1 January 2018 - 31 March 2020**

Budget:

**EUR 3,000,000**

Donors:

**European Union (DG - NEAR)**

Focus: **Syria**

Key Partners:

**Joint IDP Profiling Service, Mercy Corps (HAT), European Commission Joint Research Centre, Common Space Initiative**

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## City Profiles

City Profiles are snapshots of the conditions in cities that have been affected by displacement and conflict. A comprehensive City Profile includes a) displacement and population profiles; b) population needs and their level of access to services, compared to the functionality and performance of services; c) an analysis of the stakeholders, conflict dynamics and risks; and d) an analysis of the urban governance and policy environment. This information is collected through qualitative and quantitative data collection, and tailored to the specific needs and requirements of local, humanitarian and development actors in each of the selected urban areas. While the information is structured under a holistic urban analysis framework, a deep dive into sectoral information and analysis is provided as needed.

## Damage and Needs Assessment

Damage Needs Assessments (DNA) looks specifically at the level of functionality of services and infrastructure in urban areas. The DNA combines remote sensing information based on satellite imagery for a rapid overview, with a deeper dive into the impact of this damage in the provision of services to the population in the short and long term.

## Urban Information Web Portal

The Web Portal is where the collected and updated information is stored in an interactive and spatial repository so that operational partners, local actors and donors can easily navigate through the spatial information, and download related snapshots and reports. The Web Portal is used for a variety of purposes such as on-going monitoring reports, city dashboards, and to communicate the profiles of specific neighborhoods where response is a priority. The Web Portal supports other initiatives that inform programs for displaced Syrians both living inside and outside Syria.



## Capacity Building

As part of the core set of interventions to support the partners to better analyze the urban context, the UrbAN-S partners develops and provides training for local partners coordinating data collection

exercises for building technical capacity in analyzing data, and for facilitating joint analysis workshops.

These capacity building initiatives is open to a wide array of stakeholders interested in enhancing their understanding of analysis in urban settings or those actors who are planning or are implementing City Profiles or DNAs.

## Partners

UrbAN-S is a partnership of actors wishing to contribute in different capacities to a high-standard urban analysis of the Syria crisis to enable effective planning and response.

**iMMAP:** Lead coordinator of the UrbAN-S process, ensuring successful linkages and outreach with the wide array of Syria-focused and global partners and stakeholders.

**Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS):** Leads capacity building by developing the framework for analysis collaboratively with partners and designing training material to fit local needs.

**Mercy Corps/Humanitarian Access Team (HAT):** The HAT team is in charge of producing conflict analysis for each City Profile and contributes to other products such as the framework for analysis.

**European Commission - Joint Research Centre (JRC):** Leads on the Damage Needs Assessments through satellite imagery and remote sensing analysis, and providing the spatial layers on land-uses.

**Common Space Initiative (CSI):** Brings senior Syrian urban management expertise, as well as support, to conflict analysis.

**UNHCR Camp Coordination Camp Management IDP Situation Monitoring Initiative/Population Monitoring Initiative:** Various UNHCR initiatives in Syria act as complementary sources of information and profiling activities for the wider community to access.