



Syria

Returns Context Monitoring, COVID-19 Emergency Coordination, and Mine Action Coordination in Syria



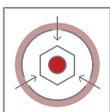
Services

Research and Analysis, Data Systems, Field Operations, GIS, Data Visualization, and Coordination

Objectives



Fill information gaps concerning the barriers to safe and secure returns for displaced Syrians.



Provide a dedicated coordination capacity to sustain the ongoing COVID-19 response in parts of Syria.



Provide and maintain a comprehensive picture on explosive hazard contamination along with progress of the intervention measures set in place.

Background



Current conditions that would make it possible to honor the European Union and humanitarian community's commitment to safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return for millions of displaced Syrians and refugees remain nonexistent.



Efforts to understand these conditions on the ground in communities of return and what returnees experience once they arrive remain limited. In contrast, the minimal ongoing efforts that could support and aid in providing this information remain disjointed and unorganized. iMMAP seeks to address this issue by 1) filling information gaps through nuanced community-based and thematic analysis of the key barriers to return; 2) capitalizing on the untapped complementarity of existing efforts; and 3) contextualizing analysis reports within the national, regional, and international environments.



On a different but equally worrying note, COVID-19 is worsening conditions throughout Syria. As of March 2022, over 55,000 cases and 3,000 deaths were recorded in parts of Syria alone. However, due to a lack of testing and low vaccination rates, the actual numbers are expected to be much higher. With the challenges in ensuring equitable access to any viable vaccine, resources to support the emergency response to COVID-19 in these areas of interest will remain critical throughout the year,

Project Duration:

June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022

Focus:

Syria

Donor:

European Union (ECHO)

Cumulative Budget:

EUR 950,000



As of March 2022, parts of Syria have registered over 55,000 COVID-19 cases.

(Source: WHO's Syria COVID-19 Dashboard)



There are 5.38 million Syrian internally displaced persons (IDPs) and around 5.7 million registered Syrian refugees.

(Sources: HNO 2022 and UNHCR)

including support to any eventual vaccine rollout. iMMAP will assist in overseeing the emergency response, monitoring the implementation of the Preparedness and Response Plan, maintaining a COVID-19 dashboard, and supporting epidemiological analysis on the spread of COVID-19 cases in the region.



Not only is the COVID-19 pandemic crippling Syria. Explosive ordnance scattered throughout the region have proven deadly, generating tens of incidents and leaving hundreds of victims on average per month. Its presence needs immediate mitigation to keep an unsettled Syria and its residents as safe and unharmed as possible. iMMAP seeks to address this issue by providing information management (IM) support for mine action partners and producing and disseminating reliable information on the level of explosive ordnance contamination along with ongoing activities and gaps to support mine action efforts.

Deliverable Descriptions



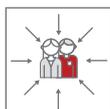
Area-Based Profiles

Nuanced, clear, and accessible area-specific profiling and analysis to understand the local environments and conditions for returnees and residents, including the identification and assessment of key barriers to return.



Thematic Reports

These reports address existing conditions that play a key role in the return landscape and are critical to understanding the return context but cannot be captured in area-specific profiling and analysis.



Risk Communication and Community Engagement Plans

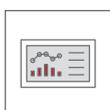
These plans will tackle emerging topics relevant to COVID-19 awareness such as vaccine hesitancy through trainings, public broadcasts or other methods to promote public health adherence among the community members in parts of Syria.



COVID-19 Situation Reports

The COVID-19 Situation Reports will be drafted by the Emergency Coordinator who will consolidate data and information from a myriad of sources including but not limited to the following:

- Epidemiological update, including an updated number of cases and deaths and lab results
- Surveillance data, which includes the number of callers with symptoms and number of referrals
- Stock inventories, such as PPE and lab equipment
- Assessment findings
- Shared meeting presentation and readout
- Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) surveys
- Public health directives and communications



COVID-19 Situation Dashboard

The aim of the dashboard is to visualize in a holistic manner the COVID-19 situation in the areas of interest, highlighting the number and location of cases, deaths, and demographic and severity information for implementing partners to use to plan and revise their COVID-19 response.

Key Deliverables



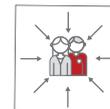
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COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Plans



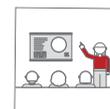
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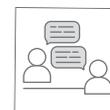
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COVID-19 Taskforce Meetings



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Mine Action Sub-Working Group (MASWG) and the Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Coordination Group (EORE WG) Meetings



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Quarterly Explosive Ordnance Contamination and Mine Action Activities Analysis Reports