

CCCM Sector Winter Vulnerability Analysis

Situation:

There are currently 1,474 IDP sites in Syria hosting 1.3 million displaced people.

During the winter season, the needs in IDP sites are increasing. Anticipated snowstorms, cold temperatures, strong winds, heavy rainfall, and floods have a severe humanitarian impact on people's lives and well-being.

The majority of IDPs live in self-settled and overcrowded sites with inadequate shelter conditions, poor infrastructure and lack of access to basic services. According to CCCM sector data, in the past winter:

- 106 sites flooded during winter and storms in 2024-2025.
- Quick rehabilitation of roads, communal facilities and drainage systems through CCCM sector team in camps as first responders, mitigated the risk of floods and damages, and maintained uninterrupted life-saving services to IDPs in the affected camps.



Flood Incident in Eudwan IDP Site 1 (Source: Muzun NGO)

Winter Vulnerability Analysis:

Ahead of the upcoming winter, the CCCM Sector has conducted a Winter Vulnerability Analysis.

IDP sites were categorized on a winter weather vulnerability scale, ranging from "none/minimal", "stress", "severe", "extreme", to "catastrophic". The scale is based on various parameters such as:

- The re-occurrence of winter-related incidents in the sites
- Site type
- Crowdedness of sites
- The status of infrastructure components such as drainage, sewer line availability, condition of pathways
- Ground insulation of tents
- According to the latest analysis:
- 6 sites hosting 5,424 individuals are in the "catastrophic" vulnerability level.
- 227 sites hosting 195,906 individuals are in the "extreme" vulnerability level.
- 476 sites hosting 386,524 individuals are in the "severe" vulnerability level.

Response:

According to the latest Funding Tracking Analysis, CCCM Sector partners have secured only 12% of the required budget to respond to the 2025–2026 winter needs in IDP sites. The Sector's response will prioritize two key areas:

- Reinforcing basic site infrastructure through Site improvement and maintanance activity.
- Enhancing fire preparedness and response capacity by establishing fire prevention and mitigation measures.

The CCCM Sector urgently appeals to donors for financial support to sustain these critical, winter-specific interventions.

Key Messages

- Without urgent investment in site maintenance, improvement, and winterization under the CCCM framework, 89% of IDP sites (1,474 sites) across Northwest, Northeast, and newly affected southern governorates including As-Swaida will remain highly vulnerable to flooding, fires, and disease outbreaks during the 2025–2026 winter season. This threatens tens of thousands of families with preventable loss of shelter, assets, and lives, further straining an already overstretched humanitarian response.
- There is a critical need for effective camp management activities to prevent incidents, improve site conditions, and ensure the safety and well-being of IDP residents.
- It is vital to secure warm and safe shelters for affected populations to prevent cold-related illnesses and deaths during the harsh winter months.
- In preparation for the winter season, the CCCM Sector has enhanced its incident reporting tools and dashboards, and invites partners, donors, and stakeholders to utilize these platforms to monitor incidents and response efforts in real time.
- Strengthening community engagement and participation in decision-making processes is essential. Encouraging affected populations to share feedback and express their needs will ensure a more inclusive, accountable, and effective humanitarian response.



Flood Incident in Ibn Sariaa IDP Site 2 (Source: Muzun NGO)

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