©UNICEF/2019. In Tal Tamer, UNICEF is supporting water trucking to collective shelters where families fleeing escalating violence in Northeast Syria are hosted.

Situation report # 6- 16 October 2019

Highlights

- The Polio immunization campaign in NES started as planned, with no major incidents. 64,960 children were vaccinated in Hassakeh governorate, 1748 children in Al Hol camp and 740 in Areesheh camp in the last two days.
- To facilitate the functioning of Allok station which supports more than 400,000 people in Hasakeh city and surrounding camps and communities, UNICEF has procured 16,000 litres of fuel to run the backup generators of the station. As support on deconfliction efforts continues to repair the power lines, this fuel will be used to ensure running of the pumping station securing water supply for the affected communities.

Humanitarian Situation

- As military from the Syrian Arab Army continues to move into NES, local sources reported that these units have been deployed to Ghabishah silos, close to the western entrance of Tal Tamer town, and a joint military reinforcement of GoSF and SDF are heading to the M4 highway passing through Tal Tamer town.
- Civilian movements are still being reported given the on-going situation along the border. As of 14 October, OCHA reports still stand at 160,000 displacements in the last 7 days while other sources cite higher figures.
- On 16 October, UNICEF partners reported that 200 households were displaced into Al Tabqa city while some 500 households were displaced and are being hosted in Mahmoudli camp.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

WASH

- Al Himme water pumping station continue pumping 24,000m3 per day to people in Hasakeh city covering about 30% of daily demand (80,000 m3/d). UNICEF partners have completed the BoQ for supplies and works needed to ensure the pumping station functions at full capacity, as remedial actions are discussed between UNICEF and INGO partner.
- To fill a critical gap resulting from the rapid departure of some INGOs in Tel Tamer, UNICEF continues to truck water to IDP shelters at a rate of 50 m3
- On 16 October, UNICEF partners initiated rehabilitation and maintenance work of sanitation blocks in 15 IDP shelters in Hassakeh City - the scope of work is for rehabilitation of 30 latrines, installation of 15 shower blocks and excavation 30 garbage pits intended to benefit 600 people.
- UNICEF partners continues to support water trucking to camps in NES with estimated quantities of 400 m3/day for Al Hol and 200 m3/day for Areesha. In addition, other services related to sanitation such as latrine cleaning, garbage collection and desludging of the sewerage network continue in both camps, reaching 75,500 people.
• On October 16th, a UNICEF Wash partner distributed 900 hygiene kits in Hasakeh and Ar Raqqa governorates covering the needs of close to 5,400 people.

Health and Nutrition
• The Integrated Young Child Feeding (IYCF) campaign is ongoing with both individual and group counselling, supported by C4D partners in collective centres in Hasakeh governorate. On 16 October, UNICEF partners reached 96 women with children under 5 years through 12 IYCF sessions.
• UNICEF partners with mobile teams provided 212 primary health care consultations for women and children in the collective centres in Hasakeh city. The top causes of morbidity among under 5s from consultations at the shelters are: Acute Respiratory Infections and diarrheal disease.
• On 16 October, UNICEF partners in Areesha and Al Hol Camps provided health and nutrition services to 625 women and children under 5 years.
• In Hasakeh City, mobile teams supported by UNICEF conducted MUAC screening for 107 children U5 and 40 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW).
• UNICEF supported partners have continued to distribute multiple items to 324 children and PLW in the shelters, including 12 cartons of High Energy Biscuits, 71 multiple micronutrient sachets and 6 cartons of plumpy doz.

Child Protection
• In Hassakeh city, one UNICEF partner is supporting three operational Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) with activities such as group psychosocial support. In the shelters, UNICEF supported mobile teams are conducting awareness campaigns, referral and follow up of children with special needs. On 16 October, 247 children benefited from various services form the mobile teams.
• Another Child protection partner continued its programming in Raqqa City, including Psychological First Aid, psychosocial support, case management and other support to unaccompanied children. Further, partner staff and volunteers have completed a refresher training on Psychological First Aid, psychosocial support and rapid Child Protection responses.

Supplies
• On 15 and 16 October, as part of the NES response, UNICEF moved some prepositioned supplies from its Qamishli warehouse to partners, to support the immediate response. Critical WASH, winter clothing, child protection and recreational supplies as well as educational supplies were released to partners in Hassakeh city to support up to 7200 children in need.
• UNICEF and partners continue to monitor access of key routes into NES so that additional supplies may be mobilized to expand the response.

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