On 11 October 2019 in the Syrian Arab Republic, a woman and children sit underneath a truck as people displaced from Ras Al-ain arrive in Tal Tamer, 75km southeast Ras of Al-ain, having fled escalating violence.

Humanitarian Situation

- Explosions and shelling in Qamishli city reportedly seem to have ceased for the moment, after numerous incidents reported in the past few days.
- Partner reports received on 14 October indicate that hostilities had moved closer to Tal Tamer where some 3,600 displaced families reportedly are hosted at both collective shelters and with host communities.
- The map below shows positions of SAA and TAF based on reports received as of 14 October.

Highlights

- Military operations continue in both Ras Al Ain, Tal Abyad and surrounding areas but no major incidents have been reported during the last 24 hours. The return of GoSF to North-East Syria signals a major shift in Syria’s eight-year long war.
- On 15 October UNICEF partners started water trucking 50 m$^3$ of water to IDP collective shelters in Tel Tamer to meet the gap created by the evacuation of cross border I-NGOs. This water will serve 2,500 IDPs in the area.
- On 15 October the Qamishli airport has been reopened and commercial flights have resumed their normal schedule.

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The UNICEF team in Aleppo contributed to interagency contingency planning in anticipation of any possible displacement from Membij and surrounding areas. A planning figure has been set at around 27,700 individuals, including some 11,700 children under 18.

Ain Issa Camp has directly been affected by the ongoing hostilities. Reports of hostilities and shelling in the vicinity of Ein Issa camp continue to be received. Part of the camp population reportedly fled, with local sources suggesting 50% still remaining. Camp administration and security apparatus personnel are also said to have left according to the same sources: the humanitarian situation in Ein Issa camp has not been assessed because of the security situation. Partners operating in the camp have fled and the safety and security of remaining families is of serious concern.

Following the relocation of 5,000 people (including 3,000 children) from Mabrouka camp on 12 October, there are unconfirmed reports that some five (05) families are still in the camp, as they were caught up in the hostilities and were unable to relocate. Mabrouka camp now falls under areas controlled by TAF.

Partners have reported that many schools are being used as collective shelters. As such, learning activities of children enrolled in these schools have been affected.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

There is widespread disruption to NGO activities in affected areas. INGOs have stressed that despite the pull out of international staff, they continue to operate, with national staff and national NGOs present and activities such as distribution and operation of health centres continuing. At UNICEF Damascus and Qamishli level, UNICEF as sector leads for Education, WASH, Nutrition and Child Protection (sub sector) are engaging with remaining partners in the field to assess needs and gaps.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

WASH

The situation of Alhok pumping station has been assessed: some damage has been observed in one wall of the pumping hall and in the administration offices, however, the two power lines that connect to the pumping station are still damaged. Repairs could not be conducted because of the ongoing intensive fighting in Ras Al Ain and Darbasiah. There are also some minor civil works to be done. UNICEF is coordinating with SARC and the local authorities to ensure that these are quickly completed. The only way to operate the pumping station is to use three diesel generators that had been positioned in the station as a backup for temporary faults. Starting tomorrow, UNICEF will support the Water Establishment and provide Alhok with 16,000 litres of diesel daily to ensure that pumps can function for 16 hours/day and provide the much-needed water to the affected communities. UNICEF will also provide batteries, fuel, spare parts and facilitation of the maintenance team, to make the pumping system operational.

On 15 October, UNICEF partners distributed 96 hygiene kits to IDPs in shelters.

UNICEF continued water trucking to Al Hol and Areesha Camps with estimated quantities of 400 m³/day and 200 m³/day respectively.

WASH services in Al-Hol and Areesha camps continue supporting 75,500 IDPs and refugees. Ongoing interventions include water trucking, latrines construction (Areesha camp), garbage collection and sewage dislodging.

Two WASH agreements were signed with cross border national partners to support 40,000 people in NES. Projects are expected to start on 16th October.

Health and Nutrition

On 15 October, UNICEF partners in Areesha and Al Hol Camps provided health and nutrition services to 399 women and children under 5 years.

In Hasakeh City, mobile teams supported by UNICEF conducted MUAC screening for 32 children under 5.

UNICEF partners running mobile teams provided 195 primary health care consultations for women and children in the collective centres in Hasakeh city.

UNICEF supported partners have continued to distribute nutritional supplies in the shelters, including 346 packs of High Energy Biscuits, 52 multiple micronutrient sachets and 301 plumpy doz.
**Child Protection**

- UNICEF partners in Raqqa continue to assist IDPs from Ain Al-Arab and Tal Abyad by providing first aid, mine risk education and health and hygiene awareness messages. On 15 October, 99 boys and 102 girls were reached.
- As displacement into Raqqa continues, mobile teams in coordination with Raqqa Civil Council are supporting IDPs by making referral to services already offered in the City and initiating case management where needed.
- Child protection actors have also been engaging on the interim care arrangements of the unaccompanied children relocated from Ain Eissa camp to Raqqa.
- Two fixed Child Friendly Spaces in Raqqa are providing Psycho Social Support to IDPs in the town and have been attended so far by 442 boys and 414 girls.

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