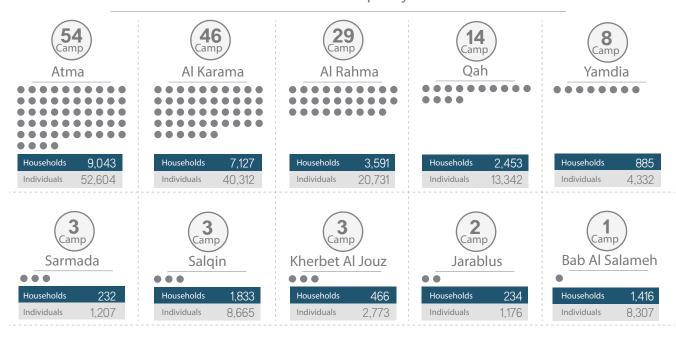


IDPs in Northern Syria camps suffer from bad living conditions especially with the advent of winter season, as well as, their increasing numbers make the provided aid by humanitarian organizations insufficient and does not cover all IDP needs.

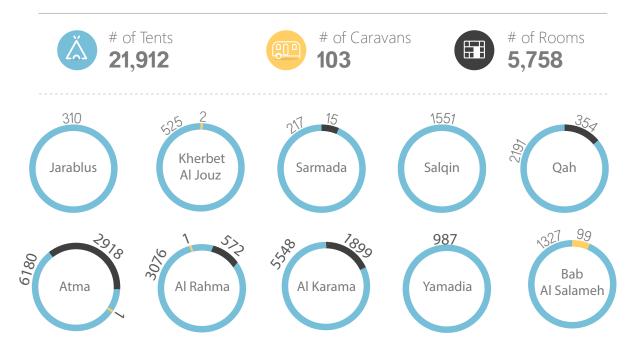
Information Management Unit of the Assistance Coordination Unit has prepared a study on the most important IDP needs for winter season in 163 camps within 10 different clusters in Northern Syria. This study aims to strengthen the decision-making capacity of aid actors responding to IDPs crisis and provide humanitarian aid that meets all the needs.

# Number of Camps By Cluster



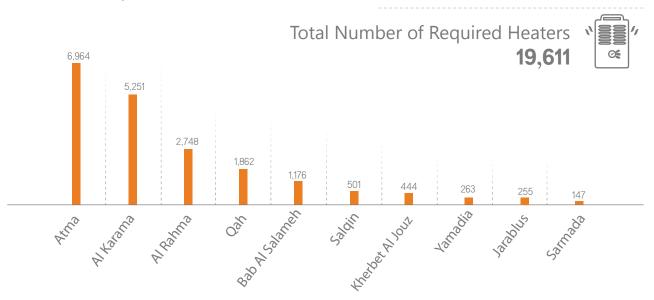
### Number of Living Places (Tents, Built Rooms and Caravans) in Clusters

The figure below shows the number of living places within each cluster. Of course, number of tents is more than built rooms and caravans, where Bab-Al Salameh Cluster is the only cluster that contains 99 caravans. Regarding built rooms, it exists in Qah, Sarmada, Al Karama, Al Rahma and Atma clusters.



# Number of Required Heaters in each Cluster

Heaters are the only heating method in camps, so it is highly important to know the IDPs exact need of them. As the following figure shows, there is a big lack in number of heaters in tents. Whereas, the need for heaters has appeared through the study of need priorities in camps where the heaters came in the second place.



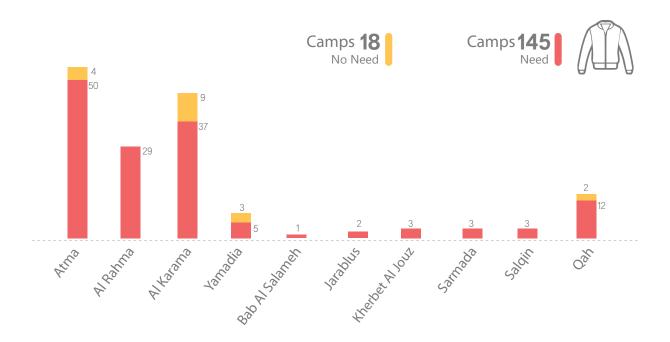
### Kind of Fuel Used in each Cluster During Last Winter (Diesel - Coal Oil - Firewood)

The kind of consumed fuel is related to the type of heaters used in camps, therefore, the current study covered the type of consumed fuel in camps during last winter in order to provide them with the appropriate fuel that matches used heaters. The study shows that 108 out of 163 camps use coal oil, 38 camps use diesel and only 17 camps use firewood for heating.



### **Need for Winter Clothes**

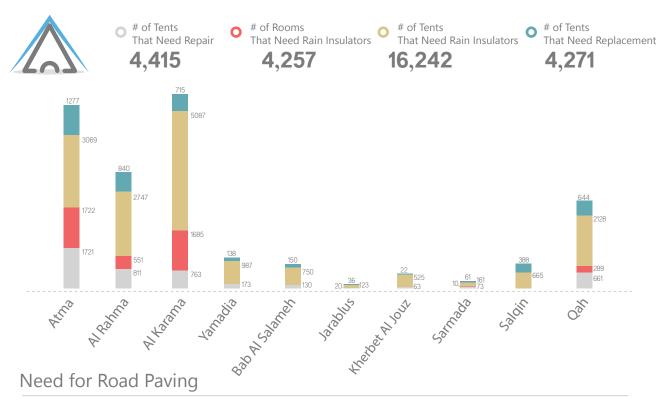
Winter clothes are considered one of the basic needs for IDPs in camps during winter, and this was obvious from the study results. Whereas, 145 camps out of 163 need warm clothes for winter. Distribution of camps in need for winter clothes is showed in the following figure.



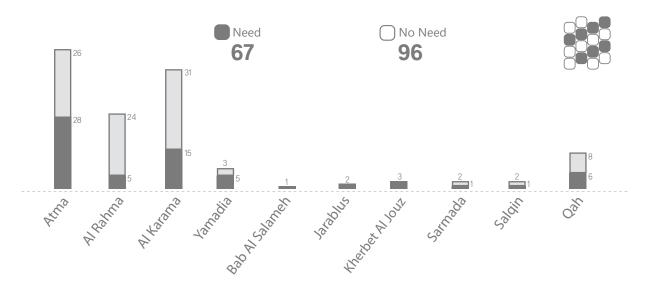
### Need for Tent Rain Insulators

Tent rain insulators are considered as a main winter priority in camps. Tent rain insulator is a plastic cover that is installed above the tent or the room to prevent rainwater leak. The results of the study show that 74% of tents and 73% of built rooms in all clusters need rain insulators. Regarding the tents that need replacement and repair, it forms 20% of the total tent number.



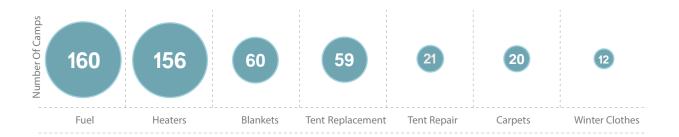


According to IDP Camp Monitoring Report v. 25 issued by ACU, roads were paved with rubble in some camps by several humanitarian organizations. However, the need for paved roads still exists in 41% of camps, which is illustrated in the following figure.



## Most Important Needs for Winter Season

The need of fuel and heaters tops the priorities in almost all camps to prepare for winter season, followed by blankets and tent replacement in the same rate, and then the need for tent repair, carpets and winter clothes came.



## Most Important Obstacles the Camps Faced Recently

This study focused on the most important obstacles that IDPs have faced during last winter in order to overcome them and find the possible solutions. We can notice from the following figure that most of the camps suffer from lack of fuel and therefore IDPs' deprivation of the only way of heating. The second obstacle that IDPs encountered is aid insufficiency or unavailability in camps. The rest of problems are shown in the figure below.

