



**IMU**  
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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022- 2023

THE PRODUCTS OF THE INFORMATION MAN-  
AGEMENT UNIT (IMU)









## ASSISTANCE COORDINATION UNIT (ACU)

Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) is a local Syrian non-government, non-political, non-profit institution established in 2012. ACU focuses on maximizing the impact of assistance delivered to the Syrian people by coordinating the efforts of donors, implementing agencies, and community representatives. ACU has many local and international partners with more than 2,200 memorandums of understanding that have been signed.

ACU aims to strengthen the decision-making capacity of the actors responding to the Syrian crisis by collecting, analyzing, and sharing information on the humanitarian situation in Syria. To this end, ACU's Information Management Unit (IMU) established a network of enumerators recruited depending on specific criteria such as education level, association with information sources, and the ability to work and communicate under various conditions. IMU collects data that other active international actors find difficult to reach and publishes different types of information products such as Assessments, Thematic Reports, Maps, Flash Reports, Dynamic Monitoring (DYNAMO), and Interactive Studies.



## Mission

We work for a decent life for all Syrians by managing and coordinating information and support.

## Vision

To be a leading institution for planning and supporting decision-making for humanitarian aid, early recovery, and sustainable development of Syria.

## Values



Transparency



Independence



Professionalism



Humanity



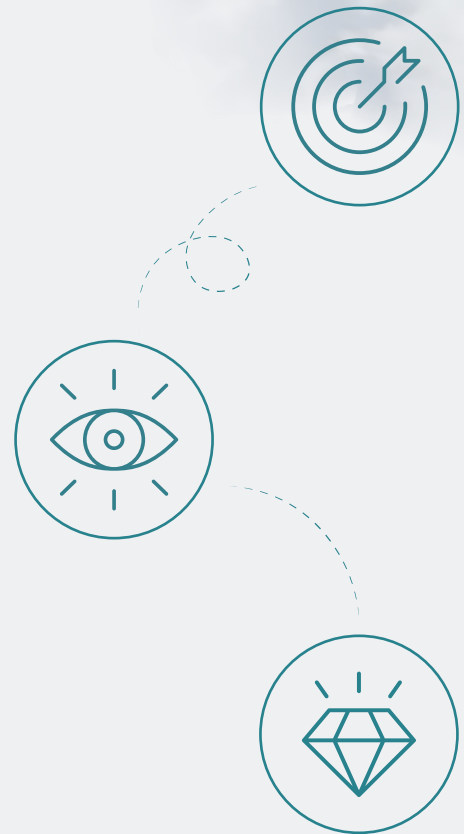
Impartiality



Accountability



Partnership





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## THE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UNIT (IMU)

The IMU is a key department within ACU. It is the central source of information for many stakeholders like donors, UN agencies, and international and local organizations concerned with and operating within Syria. Since its establishment in 2012, the IMU has produced reports in a responsive, innovative, and effective way to shed light on the humanitarian situation in the war-affected areas inside Syria. The IMU issues various information products updated periodically depending on the data collected by a network of qualified enumerators spread across Syria. IMU publishes its products in two languages, mainly Arabic and English, and as per need, in Turkish.

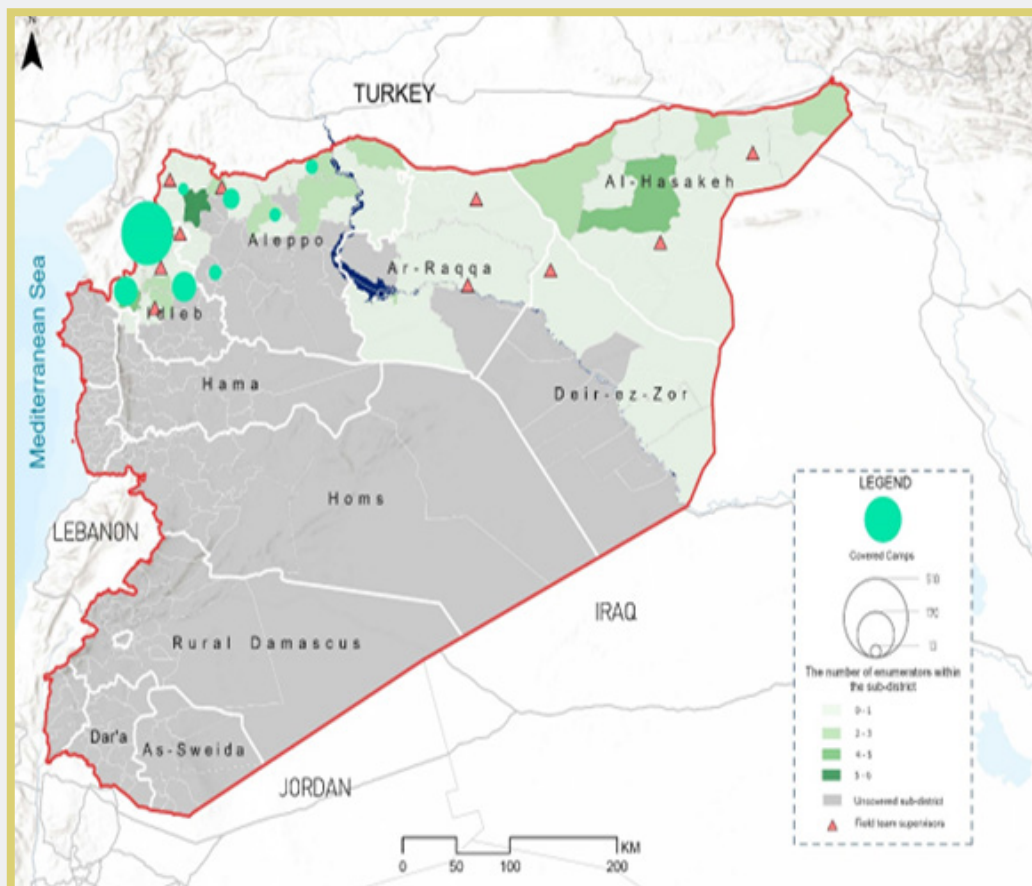


## Values

Our overriding core values are humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence. We also value 'do no harm' principles, conflict and gender sensitivity, personal integrity, creativity, credibility, feedback, and constant improvement in all that we do as we seek to be the employer of choice.

## IMU Coverage

The IMU field network of enumerators consists of 105 enumerators covering 76 sub-districts. Thirty-four out of them are camp enumerators who cover the camps of Aleppo and Idlib governorates. IMU coverage includes all areas in Syria. IMU field enumerators are ACU full-time staff. They have substantial experience in data collection, and their main task is to collect primary data in all sectors. The Field enumerators are trained before each data collection, as shown on the map.



## THEMATIC REPORTS

These reports assess the situation of a specific sector, such as Education, FSL, Health, etc., in terms of needs, priorities, and recommendations in areas outside the Syrian regime's control.

### Schools in Syria for the Academic Year 2022-2023

The IMU issued the 8th edition of its annual report entitled "Schools in Syria Report" in April 2023. The report sheds light on the education sector's status in areas outside the Syrian regime's control, highlighting the growing needs and priorities of schools and students impacted by the ongoing war. The data collection process involved collaboration with 21 humanitarian organizations from the education cluster, including Hurras Network, ATAA Humanitarian Relief, Violet Organization, ONSUR International Association for Relief and Development, IHSAN Relief & Development, MIDAD, SHAFAK, Takaful Al Sham, BONYAN Organization, Sadad Humanitarian Organization, Kids Paradise, Y-alp You Are Life and Peace Organization, Syria Relief, Nasaem Khair, OSRA Orphan Sponsorship & Relief Association, Mercy Without Limits, HiHFAD, People In Need, Ghiras Alnahda, Islamic Relief, and MHD.

This edition of the report covers 4,066 schools in 71 sub-districts across six governorates. A total of 24,156 surveys were collected, with 20,090 conducted with students, parents, teachers, and school principals. The report provides detailed information on operational school buildings, water, sanitation and hygiene, school supplies, schooling stages, school days, curricula, certificates, students' and teachers' needs, psychological support, students with disabilities, policies and procedures governing the educational process, non-operational schools, methods and measures to prevent Cholera, as well as priorities and recommendations. The report was issued in Arabic and English.



English



Arabic





## Schools in Northern Syria Camps for the Academic Year 2022-2023

The IMU of ACU issued the 6th edition of the report focused on the situation of the schools in northern Syria camps published on an annual basis. The report aims to obtain comprehensive information on the reality of education and the changes, developments, and challenges facing the educational process that arise due to the ongoing war. Data for this report were collected through interviews with various key informants and perception surveys with students, parents, teachers, and school principals to reflect the educational situation from different perspectives.

The IMU enumerators visited 1,459 camps in Idleb and Aleppo governorates in northwest Syria for this study. The study found that only 189 camps have schools, with the number of schools there reaching 208 schools, most of which suffer from a shortage of supplies and school equipment. However, it was found that 1,270 camps don't have schools. The report was released in April 2023 in Arabic and English.



English



Arabic

## Winterization Needs in NWS Camps

The seventh edition of the report provides insights into the situation of displacement camps in Northwest Syria, focusing on the number of IDPs and their age groups, the types of shelters they are residing in, their critical needs for the upcoming winter, and the top priority requirements. The report also highlights the presence of civil defense centers within the camps.

In addition, the study puts forth recommendations for humanitarian actors, outlining the most urgent and life-saving responses to be provided based on the study's findings.

For this edition, the report covers 935 camps across 24 sub-districts in Aleppo and Idleb governorates, offering a comprehensive understanding of the conditions and challenges faced by IDPs in these regions. The report was released in October 2022 in Arabic and English.



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Arabic



## Entrepreneurship

The report carefully monitors unique businesses that originated from innovative ideas, aiming to address the challenges posed by the lack of income and energy sources, the closure of internal and border crossings, and the economic collapse resulting from the ongoing war. These entrepreneurial ventures have successfully transformed into income-generating projects, providing job opportunities for numerous individuals and offering solutions to the hardships faced by the population due to the difficult conditions imposed by the ongoing conflict.

The report extensively covers various aspects of these private businesses, including information on their establishment, the infrastructure supporting entrepreneurial endeavors, entrepreneurial education, and the community's awareness of entrepreneurial businesses and entrepreneurial incubators.

Conducting the study in all opposition-controlled areas in NW Syria, specifically within Aleppo and Idleb governorates, involved 17 sub-districts in Idleb governorate and 18 sub-districts in Aleppo governorate. ACU conducted interviews with 211 entrepreneurs and business owners, with 11% of them being females. Additionally, 659 workers from various professions were interviewed, with 19% of them being females. The report was released in March 2023 in Arabic and English.



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## Political Consciousness

The political system in Syria appears to be a democratic system on paper. Still, in reality, Syria has been ruled with a secure grip, and the Assad family has monopolized power for over 50 years. Political activities were strictly limited to the ruling Ba'ath Party and its affiliated groups. Following the outbreak of the Syrian revolution in 2011, priority was not given to supporting political awareness.

The report highlights aspects related to society that contribute to raising political awareness among its members, including following local and international news, developing political awareness, and overcoming obstacles that hinder its development into an active practice within the reality of the Syrian revolution, manifested in effective civil institutions with impact, and political participation of women.

The study was conducted in all areas outside the control of the regime in northwestern Syria, covering the governorates of Idleb, Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Al-Hasakeh, and Deir ez-Zor. It involved 803 respondents, including 346 female participants. The report was released in January 2023 in Arabic and English.



English



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## Field Development Reports (Weekly Reports)

These reports offer a comprehensive overview of the situation on the ground, encompassing incident reports occurring within camps and communities, changes in controlling forces, ongoing conflicts, violations, casualties, and breach locations of the ceasefire. The information is presented in an infographic format, combining narratives, charts, and maps to convey security-related details effectively.

To further enrich the reporting experience, efforts are underway to develop an interactive report. This interactive format aims to provide cumulative updates in a more engaging and compelling manner, enhancing the accessibility and understanding of the security-related information presented. These reports are released on a weekly basis in Arabic and English.



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## ONLINE INTERACTIVE STUDIES

### The Market Price Index (MPI) in Syria

The Market Price Index (MPI) is an online PowerBI interactive monthly study issued by the IMU. This study serves as a crucial tool for monitoring the availability and price fluctuations of essential market items in areas outside the regime's control in Syria over a 12-month period, presented in both USD and Syrian Pounds. Data for this study is collected from 69 subdistricts, providing comprehensive coverage.

The MPI tracks more than 50 critical commodities, including basic food items, fuel, construction materials, solar systems, house rentals, water, and electricity, among others, in the key markets of NS (non-regime controlled areas). This study has been consistently issued since January 2017 and is publicly accessible on the ACU website. Additionally, it is periodically shared with relevant stakeholders involved in humanitarian efforts. The MPI report plays a vital role in enabling informed decision-making and facilitating efficient resource allocation in humanitarian endeavors. By closely monitoring market dynamics, it empowers humanitarian organizations to respond effectively to the evolving needs of the population in these areas. The study is released in Arabic and English.



English



Arabic

### IDP CAMPS Monitoring DASHBOARD

This is an online PowerBI interactive study produced monthly by the IMU to monitor the humanitarian situation in camps in Idlib and Aleppo governorates. The most recent edition of this study encompasses information from 650 camps. Its primary focus is to shed light on the needs of IDPs and the range of services provided within the camps. Various sectors, including demographics, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), health, education, FSL, shelter, nutrition, and NFI, are covered in-depth, along with a detailed analysis of the priority needs of IDPs. Moreover, the study incorporates essential statistics on the influx and outflow of individuals within the camps, as well as notable incidents that occurred during the data collection period. This IDP Camps Monitoring Dashboard has been continuously produced since January 2016 and is publicly accessible on the ACU website. Additionally, it is periodically shared with relevant parties involved in humanitarian efforts. The study serves as a critical tool, providing valuable insights to inform and guide humanitarian response strategies. It plays a significant role in promoting coordination among stakeholders, ensuring that assistance is efficiently delivered to those in dire need. The study is produced in Arabic and English.



English



Arabic

## Population Movement in Northern Syria

This study provides regular monthly updates on the population of numerous cities, towns, and over 744 camps situated outside the control of the regime in Syria. The IMU enumerators diligently monitor the population in these communities and camps, as well as the influx of new IDPs arriving and the returnees departing from these locations. The study encompasses various vital aspects, including the total population size and gender ratio, the count of both longstanding and recently displaced IDPs, along with details about their types of shelters. Additionally, it documents the number of individuals who have left these communities and the reasons for their departure. Furthermore, the study highlights the statistics on returnees from the previous month and their most pressing needs.

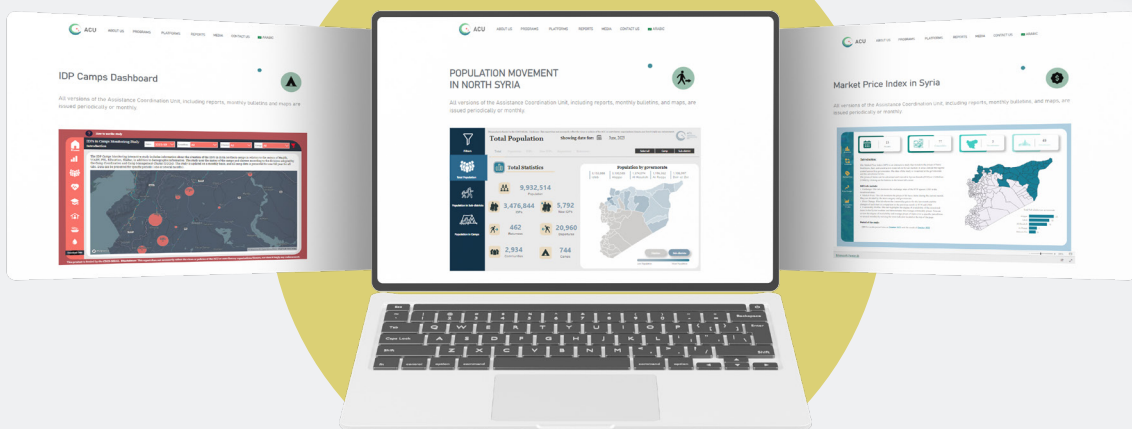
Moreover, the study offers valuable insights into the availability and evaluation of basic services in these areas. It identifies key decision-makers and primary service providers who play pivotal roles in delivering essential assistance to the affected population. The study can be accessed by referring to the following links, Arabic and English.



English



Arabic



## ONLINE INTERACTIVE MAPS

### Schools in Syria 8th Edition Interactive Map for the Academic Year 2022-2023

The IMU designed this interactive map as an annex to the 8th edition of the Schools in Syria Report. While the narrative report presents information at the district level, the interactive map displays information at the community level through several interactive maps that cover general information, teachers and students, school priorities, and recommendations.

The study for the eighth edition of the report included 4,066 schools located in 71 sub-districts. Among these schools, 3,737 were operational, and 329 were non-operational. The 8th edition of the map was released in Arabic and English.



English



Arabic

### Schools in Syria Camps 6th Edition Interactive Map for the Academic Year 2022-2023

This interactive map is annexed with the schools in camps report. It shows information at the school and camp levels and pictures of the assessed schools within the camps, which show the need for these schools for support and restoration. The map is produced in both Arabic and English.



English



Arabic

## Video Reports

### Schools in Syria

The video summarizes the 6th edition of "Schools in Syria Report." The video presents the report's most important findings and recommendations in four minutes. The video was produced in June 2023 in English with Arabic subtitles.



### Schools in Camps

The video presents a brief of the findings related to all themes of the 6th edition of the "Schools in Camps" report and the study's recommendations. The video was released in June 2023 in English with Arabic subtitles.





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