

SITUATION UPDATE



An International Medical Corps nurse measures a patient's blood pressure before an internal medicine specialist examines them.

Though a ceasefire in As-Sweida is generally holding, sporadic clashes between Druze groups, Bedouin tribes and government forces continue. There is an ongoing risk of escalatory security events that may lead to a resumption of larger-scale hostilities.

More than 192,000 people have been displaced, with the majority of displacement within the As-Sweida governorate. On July 31, an aid convoy consisting of 40 trucks entered As-Sweida with humanitarian assistance, including medical supplies, insulin, bakery materials, diesel fuel, food and health baskets, feminine hygiene products, shelter kits, nutritional supplements and equipment for the Ministry of Energy to support electricity network repairs. Access still remains constrained for NGOs, and humanitarian support is being provided through coordination with national and local partners.

Local authorities have identified health needs as a top priority, with increasing numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) straining an already fragile health system. High levels of psychological distress have been reported among IDPs, particularly children and caregivers. There is a continued rise in protection risks for women and children unable to access safe spaces as a result of movement restrictions, lack of fuel and a lack of legal documentation. Many IDPs are lacking basic water supplies in shelters, due to the increased pressure on water systems and because power outages have disrupted water stations.

International Medical Corps Response

In response to the increase of IDPs, International Medical Corps has deployed three mobile medical teams (MMTs), and an additional team from a static facility in Dara'a governorate to support IDPs in the temporary shelters. We also will be deploying an additional MMT to provide services in As-Sweida governorate.

Staff in the MMTs are delivering essential primary healthcare services, including internal medicine, pediatrics and gynecology, as well as basic laboratory testing, screening for diseases, and critical medicines and supplies. We will refer those requiring specialized care to hospitals or specialized clinics. We also will provide mental health and psychosocial

FAST FACTS

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OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps has operated in Syria since 2008, providing healthcare, nutrition, mental health, child protection, prevention and treatment of violence against women and girls, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services across 12 governorates with a team of 745 staff.
- Last year, International Medical Corps reached more than 1.6 million people with healthcare services, conducted nutritional screenings for 236,439, provided WASH services to 119,528 and provided mental health support for 43,861.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps has deployed three mobile medical teams and a team from a static facility to provide primary health services to temporary shelters in Dara'a governorate and have so far provided about 1,300 consultations
- In coordination with the Directorate of Health and Ministry of Health, International Medical Corps has distributed 2,600 hygiene kits and 1,170 dignity kits to address urgent WASH and protection needs.

support (MHPSS) through case management and psychological first aid. Through these MMTs, International Medical Corps has so far delivered 1,298 health consultations and 24 one-time consultations by case managers.

International Medical Corps is coordinating with the Directorate of Health (DoH) in Dara'a governorate and the national Ministry of Health (MoH) to strengthen the healthcare system in Dara'a and As-Sweida by providing medications, medical equipment and trauma supplies. We will also supply consumables to blood banks (blood bags, refrigerators, testing kits and general supplies), as this was highlighted by the DoH and MoH as a critical area of need.

To reduce the risk of waterborne diseases and promote hygiene efforts, we have provided 197 health education and awareness sessions and distributed 2,600 hygiene kits to communities in Dara'a governorate. We have also provided 63 participants with awareness-raising sessions on topics covering mental health, child protection, and violence against women and girls (VAWG), to support the rise in mental health issues. And we have distributed 1,170 dignity kits to women and girls to reduce protection and hygiene risks, particularly for those living in displacement settings.

The current phase of our response focuses on immediate lifesaving interventions, including pre-positioning emergency health and trauma supplies; supporting overstretched hospitals with pharmaceuticals, equipment, infection control materials and surge staffing; and deploying MMTs to strategic reception and referral areas. Through coordination with the DoH in Dara'a governorate and the MoH, we will expand our response to ensure continued health system strengthening, and include critical MHPSS and protection activities to ensure that we address the most critical needs.



An International Medical Corps Health Educator conducts a group health education session for IDPs.

International Medical Corps in Syria

International Medical Corps has been a key provider of humanitarian assistance in Syria since 2008, delivering essential services across 12 of the country's 14 governorates, including Aleppo, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Dara'a, Deir ez-Zor, Hama, Hassakeh, Homs, Idleb, Latakia, Raqqa and Tartous. Our comprehensive programs cover healthcare, nutrition, MHPSS, child protection, prevention and treatment of VAWG, and WASH.

Our 745 staff members support 1,404 healthcare workers who provide care at a range of facilities, including 14 hospitals, 21 primary healthcare centers, 23 mobile medical units and five specialized healthcare facilities. These resources are strategically distributed to ensure access in underserved areas. Through close collaboration with the MoH and local departments of health, International Medical Corps strengthens Syria's healthcare system by improving the functionality of public health facilities. In 2024, we provided healthcare services to more than 1.6 million people, including nutritional screenings for 236,439 people, WASH assistance for 119,528 and MHPSS services for 43,861.