



International Medical Corps staff members deliver hygiene and dignity kits to Khurbet Ghazaleh in Dar'a governorate.

Despite a ceasefire in Syria, the security situation remains fragile, with regular reports of armed clashes taking place in the city of As-Sweida and rural areas. There is a risk of escalation tied to the ongoing security and local political dynamics. Humanitarian access has continued through established routes.

Two months into the escalation of conflict, more than 160,00 people continue to be displaced across southern Syria—primarily within As-Sweida (113,852), Dar'a (36,878) and Rural Damascus (9,936). The displacement has overwhelmed basic services and deepened humanitarian needs.

Health services are severely overstretched, with urgent needs for mobile medical teams, essential medicines, and maternal and child care. Deteriorating water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) conditions in overcrowded shelters are leaving families at high risk of communicable and waterborne diseases. Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) needs are also rising sharply, particularly among women and children affected by displacement and violence, highlighting the need for safe spaces, psychological first aid and mobile support teams. Protection risks continue to escalate, with women and girls facing increased risks of violence. Host community tensions, eviction threats and explosive-ordnance contamination limit safe movement. Stabilizing access to services and ensuring safe shelter, healthcare and protection support remain top priorities.

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps continues to respond to the situation in southern Syria, coordinating with the Directorate of Health (DoH) in As-Sweida and Dara'a, and the national Ministry of Health (MoH). We are providing essential MHPSS and health services—including internal medicine, pediatrics and gynecology, as well as basic laboratory testing, screening for diseases, and critical medicines and supplies—through three dedicated mobile medical teams (MMTs) strategically located in Dara'a governorate. Our teams also are continuing to provide education and awareness sessions.

FAST FACTS

- More than 160,000 people remain displaced across southern Syria, with the largest numbers in As-Sweida, followed by Dar'a and Rural Damascus.
- Health services are overstretched, with sanitation conditions deteriorating in overcrowded shelters, exacerbating the risk of communicable and waterborne diseases.
- Mental health needs are continuing to escalate, particularly among women and children, with women and girls also facing increased risks of violence.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps has operated in Syria since 2008, providing healthcare, nutrition, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), 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 MHPSS services for 43,861.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps has so far provided 1,892 health consultations, including 732 by internists, 385 by gynecologists and 775 by pediatricians, benefiting 1,788 people.
- International Medical Corps has provided protection and MHPSS services for 105 people.
- International Medical Corps distributed 2,605 hygiene kits and 1,170 dignity kits to collective shelters, informal settlements and host communities affected by displacement from As-Sweida.

Our static facility in Busra Al Sham, Dara'a governorate, is fundamental to our response—here, patients receive referrals for specialized care not available from the MMTs. Since July 19, we have provided 1,892 health consultations, including 732 by internists, 385 by gynecologists and 775 by pediatricians, benefiting 1,788 people. We have also provided 105 people with protection and MHPSS services, including 49 mental health awareness sessions, 18 awareness sessions around the risks of violence and the need for protection, and 38 mental health case management sessions.

We have procured medications, medical equipment and trauma care-related supplies, which we are distributing throughout the month to the national hospital in As-Sweida, and are providing consumables, blood bags, refrigerators, testing kits and general supplies to blood banks in both As-Sweida and Dar'a. We have identified these items in close coordination with the DoH and the health facility, ensuring that essential items are readily available. International Medical Corps will also be distributing medical commodities to an additional two hospitals and three primary healthcare centers (PHCCs) in As-Sweida to ensure continued health-system strengthening.

In response to the urgent need for MMTs, we are expanding our response, in coordination with the MoH, with four additional MMTs—two located in Dara'a governorate, supporting people along the As-Sweida–Dara'a border, and two located in As-Sweida governorate. These MMTs are crucial to increasing capacity and relieving increased pressure on health services.

In response to the increased risks of communicable and water-borne diseases, and to promote hygiene efforts, International Medical Corps has distributed 2,605 hygiene kits containing essential items that will support a family of five, including hand sanitizers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap bars, shampoos and washing powder. We have also provided dignity kits to women, comprising undergarments and socks, feminine hygiene products, a towel and a rechargeable flashlight.

We continue to expand our services to meet the developing needs of communities in As-Sweida and Dara'a, working closely with the MoH, DoH, sector working groups, and other actors and partners supporting the response.

International Medical Corps in Syria

International Medical Corps has been a key provider of humanitarian assistance in Syria since 2008. We deliver integrated programs providing healthcare, nutrition, MHPSS, child protection, prevention and treatment of VAWG, and WASH services across 12 of the country's 14 governorates, including Aleppo, Damascus, Dara'a, Deir ez-Zor, Hama, Hassakeh, Homs, Idleb, Lattakia, Raqqqa, Rural Damascus and Tartous.

Through collaboration with the MoH and DoH, International Medical Corps has helped strengthen Syria's healthcare system by improving the functionality of public health facilities, including 14 hospitals, 21 PHCCs, 23 MMTs and five specialized healthcare facilities. Our 745 staff members support more than 1,400 healthcare workers providing care at these 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.