

SITUATION UPDATE



An International Medical Corps internist, supported by a health educator and data administrator, examines a patient.

The security situation in southern Syria remains fragile and armed clashes among a range of actors continue to be reported within the governorate. The lack of substantive political and security progress threatens to undermine the ceasefire, and a risk remains of escalatory security incidents. Humanitarian access is open, although occasional restrictions and disruptions persist.

The hostilities in As-Sweida remain a major driver of humanitarian needs, with displacement exceeding 187,000 people—a level that has shown little change despite a decline in fighting. Communities continue to face severe service disruptions, including health supply shortages, intermittent constraints in access and deteriorating electricity and telecommunications service. Localized clashes, movement restrictions and sporadic security incidents, including explosive ordnance-related casualties, continue to heighten protection risks.

Shortages of bread, a rising risk of disease and the approaching winter further compound the situation. Efforts to restore essential services are ongoing, but extensive infrastructure damage and funding gaps continue to impede sustainable returns.

International Medical Corps Response

When conflict escalated in As-Sweida, International Medical Corps responded immediately by establishing mobile medical teams (MMTs) to provide primary healthcare services in Daraa governorate, which borders As-Sweida governorate, and by donating hygiene and dignity kits to displaced populations. As the situation has developed and needs have continued to escalate, we have expanded our response, delivering essential health and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services (including internal medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, basic laboratory testing and disease screening), as well as providing critical medicines and supplies, through four dedicated MMTs.

International Medical Corps was the first medical actor to provide direct lifesaving health services inside As-Sweida governorate while also reaching communities in Daraa governorate along the As-Sweida border. There are currently two MMTs operating in As-Sweida and two in Daraa that are crucial in expanding service capacity and easing pressure on

FAST FACTS

- Displacement in southern Syria exceeds 187,000 people and is showing little change, despite a decline in active fighting.
- With winter approaching, communities continue to face heightened needs, including bread shortages, limited heating resources and rising seasonal health risks.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps has operated in Syria since 2008, providing healthcare, nutrition, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), child protection, services related to 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

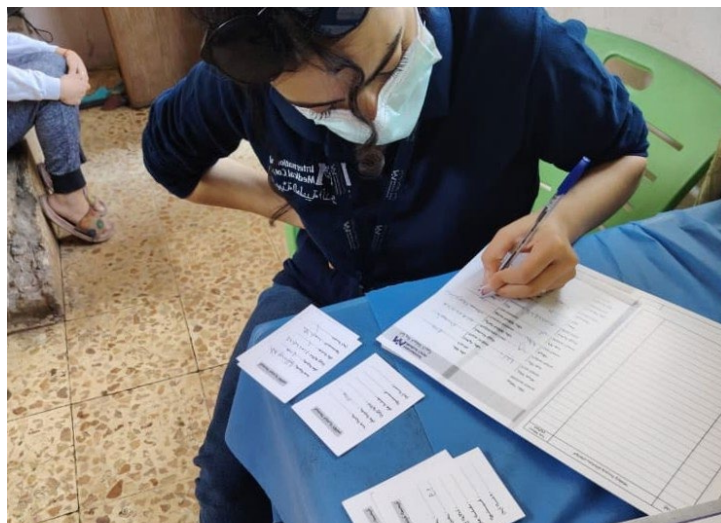
- International Medical Corps' mobile medical teams have now reached more than 50 locations across As-Sweida.
- International Medical Corps has so far provided 11,445 health consultations, including 3,173 by internists, 2,896 by gynecologists and 5,376 by pediatricians, benefiting 9,622 people.

already-overstretched health facilities. We also support a static facility in Busra Al Sham, Daraa governorate, that plays a fundamental role by receiving patients referred for specialized care that cannot be provided by the MMTs.

Since July 19, International Medical Corps has provided 11,445 health consultations across more than 65 locations in southern Syria, with more than 50 in As-Sweida and more than 15 in Daraa, and our operations continue to expand. This includes 5,376 pediatric, 3,173 internal medicine and 2,896 gynecology consultations, providing services to 9,622 patients. We also continue to provide free medications and MHPSS services.

International Medical Corps works with the Department of Health (DoH), health facilities and blood banks in Daraa and As-Sweida to ensure that priority needs are addressed. Responding to increased demand for services in Daraa, we provided 355,127 medical supplies and medications. To further support health services in As-Sweida at the primary-care level, International Medical Corps has supported three primary healthcare centers (PHCCs) by providing more than 450,000 medical and non medical

items, including laboratory equipment, lab consumables, medical devices, furniture and IT equipment. To increase capacity and strengthen secondary healthcare services, we have donated more than 1 million medical consumables (including surgical sutures, catheters and IV cannulas), 61 pieces of equipment (including defibrillators, portable ECG machines, mobile X-rays and ventilators) and 136,250 essential medications to national hospitals in Salkhad and As-Sweida. To further reinforce blood-safety services in both Daraa and As-Sweida, International Medical Corps also delivered blood bags, refrigerators, testing kits and other essential supplies to blood banks, working closely with the DoH and health facilities to ensure that essential items are readily available. These donations have been critical in ensuring that lifesaving and life-sustaining health services remain responsive to the urgent and evolving needs of the population.



An International Medical Corps health data registrar helps to register patients in As-Sweida.

International Medical Corps in Syria

International Medical Corps has been a key provider of humanitarian assistance in Syria since 2008. We deliver integrated programs that provide healthcare, nutrition, MHPSS, child protection, services related to violence against women and girls, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services across 12 of the country's 14 governorates, including Aleppo, Damascus, Daraa, Deir ez-Zor, Hama, Hassakeh, Homs, Idleb, Latakia, Raqq, Rural Damascus and Tartous.

Through collaboration with the national Ministry of Health and governorate-level directorates of health, 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.