

Health sector operational update N4, situation in Deir-ez-Zoir, 8 September 2023

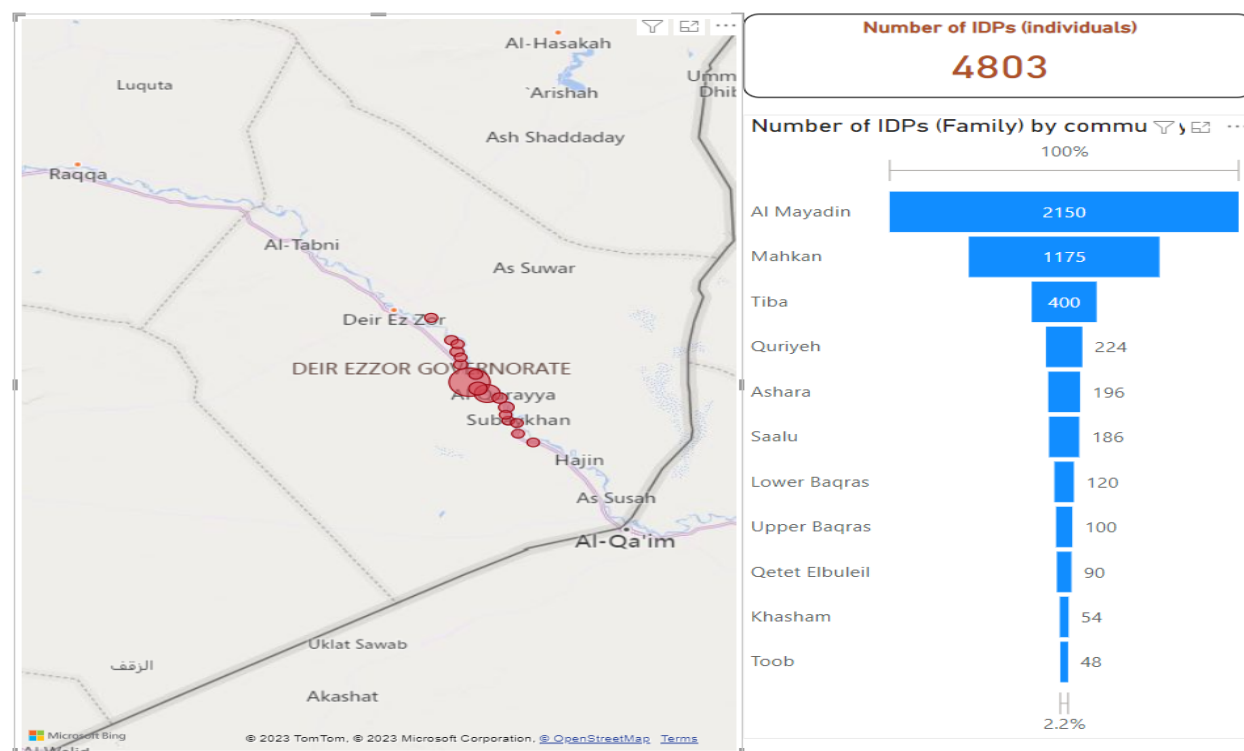
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General situation:

- By 8th of September, the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) announced full control over the entire eastern rural east of the Euphrates river and issued an official statement declaring ending of major military operations. The statement also reported that 63 people died during these operations.

Operational health sector partners report that the majority of displaced individuals are willing to return to their homes once stability is restored to the area. To note, this willingness to return underscores the importance of not only addressing immediate humanitarian needs but also facilitating the conditions necessary for the safe and sustainable return of these displaced populations to their communities. Planning for this transition and ensuring the availability of essential services upon their return will be crucial for long-term recovery efforts in Deir-ez-Zoir. Cooperation and coordination among humanitarian organizations, local authorities, and community leaders will be essential in achieving a successful reintegration process for the displaced population backed up with sufficient resource mobilization and allocation of funds.



- OCHA Syria released Deir-ez-Zor Flash Update No. 2, as of 6 September. [Syria: North-East Syria Flash Update 2: Hostilities in Deir-ez-Zor \(as of 06 September 2023\) - Syrian Arab Republic | ReliefWeb](#)

Key advocacy asks to parties to the conflict:

- Free and unimpeded movement and evacuation of injured patients and ambulances through conflict lines, both to western and eastern sides of the river.
- Prevention and stop of attacks on health care and detention of health workers. This also includes militarization of health facilities.
- Continued delivery of life-saving supplies to functioning health facilities.
- Humanitarian health organizations should be allowed to return to the areas of their work.

- Movement of health teams outside of 48 hours curfew should be allowed.
- Timely approvals and clearance to enable health sector partners to relocate the currently deployed mobile medical teams within different areas of conflict.
- **Health sector funding requirement is estimated at this stage at 10 million USD to restore the disrupted services.**

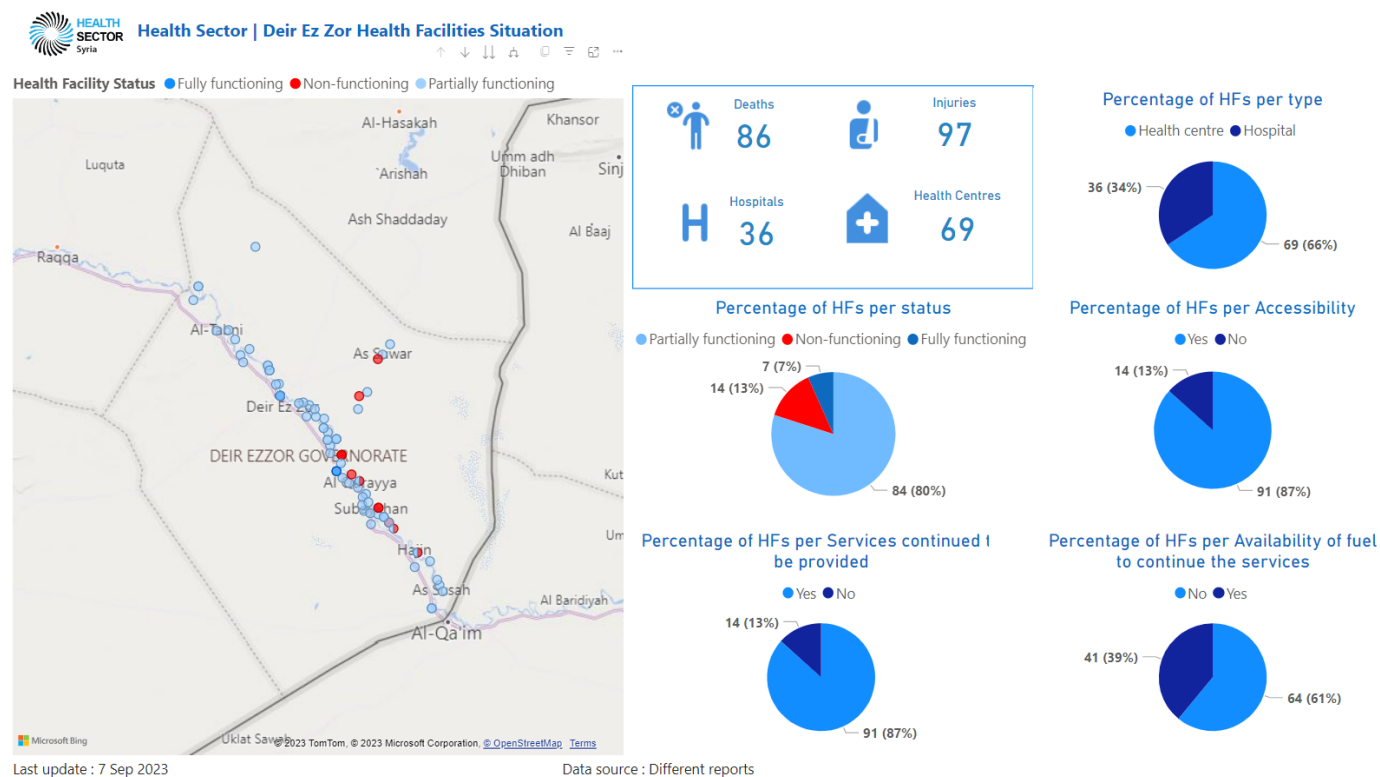
Health situation overview:

- The current response is focused on a limited number of geographic locations while the needs are at a wider scale.
- All activities, including EPI and surveillance operations, remain suspended in most of the villages on the eastern side of the Euphrates River. This includes the Al-Bukamal, Hajin, Al-Mayadeen, Al-Sur areas, and part of the villages in the Al-Husseiniyah area extending from Al-Shuhail to Al-Kubar. Vaccines are being stored in Hajin and Al-Kubar at present, as a result of the deteriorating security situation in Thiban. Unfortunately, all vaccine records in Thiban were destroyed. Thiban warehouse as a place for essential records and documents suffered extensive damage. This warehouse plays a critical role in covering the health sector in the eastern rural areas, specifically in Hajin Healthy district, Al-Mayadeen Healthy district, Al-Bukamal Healthy district, and the overall health surveillance. No info about the vaccination status of children due to absent of vaccine cards increase the prevalence of childhood illness related to vaccine.
- The majority of hospitals in Deir-ez-Zoir eastern rural areas are experiencing severe shortages of fuel, medications, medical supplies, and bandages.
- Incidents of injuries among displaced populations have been reported due to the targeting of river crossings as residents attempt to flee conflict areas.
- Conflict areas witness complete disruption of essential services, including electricity, internet access, infant formula, drinking water, and bakery closures. No functioning public secondary health care facilities in areas of displacement which increase the pressure on the private hospitals and beneficiary cost. Local midwifery clinics are not equipped with electricity power or even solar lamps to facilitate the service provision at night- some midwives receive pregnant women at night.
- Partners report on militarization of Markada PHC in Hassakeh governorate by one of the parties to the conflict.
- It is reported that 2 pregnant women injured by gunfire were prevented from reaching a health facility due to blockage of crossing points.
- Concerns for increasing malnutrition status among children under 5 due to unavailability of sufficient number of nutrient elements. The soaring prices have pushed the cost of a single infant formula box to 10 USD. Short supplies. Coordinated advocacy by WHO and UNICEF of the misuse of breast milk substitutes.
- Significant water shortage across affected areas. No access to safe water and lack of hygiene increase the likelihoods of water borne diseases and prevalence of scabies and lice among IDPs. A need to take into consideration the winterization plan if the current crisis extends.
- Multiple cases of disability have been identified (up to 5% of all displaced children), requiring immediate support. The need for further assessments and distribution of assisted devices are highly required.
- High number of pregnant women among IDPs, majority of cases are in the third trimester and requiring elective CSs. Referrals to advanced services in hospitals such as C-section and other obstetric emergencies should be fully paid – all referrals are done to private hospitals and most IDPs women have no money to pay – taking into account that some pregnant women suffered severe injuries.
- Loss of documentation creates obstacles for clearance and approvals for required health services, including surgical support.
- Difficulties in shipping medicines and medical supplies to Deir-ez-Zoir governorate. Shortage of medicines is reported by major health sector players.
- Poor HR capacities of public and private sectors.
- As of end of 8 September, a total number of deaths – 93 deaths and 99 injuries.

Hospital updates:

- **The City Hospital:** No injuries have been reported at the City Hospital at this time.
- **Hajin Hospital:** No injuries have been reported at Hajin Hospital.
- **Shuhail Hospital:** Shuhail Hospital has sustained damages to its building and remains out of service. It has been converted into a military checkpoint for the purpose of assisting the injured.

- **Thiban Hospital:** Two injuries have been received at Thiban Hospital.
- **Al Nour Hospital:** No injuries have been reported at Al Nour in Al-Shuhail town, and it is difficult to access.
- **Sour Hospital:** No injuries have been reported at Sour Hospital.
- **The New Hospital (Jadid Bakara):** No injuries have been reported.
- **Abu Hamam Hospital:** Two injuries have been received at Abu Hamam Hospital.
- **Al-Busaira Hospital:** Al-Busaira Hospital is operational but is currently staffed only with nursing personnel.



Health sector response:

- Day to day contact is in place with DoH and SARC.
- Interactive dashboard on impact on health is launched (see above screenshot).
- The HCT Syria endorsed scenario for planning for further sector inputs. The list of affected communities which include disaggregated displacement figures is available as well. Planning is for 3 months. Health sector inputs for inter-sector contingency plan are being finalized by 11 September. Health sector will be requested to review and update earlier provided information.
- Health sector triangulates the situation as well considering NES Forum sitrep (6 September): Escalations in Deir ez-Zoir and Aleppo, Impacts on Humanitarian Assistance, and Emergency Response Planning.
- On 8th of September, a Health Taskforce Coordination Meeting was held in Deir-ez-Zoir to further update on the response efforts, enhance an information-sharing mechanism, update the health service map related to the current crisis, and address challenges, needs, and gaps. This included WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNDP, Syria Pulse, CCS, Youth charity, SFPA, Sham for health, SSSD, OXFAM, MEDAIR, Bassma Furatieah association, Tkatouf Shababi Association, Prisoners care association, Syrian Association for Social Development, ADRA and PUI.
- Deir-ez-Zoir sub-national health sector coordination meeting is planned to be held on 13 September (Wednesday).
- The rural areas between Deir-ez-Zoir and Al-Mayadin are currently being covered by: the Syrian Society for Social Development, the Youth Charity, and SFPA while the rural between Al Mayadeen and Abo Kamal are covered by 5 LNGOs (Syria pulse, SSSD, Sham for health, SARC and CCS).

	Agency	IP	Facility	Location	Villages covered by facility
1	UNICEF	SFPA	Static clinic	Mayadin city	
2	UNICEF	SFPA	Mobile Team	Eastern rural of DEZ from Jafra to Mayadin	Jafra, Boamer, Abed, Tabiah, Bulail, Toob, Muhasan, Zbara, Saalu, Upper Baqras, Lower Baqras

3	WHO	YCA	Mobile Team	Western rural of Mayadin	Saalu, Zbara, Upper Baqras, Lower Baqras
4	UNFPA	SSSD	Mobile Team	Rural of Mayadin , Eastern and Western	Upper Baqras , Lower Baqras , Zbara, Saalu , Dablan , Swedan Shameiya
5	UNFPA	YCA	RH Clinic , CWC	Mayadin city , RDC	
6	UNFPA	SFPA	Static clinic	Mayadin city	
7	UNFPA	Sham	Mobile Team	Eastern rural of Mayadin	Mayadin (Satudrays), Taibah, Mahkan, Quraiah, Ashara, Ghraibah, Sbaikhan , Tishrine, Dwer
8	UNFPA	Sham	Community midwifery group	Eastern rural of Mayadin and Mrat in Western rural of DEZ	Mahkan , Quraiah, Ashara, Ghraibah , Sbaikhan
9	WHO	CCS	Mobile Team	Eastern rural of Mayadin	Taibah, Mahkan, Ashara, Dablan, Swedan Shameiya
10	WHO	Syria Pulse	Mobile Team	Western rural of Mayadin	Mayadin, Taibah
11	WHO	Syria Pulse	Mobile Team	Eastern rural of Mayadin	Upper Baqras , Lower Baqras

WHO

- Continuous support to Deir-ez-Zoir DoH, Deir-ez-Zoir national hospital with medicines, medical devices, medical consumable items especially hemodialysis sessions.
- Supported the operational cost for vaccine mobile teams especially in areas affected by the displacement, support the operational cost for rapid surveillance team run by DOH. 3 of them are functioning in the displacement areas.
- Deployed 6 medical mobile teams in areas of displacement which provide PHC, SHC, referral and MHPSS services.
- Support the diagnostic means through supporting Deir-ez-Zoir labs with consumables, RDTs and Lab devices.
- Provided Deir-ez-Zoir national hospital and DoH hospitals with trauma kits enough for treating 400 critical trauma cases in addition to assorted emergency consumables (23 sets of trauma instruments_.
- Established a static clinic in Subikhan town for delivering health care services, receiving referral cases from other partners, distribution of assisted devices.
- Coordination with health partners on a daily basis. Disseminate health operational updates with health sector partners and other sectors involved in the response.
- Participated in ISC, AHCT meeting related to response, developed health sector contingency plan, identified the fund requirements, gaps and challenges.
- Developed health services coverage map in areas of displacement.
- Strengthen potential evacuation pathways for injured patients from conflict areas in Deir-ez-Zoir to referral facilities. and established channels to link the health partners together to increase the integration in delivering the services.
- Planned for participation in IS rapid assessment led by OCHA.

UNFPA

- UNFPA through its 'community midwives group project'- which is a group of contracted local midwives – has provided different SRH services to IDPs women including clean deliveries. As of 5 Sep, four normal deliveries for IDPs pregnant women were performed safely and under hygienic conditions in displacement areas.
- In Mayadin city which host most IDPs families, UNFPA is currently supporting 2 fixed clinics to provide ante natal and post-natal care, family planning methods, diagnosis and treatment of STIs, awareness raising sessions, and referrals wherever possible. In rural areas, two mobile teams were deployed to respond to SRH needs in displacement sites. Nearly 113 IDPs women and adolescent girls were reached with SRH until 7 Sep.
- Supplies: 2 shipments composed of 12 RH kits and SRH essential medicines are in the pipeline and expected to arrive soon. These shipments aim at improving the quality of SRH services provided by implementing partners including clean deliveries.

UNICEF

- 1 ongoing mobile team covering the areas from Jafra to Al Mayadeen city, providing health and nutrition services, distribution of nutrients supplies, Malnutrition surveillance for PLWs and children under 5.
- Dispatched trauma kits to Deir-ez-Zoir national hospital and DoH including emergency and midwifery kits enough for 500 cases.
- New agreements with 3 local NGOs (Mar Asia, EPCD, Sham for Health) which include deployment of mobile teams for covering areas affected by displacement.
- Through H&N project with SFPA (2 fixed clinics DEZ city & Al Mayadin and 1 mobile clinic in eastern rural of DEZ city), UNICEF supports SBC teams to provide necessary messages for health issues.

- SARC RCCE outreach teams covering western rural from Boughiliah to Kharita villages.

OXFAM

- Focus on health and hygiene promotion in the eastern rural of Deir-ez-Zoir, interventions modalities and the needs to be identified after conducting the needs assessment.

Prisoners care association:

- Allocated 5 M SYP for covering the health needs in the areas of displacement.

Syrian Association for Social Development

- 1 ongoing mobile teams covers (Saalo- AlZabari- Upper and lowe boqras), delivering SRH/GBV services funded UNFPA.

Bassma Furatieah association

- Provision of referral for secondary health care, coordination and cooperation with Tkatouf Shababi association for supporting IDPs with Bread

Tkatouf Shababi Association

- Supporting IDPs in Mehkan town with bread for 1 week, planned for supporting with infant formula.

Medair

- Awaiting the outcomes of IS assessment to identify the needs and response, planned for rehabilitating Ashara PHC including re-equipping and establishing CHW program.

UNHCR

- 2 community centers provide medical services (1 in Ashara run by SARC, 1 in Deir-ez-Zoir city run by SSSD).

Sham for health

- Ongoing Ccommunity midwives project funded by UNFPA, 6 midwives covers 6 villages 5 of them in areas of displacement in Mehkan, Qurieah, Ashara, Ghariebah and Subikhan.
- 1 ongoing mobile team in the eastern rural of Al Mayadeen, Provision SRH/GBV services.

SSSD

- Ongoing static point in Deir Ezzor city, provision of medical consultation and referral system.

CCs

- Ongoing 2 mobiles teams covering Mehkan, Ashara, Dablan, Swedan Shamiah supported by WHO.
- 1 fixed clinic in Subikhan, provision PHC, SHC, Referral and MHPSS services.

SFPA

- 1 fixed clinic in Al Mayadeen supported by UNFPA.
- 1 Medical mobile team supported by UNICEF.

Syria Pulse

- Ongoing 2 mobile teams supported by WHO, cover Upper and Lower Boqras, Al Mayadeen city and Tiba town.
- Ongoing 2 community centers in Deir-ez-Zoir city supported by WHO in Jubielah and Al Qussor , provision PHC, SHC, Referral and MHPSS services.

Preliminary mapping of locations as of inter-sector response place for Deir-ez-Zoir, including host and displaced population (source: OCHA)

Sub-district	Community	
		Expected destination
		Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)
Deir-ez-Zor	Moezleh (Deir-ez-Zor)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)
Deir-ez-Zor	Elhisan	Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)
Kisreh	Harmushiyeh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)
Kisreh	Hawayej Thyab Jazira	Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)

Kisreh	Hawayej Bumasaa	Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)
Basira	Breiha	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Daman	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Basira (Basira)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Tuwamiyeh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Tib Elfal	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Hejneeh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Zir	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Kassar	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Barsham	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Hilweh (Basira)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Shiheil	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Sabha (Basira)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Mashekh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	Sejan	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Basira	At-Tkehi	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Khasham	Jdidet Bikara	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Khasham	Dahleh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)
Khasham	Jdid Ekeidat	Nearby villages + GoS areas (in Mazlum. Kasham, Marat, Tabya, Sabha, Hatla and Salihya)
Sur	Abul Nitel	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Bseitine	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Rweished	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Hreijiyeh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Rabida	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Namliyah	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Hssein	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Hreiji	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
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Sur	Sur (Sur)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Eastern Gharibeh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Western Gharibeh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Sur	Jasmi	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Kishmah	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Gharanij	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Abu Hamam	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Hajin	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Bahra (Hajin)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Abu alkhatir	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Al Sheetat	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Hajin	Kishkiyeh	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Susat	Shafa	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Susat	Sosa	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Abu Hardoub	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Sweidan Jazira	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Tayyana	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Karama (Thiban)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Hawayej	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Darnaj	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Ragib	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Thiban (Thiban)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Eastern Jarda	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Hawi Thibyan	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)
Thiban	Shinan (Thiban)	Nearby villages + GoS areas (Mayadin, Baqras, Quriah, Tiba, Mehkan, Abu Kamal)