

Annex A - 10 Questions for RAS readers

SNAP strives to provide comprehensive independent analysis of the situation in Syria and neighbouring countries. SNAP is heavily reliant on organisations' willingness to share information and the project welcomes any information that could help us further understand the current humanitarian situation in Syria. We would like to invite you look at the below questions and help us improve our products. We are especially looking for information regarding the following issues:

1. **Areas under siege:** What is the humanitarian situation areas that are besieged? (*please note that areas under siege are those where parties to the conflict intentionally hamper movement of goods and people to and from the area*).
2. **Market supply:** In general, which basic items (food, clothes, hygiene kits etc.) are generally unavailable on the markets and how does this vary by region?
3. Which items are imported on a large scale? What are the import restrictions for the different border crossings?
4. Which basic items are generally smuggled across borders and why?
5. **WASH:** Which areas are most in need of support to the public water system and why? What type of water source do people use if traditional potable sources are not available?
6. **Humanitarian access:** Is humanitarian access for international and national relief organisations dependent on which armed group controls the area? If yes, how?
7. **Returnees:** To which areas are refugees and IDPs returning and why? What assistance is provided for returnees, either through the GoS Reconstruction Committees, local coordinating committees or other channels?
8. **Coping mechanisms:**
 - o Livelihoods: Due to the disruption to the economy, what alternative livelihoods are being created? Which alternative livelihoods are most productive?
 - o Heating: What sources of fuel are being used or collected in preparation for winter?
 - o Health: How do people cope with health problems? Are people resorting to alternative medicine or treatment due to the shortages in medicine? If so, please describe.
9. **Refugees in Syria:** How many refugees (incl. Iraqi, Somali etc.) are currently residing in Syria; are they concentrated in any specific areas; and what are their main needs?
10. **Elderly and disabled:** how are these vulnerable individuals without families/breadwinners supported?

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