1. COMPLETENESS OF REPORTING

The completeness of reporting of public health centres across Syria has increased slightly in the 1st Quarter 2018 to reach 99.83%, compared to 99.78% at the end of 4th Quarter 2017.

2. FUNCTIONALITY STATUS

Functionality of the public health centres has been assessed at three levels: fully functioning, partially functioning, or not functioning. By end of the 1st Quarter 2018 and out of 1,806 assessed public health centres, 46% (829) were reported fully functioning, 19% (349) partially functioning, 35% (625) non-functioning (completely out of service), while the functionality status of 0.2% (3) of health centres were unknown [Figure 1].

The total number of non-functional health centres in 1st Quarter 2018 still high (625) compared to 1st Quarter 2017 (565).

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1 This is to acknowledge that the data provided in this snapshot is a product of joint collaboration between the World Health Organization, and Ministry of Health in the Syrian Arab Republic.

2 HTR and besieged areas are portrayed based on OCHA map as of February 2018, and other sources.
3. ACCESSIBILITY STATUS

Accessibility to public health centres has been assessed at three levels: accessible, hard-to-access, or inaccessible health centre for patients. By end of the 1st Quarter 2018, 77% (1,394) health centres were reported accessible, 1% (20) hard-to-access, and 22% (386) were inaccessible, while the accessibility status of 0.3% (6) health centres were unknown [Figure 3].

4. LEVEL OF DAMAGE

The condition of the public health centres’ buildings has been assessed at three levels: fully damaged, partially damaged, and not damaged. By end of the 1st Quarter 2018, 29% (517) health centres were reported damaged [9% fully damaged and 20% partially damaged], 64% (1,154) were reported intact, while the building’s condition of 7% (135) health centres were unknown [Figure 4].

It is essential to cross-analyze the infrastructural damage of the public health centres in relation to the functionality status (i.e. provision of services). Some health centres have resiliently continued to provide services regardless of the level of damage of the building and by optimizing intact parts of the building or in a few cases operating from other neighboring facilities. The national figures translate as follows:

- Out of the 362 partially damaged health centres, 133 health centres were reported partially functioning and 208 out of service (non-functioning), the functionality status of 1 health centre was unknown, while 20 health centres were reported to be fully functioning providing all services through salvaging medical equipment from the damaged section of the health centre with full staffing capacity.
- Out of the 155 fully damaged health centres, 125 were reported non-functioning and 1 health centre is fully functioning, while 29 health centres have opted for innovative ways to continue providing health services to populations in need through partially functioning from other nearby temporary locations and provide health services with limited staff capacity and resources. More details of the 29 health centres are available in the HeRAMS database.
- Then again, health centres with intact buildings (1,154 health centres) does not directly reflect full functionality, only 808 of the 1,154 intact health centres are fully functioning, the functionality status of 1 health centre was unknown, while 187 are partially functioning and 158 health centres are not functioning all together, due to limited access of patients and health staff to the facilities resulting from the dire security situation as well as critical shortage of supplies.

Trend analysis of the level of damage of the health centres’ buildings from 2014 to 2018 is presented in Figure 5. The total number of damaged health centres in 1st Quarter 2018 is higher (517) than the same time last year (462).