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2,124 individuals received non-food items. Number of residents in collective IDP shelters run by UNRWA decreased to 1,455 as of end of April.

No regular round of cash distribution took place in April; however emergency cash stipends were provided to 84 families recently displaced from Eastern Ghouta.

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