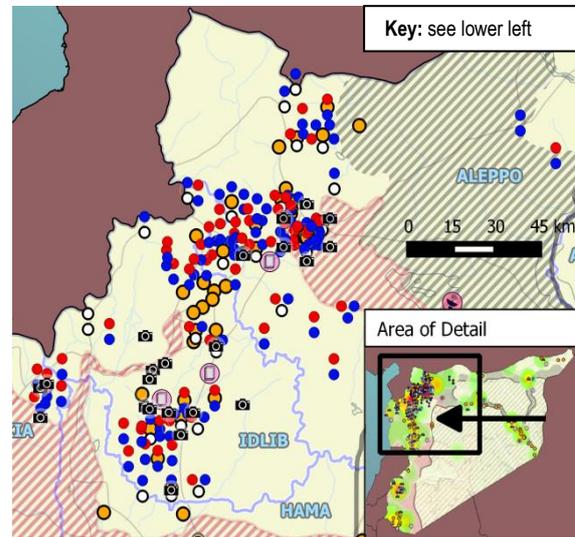
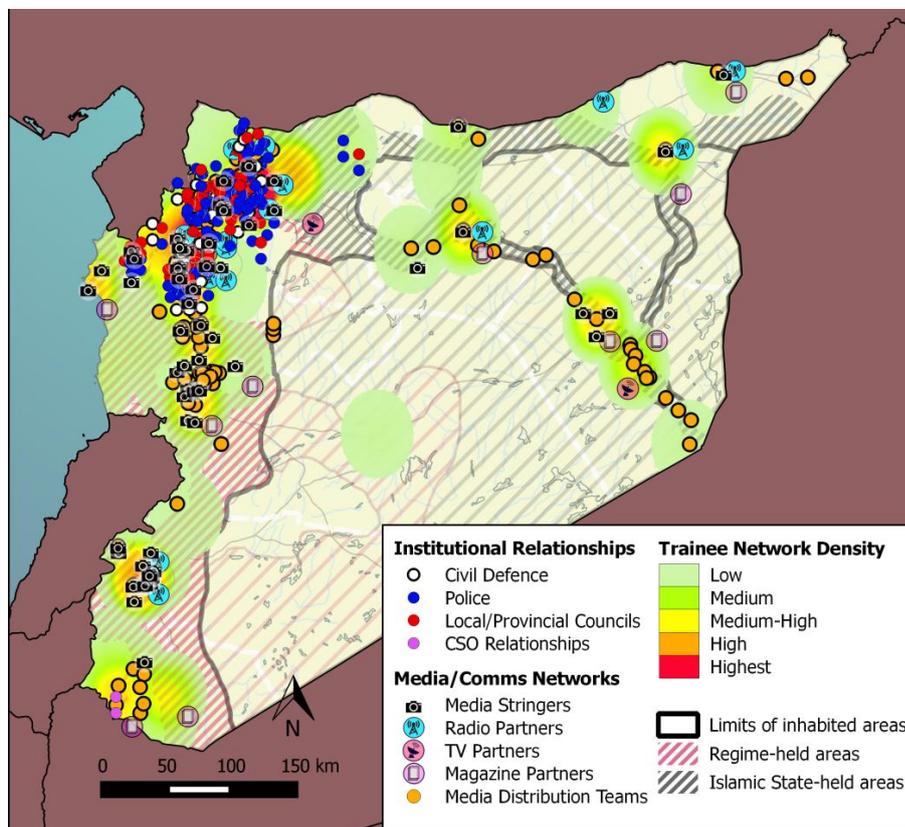


ARK, as a company that has specialised in Syria programming for more than three years, has access to a wide-range of networks in Syria. ARK has trained over 1,400 beneficiaries representing over 210 beneficiary organisations in more than 130 workshops, and disbursed more than 53,000 individual pieces of equipment. This network reaches into all of Syria's 14 governorates (see map below), including liberated, regime- and extremist-controlled areas, and ranges from the most senior Syrian opposition politicians, to armed groups, civil society organisations and ordinary Syrians. This includes but is not limited to:

- 61 stringers; 17 teams of distributors;
- 14 FM radio stations; 11 community magazines; two local TV stations;
- 17 Civil Defence teams in Aleppo; 16 in Idlib;
- 58 police stations in Aleppo; 32 in Idlib; eight in Latakia;
- 10 Syrian field researchers; 60 Syrian researchers who can conduct broad-based population surveys (a survey study in May 2014 reached 1,300 individuals); a focus group database of over 800 individuals;
- Dozens of Local Councils; judicial courts; documentation centres; and
- A variety of other organisations.



Reflecting the success of its programmes and strength of relationships and partnerships built over more than three years, **more than 30 Syrian media organisations, notable activists, and opposition figures** have submitted messages endorsing and thanking ARK and its Syrian media project, Basma, for its support to date, and expressing their desire for their work with ARK, on behalf of governments, to continue. This includes the IG Prime Minister and NC Media Office.



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