



million people, water and sanitation support to over 2.2 million people, and 2.2 million pieces of personal protective equipment to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. The year 2020 has witnessed the largest amount of cross-border assistance ever recorded since the beginning of the operations of the UNMM in 2014, as UN agencies and their implementing partners have been responding to humanitarian needs exacerbated by the military escalation in Idlib at the beginning of the year, and the COVID-19 pandemic, while also prepositioning aid in the event of a non-renewal of the Security Council resolution in July. The UNMM has been able to continue processing this surge of assistance without any interruption throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, while putting in place significant mitigating measures to address the risks related to the virus.

6. On 10 July 2020, the Security Council authorized the continuation of the UN cross-border operations for Syria through the border crossing of Bab al Hawa and extended the mandate of the UNMM for a period of 12 months until 10 July 2021 in its resolution 2533 (2020). The budgetary requirements of the UNMM until 31 December 2020 are being covered from the approved programme budget resources for UNMM in 2020. The budgetary requirements for 2021 have -