



## Flood Response: Stockpiles, Contingency Stock and Markets

Since early October 2019, a total of 532,588 people have been affected by flood that includes 363,649 people who are displaced. The floods have affected settlements in Hiraan, Middle Shabelle, Middle Juba, Banadir, Gedo, Bay and Bakool regions. Belet Weyne district is the worst hit where an estimated 40,000 households (240,000 people) have fled their homes. In Baardheere district of Gedo region in Jubaland, floods have destroyed close to 250 shelters along the riverbank. In South West State, an estimated 70,000 people have been affected and another 40,000 displaced by flash flooding across the region. Berdale town (60 km west of Baidoa) is worst affected.



Shelter cluster partners are making effort to respond to the needs through provision of emergency shelter kits and NFIs to the displaced families.

UNHCR, the cluster lead agency in Somalia, have 4000 NFI kits and 2000 emergency shelter kits for distribution. However, the transportation of these kits to affected areas is a challenge.

IOM has 6,700 NFI kits as contingency stock that will be provided to the cluster partners for distribution to the flood affected population

*Photo: Houses in Beletweyne town submerged by flood*

A cluster partner can access the contingency stock following the needs assessment and approval from the cluster.



DKH, after conducting assessments, is implementing a flexible voucher response strategy. The flexible voucher contains NFI and ESK cluster standard items and it provides flexibility to partners to choose the most needed items.

With the currently available resources, the partners will reach 15,000 households with NFI kits, and 8,500 households with emergency shelter kits. The response gap left is huge.

*Photo: NFIs provided by UNHCR in Beletweyne*

Low funding, poor transport infrastructure and insecurity have been the main challenges and are seriously



undermining the partner's ability to reach to the affected with assistance. Partners may have resources and stocks but with no capacity to move them to where the affected population is located. Since most affected locations are cut off from the locations where stocks are prepositioned, airlift is the only viable option to ensure assistance reach the most affected.

*Photo: Beneficiaries receiving emergency shelter/NFI package in Balcad*