



Distribution of NFIs by AVORD/UNHCR to IDPs in Baidoa amid COVID-19 Pandemic

CLUSTER SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- SO1:** Ensure that persons affected by conflict and natural disasters have protection from the weather and privacy through provision of emergency shelter and NFIs.
- SO2:** Contribute to resilience and improve the living conditions of affected population through improved housing and related community infrastructure.
- SO3:** Improve the quality of shelter and NFI assistance and ensure accountability through effective complaint and feedback mechanisms.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

Around 2.2 million people in Somalia are in need of shelter and NFI assistance. Most of those in need live in makeshift shelters often in very congested informal settlements lacking security of tenure. They are exposed to extreme weather conditions, forced evictions and other protection risks. They also lack basic household items needed for daily survival. Decongestion is needed at settlements and shelters level to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. A total of 237 IDP sites that host over 98,000 IDP hhs have been identified as high-risk sites for COVID 19 transmission. More than 400,000 people are also in need of shelter and NFI assistance due to flooding caused by Gu rains.

GAPS / CHALLENGES

- Lack of prepositioned stocks in key locations hamper timely response to people in need.
- Shelter Cluster has been severely underfunded affecting humanitarian shelter response in timely and effective manner.
- Global movement restrictions have caused increase of NFI price in the some of the markets.
- Some activities such as construction of durable and transitional shelters may not be possible to implement in the context of COVID-19 as there are limited opportunities for community engagement and participation.

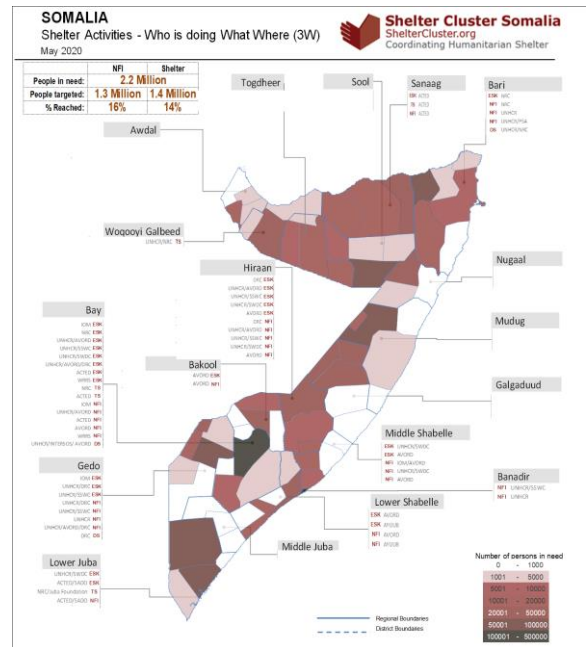
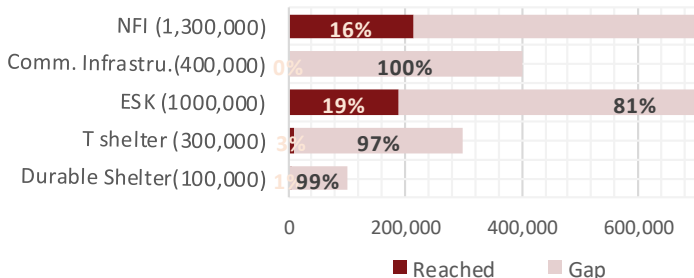
RESPONSE

During the month of May 2020, the Shelter Cluster partners assisted:

- 38,835 people with non-food items (NFI) kits. Standard emergency non-food items kit consists of plastic sheets, blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, mosquito net, solar lamp and kitchen sets.
- 46,830 persons were assisted with Shelter Kits. A shelter kit includes plastic sheets, supporting poles, a rope for tying down the structure, nails and other items.
- 3,582 persons were assisted with transitional Shelter. This brings the total number of people assisted with transitional shelter in 2020 to 9,954. This brings the total number of people assisted with Shelter and NFI to 14% and 16% of the 2020 target respectively.

REACHED AGAINST TARGET (Individuals)

As of May 2020



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KEY DOCUMENTS

- <https://www.sheltercluster.org/response/somalia>

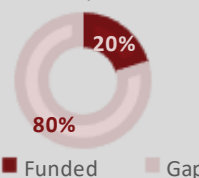
KEY LINKS

- <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/somalia/emergency-shelter-and-nfi>
- <http://reliefweb.int/country/som>

KEY FIGURES

19 Cluster partners **2.2M / 1.4M** People in need / targeted

FUNDING (source: Cluster Partners)



Total funding required:
\$ 64 M

RELIEF IN TIMES OF NEED

Beletween, a town in Hiran region experiences perennial flooding every year due to River Shabelle breaking its banks primarily due to drainage from catchment areas located in the Ethiopian highlands, which normally experience very heavy rainfall. In November 2019, more than 250,000 people were displaced in Beletweyne town due to flooding and again in May 2020, more than 240,000 people were displaced.

Somalia Shelter Cluster partners have been responding to the plight of the displaced through provision of household non-food items and emergency shelter kits. The average cost of each non-food items kit is \$100, while the average cost of each shelter kit is \$150.



Photo: Emergency Shelter provided to a displaced family in Barwaqo IDP Settlement in Beletweyne

Madino Mohamed Mayow is one of the beneficiaries from Barwaqo village in Beletweyne District in emergency shelter distribution conducted in January 2020 by AVORD with funding from UNHCR. She is 32 years old and has 6 children (4 girls).

“During the start of the project, district authorities, village elders and AVORD staffs came to our village, they selected me as a beneficiary since I met the selection criteria. They told me that I would receive ESK kits and NFIs. After that, I was registered, and I received the items.”

Maximo narrates that the project enlightened her understanding of valuing and respecting women, girls, and disabled people during the distribution process because they were treated differently. Currently, she treats them the same way they were treated by AVORD staff and community leaders.

She reported that life before UNHCR/AVORD’s assistance was hard, they experienced difficulties in obtaining dignified accommodation. However, after being registered by AVORD as one of the beneficiaries, she got a well-organized house in which her children feel comfortable and safe especially her daughters who used to fear staying in their previous unlocked house and additionally all her belongings are in a safe place.

She thanked AVORD for the timely assistance and the community leaders for selecting her, *“I thank everyone involved in the implementation of this project and the community leaders who selected me as one of the vulnerable beneficiaries to benefit this project.”*