

COMMUNAL WARMTH POINTS

Gaza Strip

- Trial Winter 2024 – 2025
- Proposition Winter 2025- 2026

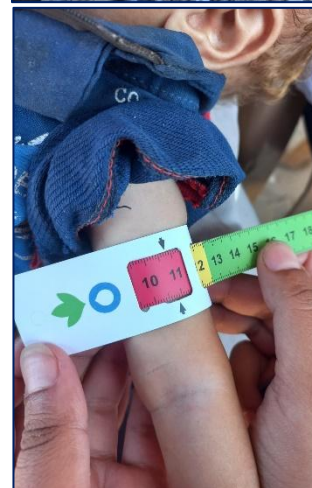


SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS (1/5)

Winter of 2024–2025: 15 infants (1 day–1 month) officially reported dead from hypothermia in Gaza

Winter 2025–2026 - Higher Risk ahead for vulnerable group:

- **↑ Malnutrition among children under five → weaker resistance to cold**
- **↑ Malnutrition among pregnant & lactating women → more low-birth-weight babies, highly exposed to hypothermia**
- **Severe shelter crisis → 1.5M people need shelter, only 15,000 tents have entered since the blockade (Shelter cluster)**



WINTER 2024-2025 TRIAL (2/5)



Idea:

Use tent as a collective shelter where the most vulnerable will come to seek shelter when the temperature is dropping.

Most vulnerable defined as:

- Children under five
- Pregnant and Lactating women
- Elderly
- PwD
- Patients with chronic diseases or in recovery (burnt, amputated...)

Risks and lessons learnt:



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Methodology

- Absence of communal tent > use family tents (10 adults in 24SQM)
- Heated with a gas heater
- Separate male and female
- **Community-based management**
- **Provision of standard kit:** 1 tent ; bedding set and blanket ; gas heater ; gas bottle

Conclusion

- Globally successful with overall satisfaction.
- Great engagement from the community.
- Easy to implement and replicate (if gas is available and the structure has money).
- Using gas inside a closed space with people at risk do represent a risk that must be mitigated seriously (see risk and mitigation table).

Lessons learnt

- Have bigger tent. The gas system is too powerful.
- Isolate the tent.
- Have it close to a sanitation facility (latrine).
- The target group was too big and the tent too small.
- Find a mechanism to make it accessible for all the target groups (e.g: PwD, widow with many children...).
- Gas remains too expensive for the community to afford, so continued support from the organization is required.

WINTER 2025-2026 (3/5)

Heated point

Radius - coverage

Area of concern - uncovered

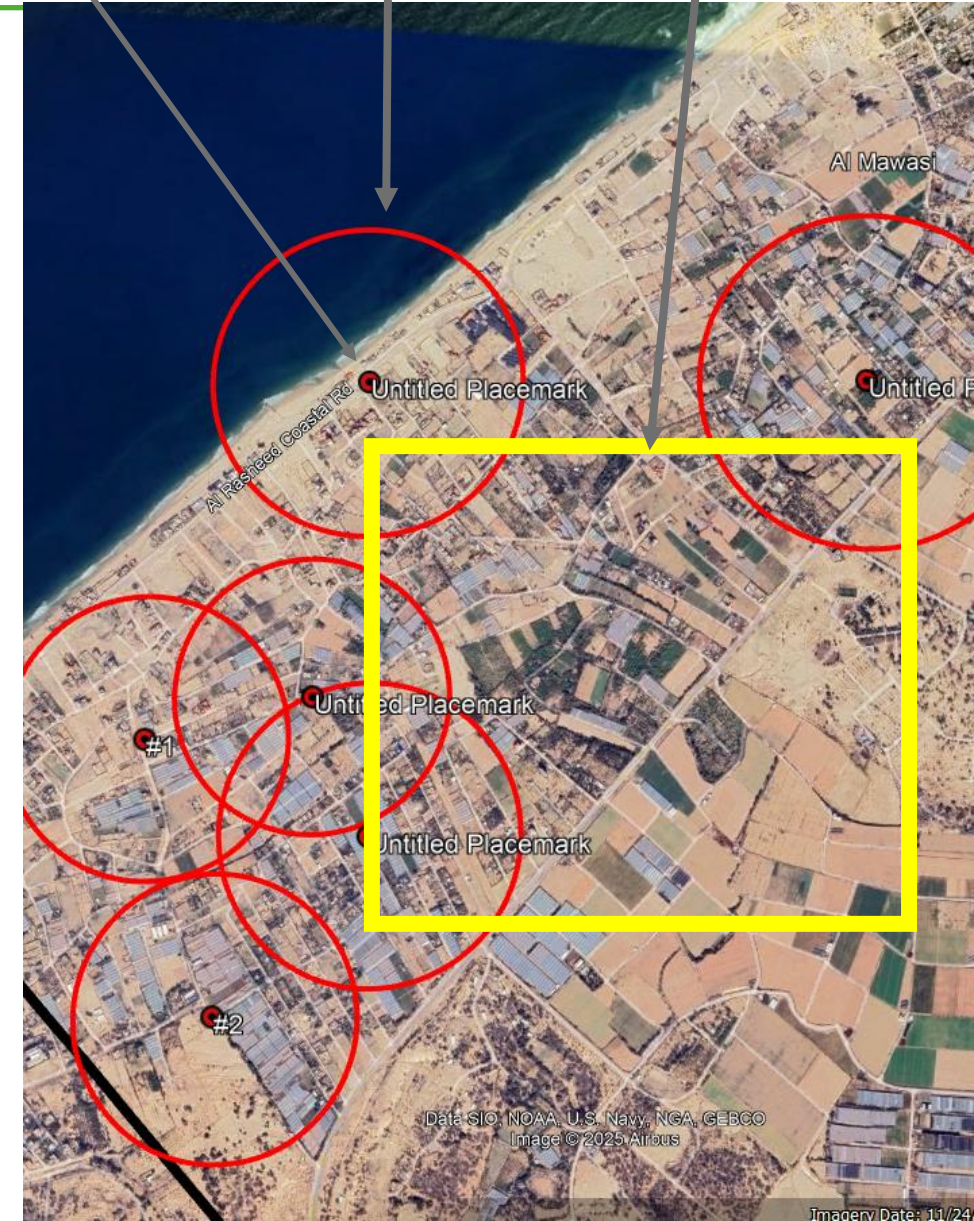
GENERAL IDEA

- Going for communal tents (48SQM / 72SQM)
 - Based on the needs and capacity, reduce the target to newborn up to 6 months only. Worst case scenario, up to 1 month only.
 - Working by Radius of coverage thanks to the estimated target density
- In parallel*
- Looking for initiative on “safe household-level” solution
 - Having back up plan (Baby Wrapping Scarf...)

TO DO

Exploration community ideas for:

- Heating system
 - Insulation of the tent
- Online application & Piloting the initiatives



WINTER 2025-2026 (4/5)

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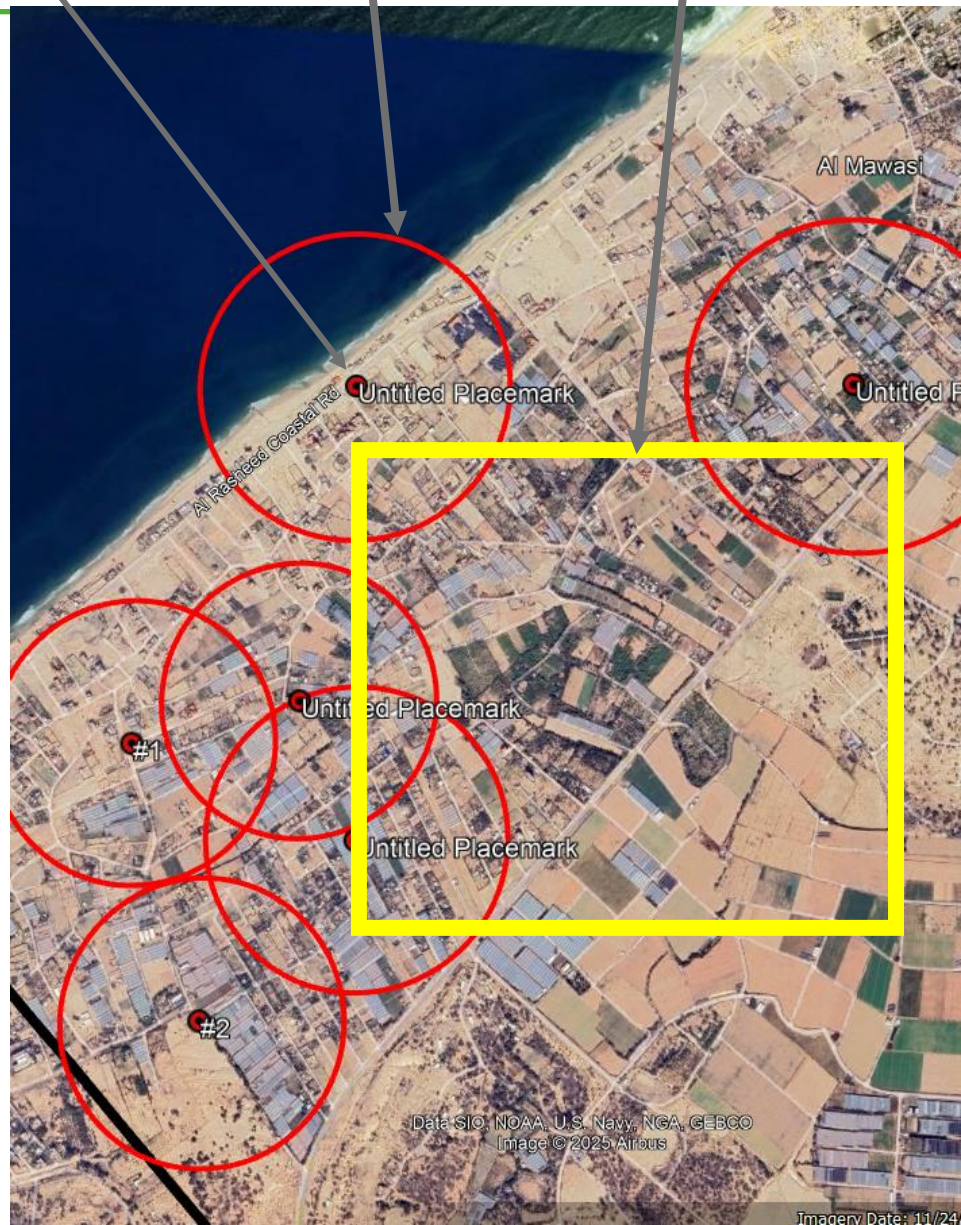
NEXT STEPS

Mapping & Gap Analysis

- Map existing communal tents across the Strip
- Identify gaps and prioritize areas for new installations Install additional communal tents in priority areas
- And/or Pre-position contingency stock (communal tents, warming system, bedding set) for rapid emergency response

Referral Pathways & Community Awareness

- Define the coverage radius and sensitize community leaders and Humanitarian community on it.
- Define harmonized admission criteria for those spaces for consistency
- Conduct mass sensitization & registration campaigns using social media (WhatsApp groups, SMS, etc.) to access heating points.
- Trace newborns through health facilities refer the ones in need
- Identify the most vulnerable cases that would not be able to come to the space and provide individual household system



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CHALLENGES & LIMITATION (5/5)

If the pilot proves successful and sustainable, it will still require significant effort to be implemented at the required scale:

- Need for collective tents
- Need for **financial resources** to scale up the pilot
- **Need Mapping** of collective spaces and identification of the gaps ;
- Need time and resources to create a protocol, a referral pathway and a sensitization package. Let alone a registration system
- Need efforts and time to coordinate between Partners & Agencies.

→ **Need of a dedicated focal point** with sufficient time to lead the response, including the coordination inter-partners, the response and the monitoring.

We will keep you update if the Pilot is successful!

THANK YOU

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