

THE STATUS of SHELTER

Issue

34%*(=10 M USD\$) of the sector requirements (=29 M USD\$) has been allocated to the Shelter/NFI Sector. In 2024 only 11 % of people in need have been supported with Shelter or/and household items. The Shelter/NFI Sector is among the least funded sectors in Cameroon according to the Financial Tracking System by OCHA.

What to change

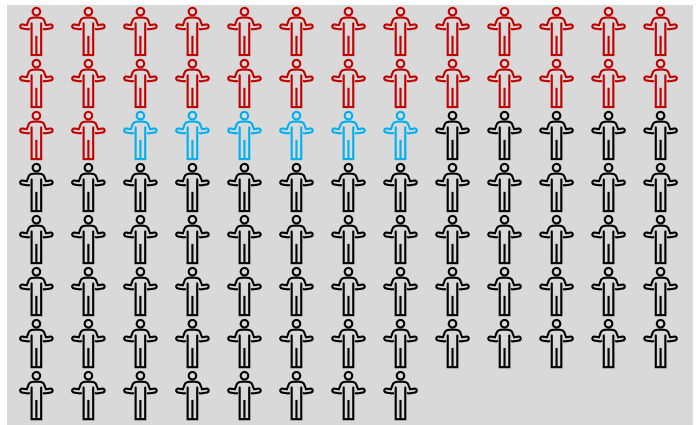
- Increase in qualitative funding for a qualitative shelter and NFI response that satisfy people in need. Qualitative funding means flexible, timely, multi-year, local, diversified and traceable.
- Invest not only to deliver goods but also to hire specialized staff for the implementation of alternative shelter solutions in remote challenging contexts.

Why change is needed

- Lack of privacy in makeshift shelters expose especially women and girls to serious risks of gender-based violence;
- Degradation of shelter forces adoption of negative coping strategies such as early marriage, economic exploitation, recruitment by armed groups and other human rights violations;
- Overcrowded conditions bring to improper sanitation and inadequate ventilation risking the transmission of diseases such as cholera, measles, chronic conditions brought on by stress and trauma;
- Adequate housing and food are two fundamental human rights, intertwined, essential contributors to health.

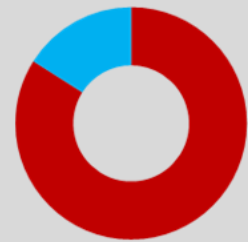
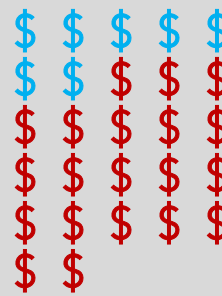
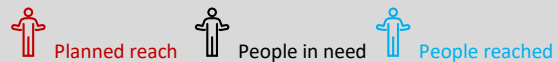
What do we need to do

- Map and track shelter funds at least twice a year (June, December);
- Joint advocacy with other Sectors around consequences of Shelter Sector underfunding on the food security, health conditions, protection threads;
- Promote joint programming among FSL/Health/PRT Sectors' partners;
- Bilateral consultations with Shelter Sector partners to verify their absorption capacity and in case support during the project proposal phase.



According to the MSNA of August 2023 **1,2 million people need shelter/NFI assistance**

607,000 individuals are planned to be assisted by **21 Shelter/NFI sector partner organizations** in 2023.



As of December 2024, **10 M USD\$** have been allocated to the Shelter/NFI sector equivalent to the **34%** of total sector requirement which is **29 M USD\$**

Priority interventions are **01 NFI kit**  cash/in-kind is recommended for **newly displaced** at informal sites and returnees (Severity 3-4) Cost: 49,000 XAF (FN) – 82,000 XAF (NW-SW)

02 House rehabilitation  cash/in-kind is recommended for **owner returnees** and **crisis affected non-displaced** (Severity 3-4) Cost: 420,000 XAF (FN)

03 Transitional solutions  cash/in-kind is recommended for **displaced at informal sites, host family, previous renters** (Severity 3-4). Emergency shelters Cost: 164,000 XAF (FN) or cash for rent Cost 29,000/month (NW-SW).

In Cameroon by the end of 2024 **475,500** vulnerable **people** out of the 607,000 planned **are left unsheltered or in inadequate shelter**, experience degradation of their health condition, food insecurity, discrimination, violence.