

Terms of Reference

Somalia Shelter Cluster Co-Chair

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Introduction

UNHCR is the Global Shelter Cluster lead in conflict situation and therefore is cluster National lead for Somalia. UNHCR provides a dedicated Shelter/NFI Cluster coordinator at senior level for the duration of the cluster as well as an Information Manager and a deputy coordinator/support officer. The Shelter Cluster in Somalia is looking for an international or a local humanitarian organization to support the coordination team. The organization willing to support the cluster should have the financial and technical capacity to provide a Co-Chair for 18 months.

Context

The scale of shelter and non-food item (NFI) needs in 2022 has dramatically increased in comparison to the needs in 2021. The rise in needs is mainly due to the large number of drought-related internal displacements, the inability of affected communities to construct adequate shelter and purchase basic non-food items and, the economic situation.

An estimated 3.6 million people are in need of shelter and NFI assistance due to inadequate shelter conditions, overcrowding, economic hardship and lack of security of tenure. These factors which result in a dearth of shelter and NFI disproportionately impact IDPs who face greater obstacles in achieving long-term security of tenure and accessing livelihood/employment.

Provision of emergency shelter and NFIs, decongestion of IDP sites and facilitating durable solutions for IDPs living in a protracted situation remain the priority of the Shelter Cluster.

In 2022, the Shelter Cluster partners will target 1,180,000 people (1,011,000 IDPs and 169,000 non-displaced, which include returnees). The overall target is comprised of 179,418 women, 174,072 men, 371,920 girls, 406,230 boys, 48,649 older people and 177,044 people with disabilities.

Prioritization by the Cluster is guided by a set of criteria that includes the geographical distribution of populations, and the severity of needs, in accordance with cluster severity analyses and categorization. The prioritization is also guided by the [geographical distribution of the newly displaced population](#) and the [Operational Priority Areas](#).

The Cluster emergency shelter and NFI response will be oriented towards new displacements following initial shocks when populations are the most vulnerable and usually live without shelters or NFIs. The decongestion of IDP sites, where feasible, is also a priority, given the importance of reducing the risks of disease outbreaks, fire, GBV related incidents and flooding due to insufficient drainage systems.

While life-saving activities will still be prioritized this year, the Cluster partners will also address long-term displacement by prioritizing, supporting, and targeting ongoing integration projects in municipalities that already have pre-allocated land, and will contribute to the construction of transitional and/or durable shelters.



Roles and Tasks of the Co-Chair

The role of the Co-Chair is to work closely in support of the sector lead agency (UNHCR) in coordination and representation of NGOs, INGOs, UN agencies and other Humanitarian organizations who are members of the Shelter and NFI Cluster and delivering assistance in Somalia.

1. Effective and efficient input into the Shelter cluster coordination architecture

- Participate in the preparation of regular Shelter cluster meetings and co-chair the meetings.
- Represente the Shelter Cluster in the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) when needed.
- Ensuring inclusion of key humanitarian partners for the Shelter cluster.
- Co-chair some of the Technical Working Groups (TWiGs).

2. Somalia planning and strategy development

- Support the cluster coordinator with the development of the strategies of the Shelter and NFI Cluster, work plans, and coordination of response activities, taking into account cross-cutting issues.
- Contribute to the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (including planning, periodic reporting, and strategic development of the Syria Response Plan) and engage with Shelter partners for their inputs.

3. Monitoring and reporting

- Support information gathering and analysis on the Shelter Cluster response in order to provide accountability for the sector in terms of delivering on strategy, objectives, targets, outcomes, programme quality and adherence to humanitarian principles. It includes analysis of anonymized Post Distribution Monitoring and Post Construction Monitoring Data from the partners.

4. Needs assessment and analysis

- Support the cluster in the development of needs assessment tools, gap and response analysis.
- Contribute to a better understanding and analysis of shelter needs as a priority need for displaced populations, including better integrated programming with shelter as an entry point.

5. Development and application of standards in support of the Shelter Cluster

- Advocate for Shelter/NFI best practices.
- Participate in the development of relevant and contextualized minimum standards, policies and guidelines.
- Build capacity to apply these common standards.
- Ensure that partner responses are informed at different phases of the response by appropriate policy guidelines and standards.

6. Advocacy and resource mobilization

- Support the Cluster to advocate and mobilize resources for Somalia Shelter response.
- Ensure that members are aware of funding opportunities and support their capacity to access these.



Structure and selection process

- The Co-Chair is selected by the Shelter cluster Coordination Team and the Global Shelter Cluster Team.
- The Co-Chair position will be renewed every 18 months.
- The organizations interested in co-chairing the Shelter cluster will inform the Cluster through the online form and will explain how they would contribute to the cluster and the response. They also have to confirm that they can fund this position.
- The selection criteria are:
 - ✓ Type of activities implemented in the past (NFI, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Shelters, Durable shelters, Infrastructures...)
 - ✓ Capacity to implement several modalities (cash, In-Kind)
 - ✓ Geographical Coverage
 - ✓ Type of Organisation (NGO, UN agency)¹
 - ✓ Coordinator provided by the Co-chair (full time, part-time)
 - ✓ Expertise provided (shelter, NFI, cash, site planning...), including on cross cutting issues (HLP, protection mainstreaming, etc.)
 - ✓ Funding available to cover the position including travel cost (fully funded, partially, confirmed, to be confirmed)
 - ✓ Support provided to the Cluster in the past (SAG, participation in meetings, technical support, state/regional level coordination, etc.)

¹ Additional information on global guidance regarding the co-chair is available on [Global Shelter Cluster page](#)