



SHELTER/NFI CLUSTER IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES AND FUNDING GAPS JUNE - DECEMBER 2023

OVERVIEW

This document has been prepared to support donor funding decisions and outlines immediate funding gaps for the Shelter/NFI Cluster during the period June - December 2023.

The second half of the year comes with increased vulnerabilities from atypical floods and seasonal risks from the early onset of winter. Q3 & Q4 period, presents a critical window which should not be missed, as it enables delivery of key cluster activities including shelter repair work and other construction activities, after many areas become accessible and before they are cut off due to snow. Equally, with the ever-present risk of displacement from earthquakes, conflict, other natural disaster events, possible evictions, urgent response and resource mobilization is required to replenish Cluster stockpiles.

NEEDS

Across the country, Shelter & NFI needs remain high and widespread, growing tenfold compared to five years ago, predominantly driven by underlying economic challenges and sudden onset shocks. Across all population groups, households continue to report Shelter along with Food and Livelihood as their top three priority needs, and a staggering 79 per cent¹ of all households' report need for shelter repair support. Majority of households (84 percent)² are unable to repair their shelter due to financial barriers associated with costs of material and labour. About one-third of the households' report feeling unsafe in their shelters due to poor structural state of the shelter, conditions that may exacerbate in the event of a sudden shock. With livelihood loss and increased debt one of the biggest drivers of underlying need, within urban areas, rental assistance continues to be reported as the third highest priority need amongst IDPs. Not investing now will directly result in a worsening of vulnerabilities, higher winterization needs, with multisectoral implications for other sectors particularly Health, Protection, and Livelihood

PARTNERS OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

ES/NFI capacity to respond has progressively improved, with partners having resumed

¹ WOOA 2022 and HRP 2023

² Round I and II report of RAM (Rapid assessment mechanism) - REACH - 26 June 2023

programs since the January operational pause and able to secure local arrangements to deliver assistance, aligned to IASC concept for operations, the Collective AAP Strategy for Afghanistan and the Minimum Standards for the Humanitarian Programme Cycle in Afghanistan. Nonetheless maintaining this capacity is closely linked not only to the permissiveness of the access environment, acquiring sectoral and local authorizations, but also adequate and predictable funding from donors. The consequences of late or inadequate funding would halt or slow down key responses.

CLUSTER PRIORITIES Q3 & Q4

Shelter Repair & Transitional Shelter Needs \$48 million: Across the country, more than 510,000 people, including children, elderly, disabled people and more than 71,000 individuals under women headed households, remain in poor, inadequate and often overcrowded shelters and unprotected from the elements. These conditions are of greater concern to women and girls, who owing to the growing restrictions on their movements and their access to essential services and livelihoods spend prolonged periods indoors, with impact on their wellbeing, social, physical, and psychological status.

Rebuild Support for Southeast Region \$14 million: A year on after 5.5 magnitude earthquake hit the Southeast Region of Afghanistan, thousands of vulnerable families in Giyan, Spera and Ziruk Districts remain in need of reconstruction support to rebuild their homes. Funds are urgently needed, to enable partners support vulnerable families rebuild their homes, and avert enduring another harsh winter season, exposed to the elements.

Seasonal Winter Needs \$59 million: With 81 percent³ of households having insufficient winter clothes and 77 percent lacking access to heating material, it is expected that there will be urgent need for shelter, heating materials, blankets and winter clothing during the early onset winter period. More than 1 million people residing in high priority districts will need seasonal support, to mitigate their exposure to the elements, other health risks and hazards.

Replenishment of ES/NFI Stockpiles \$10 million: Between January and April 2023, Afghanistan has experienced 164 earthquake events, of which 40 are rated 4.5 mag and above⁴. It is imperative that we remain prepared, with adequate prepositioned stockpiles capacities to address unforeseen displacements from floods, conflict, earthquake, and possible evictions.

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⁴ IIMAP EQ Events Analysis <https://reliefweb.int/map/afghanistan/afghanistan-earthquake-events-overview-may-2023>

KEY FIGURES

9.6M
People in need of Shelter, NFI and winterization assistance

610k
People planned to be reached by the Cluster (Jun - Dec 2023)

347k
People reached as of May 2023

118k
People to be reached with transitional shelters

295k
People to be reached with shelter repairs

107k
People to be reached with Emergency shelters

471k
People to be reached with non-food items

1M
People to be reached with winter assistance

\$140M
Budget needed