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SHELTER CLUSTER

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

GAZA SHELTER CLUSTER MEETING

26 January 2025

AGENDA

- Introductions
- SC Gaza Updates
- Ceasefire Plan Update and discussion
- IM Update
- Partners' update
- AOB

INTRODUCTIONS

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CEASEFIRE PLAN Key Points

1. Evolving Situation and Response Adaptation. The situation is expected to evolve significantly as internally displaced persons (IDPs) move and return to their areas. This dynamic will create new and diverse needs for returnees, requiring the Shelter Cluster and Partners to adapt response strategies to effectively address emerging challenges and provide comprehensive support. Shelter partners should remain flexible and responsive to the evolving context to ensure targeted and efficient assistance.

2. Update Pipelines and Stocks Recent analysis indicates that our current stock and pipeline supplies will cover a limited number of individuals, highlighting the need for continued support and resource mobilization.

	Shelter					NFI	
	Framing Kit	Tool Kit	Sealing Off Kit	Tarpaulin Pieces	ESK	Tent	Bedding Items
Completed /Stock	-	-	3,144	9,030	-	2,561	10,000
Completed procurement/Pipeline	-	1,200	6,430	38,180	-	32,794	1,100,000
On-Going /Pipeline	2,260	600	14,765	-	-	4,050	1,000
Total	2,260	1,800	24,339	23,605	-	39,405	1,111,000
Grand Total					52,004	39,405	1,111,000

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Stock and Pipeline Coverage for Individuals:

	Stock Covering Individuales	
All GS	NFIS(Bedding)	Shelter
	10,000	36,800

	Pipeline Covering Individuales	
All GS	NFIS(Bedding)	Shelter
	1,100,100	422,000

Despite these efforts, gaps have been identified, requiring enhanced coordination to meet the needs of all displaced populations.

	Gap in Individuales	
All GS	NFIS	Shelter (Tents Or ESK)
	279,900	959,200

3. Gaps in Shelter and NFI Coverage

The current analysis highlights significant gaps in coverage, with unmet needs persisting despite available stock and pipeline supplies. The following gaps have been identified:

Efforts are ongoing to address these shortfalls through advocacy, resource mobilization, and enhanced coordination with relevant stakeholders.

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4. **Prioritized Items for Access Due to ongoing restrictions** on the entry of building materials and dual-use items into Gaza, the Shelter Cluster will continue prioritizing the distribution of available items until conditions change. **The current focus remains on providing** Emergency Shelter Kits (ESK), Framing Kits, Non-Food Items (NFIs), Tents, Sealing Off Kits (SOK), and Tarpaulins to meet immediate shelter and household needs.

- **Emergency Shelter Kits (ESKs):** Contain tarpaulins, fixing materials, framing materials, and hand tools to support makeshift shelters and partially damaged housing.
- **Sealing-Off Kits (SOKs):** For weatherproofing and winterization of shelters.
- **Tents:** High-quality, internationally approved tents to provide immediate shelter solutions.
- **Non-Food Items (NFIs):** Bedding, cooking utensils, and seasonal necessities for affected families.

Among these items, **ESKs and Framing Kits are the top priority once logistical challenges are resolved** with the Logistics Cluster.

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5. Targeting and Vulnerability Criteria As people begin moving, **the focus will be on displaced returnees;** however, **assistance will continue** to follow the vulnerability and **targeting criteria outlined in the provided framework.** This approach ensures that support is distributed based on needs, vulnerabilities, and contextual analysis, while enhancing social cohesion.

Key Vulnerability Criteria:

- Persons with disabilities or serious medical conditions.
- Women and girls at risk, including female-headed households.
- Older persons (60+), children at risk, and minority groups.
- Settlement-level vulnerabilities such as unsafe areas and lack of access to basic services.

What are the vulnerability criteria recommended by Shelter Cluster Palestine?

Individual vulnerability criteria

1. Persons with disabilities or injury.
2. Persons with chronic illness and serious medical conditions (including mental health issues).
3. Older persons (60+).
4. Women and girls at risk.
5. Women head of household.
6. Children at risk.
7. Members of minority groups.
8. People with socio-economic hardship.

Settlement-level vulnerabilities indicators

1. Unsafe Areas.
2. Areas that are targeted for evacuation.
3. Lack of access to basic services like water and sanitation.
4. Limited access to Livelihoods, Social Services, Infrastructures or/and markets...

Shelter specific vulnerabilities

1. Sleeping outside.
2. Risk of UXO.
3. Structurally damaged building.
4. Substandard shelter.
5. Risk of eviction.
6. Not enough space for the number of inhabitants.

The vulnerabilities related to shelter & settlements depend on many factors and require the participation and collaboration of other sectors (WASH, Protection, Livelihoods, etc).

Targeting*

1. Based on needs
2. Based on vulnerabilities
3. Based on context analysis
4. Based on barriers
5. Enhance social cohesion

Exclusion (or non-prioritization):

HHs that have a safe place to stay
HHs that have the means to carry out the repairs themselves
HHs that are receiving other equivalent assistance

*There are many requests from partners being shared for tents for their staff in order for the response to continue. The cluster recommends that vulnerable displaced people are prioritised. However, staff doing lifesaving activities may also be prioritised.

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6. Priority Response The Shelter Cluster's immediate response efforts will focus on providing lifesaving shelter and NFI assistance to the most vulnerable populations, prioritizing:

- Provision of ESKs and tents to IDPs returning to their areas of damaged or destroyed buildings, in addition to IDPs in existing shelter sites and host communities with a focus on hard-to-reach areas that were outside the "humanitarian Zone"
- Household NFI kit distribution to families in centers and self-settled locations, including areas where families have returned to their land or partially damaged houses.
- Sealing off kits (tarpaulins, toolkits, framing kits, and tents) to support shelter winterization and enable safe living conditions.
- Distribution of emergency shelter kits (ESK) to create, improve, and upgrade makeshift shelters, transitioning from core emergency solutions to temporary, transitional, and permanent shelter options.
- Tents distribution in middle and southern areas to reduce overcrowding.
- Upscaling winterization efforts for degraded shelters and supporting flood-risk areas.
- Support to collective centers in UN and non-UN facilities with shelter improvements and essential household items.

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Key Challenges and Immediate Actions

1. ERW Clearing and Debris Management Summary

While ERW clearance and debris management fall under the responsibility of specialized actors, **shelter partners** will focus on the following key actions:

Supporting Assessments:

- Provide shelter-specific insights **to help identify critical areas for intervention.**
- **Support ongoing rapid assessments** conducted by specialized actors.
- Advocate with relevant stakeholders to ensure debris clearance is recognized as the first priority for shelter interventions
- Advocate for access to essential resources, including fuel, equipment, and materials necessary for shelter operations.

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2- Unhindered access to IDPs:

- access to IDPs for providing essential services and assistance.
- **Identify and map** key access challenges and potential **alternative routes**.
- Strengthen communication with IDPs
- Ensure contingency stockpiling in accessible areas to prevent supply chain disruptions.
- Transportaion

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3 - **Access to essential shelter items (ESKs, SOKs, tarps, tents, SNFI)**, Current restrictions hinder timely and effective assistance, delaying critical shelter interventions and impacting affected populations:

Advocacy with relevant stakeholders to prioritize shelter items in entry negotiations.

Adequate supply of timber and tools. Framing kits

- Adequate supply of timber and tools to support the construction of makeshift shelters.
- Sufficient materials for minor repairs and weatherproofing of partially damaged housing units.

4-Reliable fuel supply:

Fuel is **essential** for distributions and assessments; efforts should focus on advocating for prioritized fuel allocation to support **humanitarian operations** effectively

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5- Risk Awareness and Mitigation for Returnees to Damaged Buildings

Provision of IEC materials:

- Provide clear, accessible **guidance on the proper use** of distributed **shelter materials**.
- Implement **self-assessment** tools to help returnees **identify and mitigate** structural risks.
- **Raise awareness about safety practices**, including strategies to address ERW hazards.

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6- HLP Security of tenure discussions and coordination

Discussions are ongoing with relevant partners to address immediate actions related to HLP security of tenure and other key topics, such as the use of empty buildings

7-Monitor IDP movements, collect data, and map new sites with partner support.

Provide assistance based on identified and verified needs.

The SMWG has **issued a document detailing the site-to-site population and needs monitoring plan to track displacement** trends, demographic changes, and key sectoral needs across sites during the ceasefire. The **Shelter Cluster will work closely with SMWG** to analyze displacement patterns, develop targeting criteria, coordinate assistance along displacement routes, and provide guidance to field teams for adapting responses based on evolving needs.

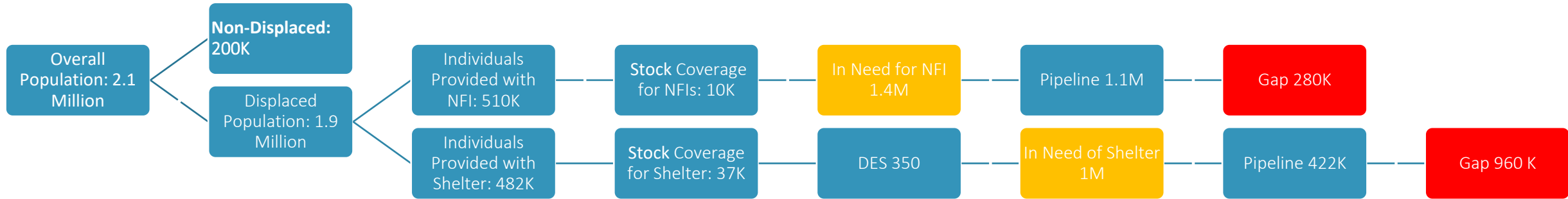
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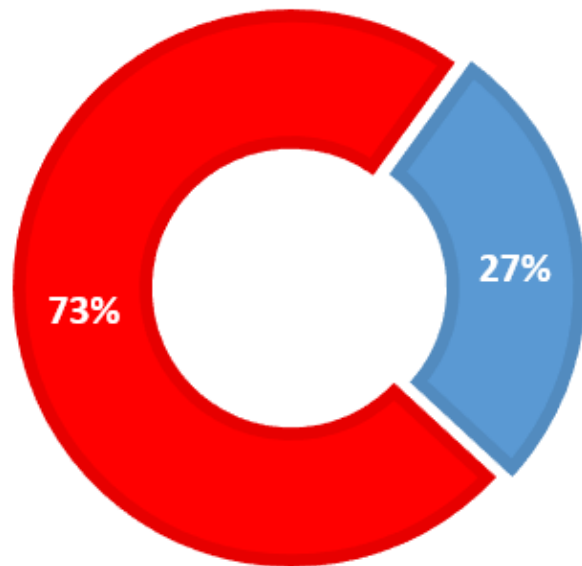
- With the anticipated movement of IDPs, and the initial feedback of massive destructions in many neighborhoods, **Shelter partners are conducting a rapid assessment for areas potentially having some remaining buildings partially damaged or having space to erect a tent or Emergency shelter adjacent or close to destroyed homes.**
- Although a lot of trucks are reported to have entered during the last couple of days, we have no information about any received Shelter NFIs or their quantities, more efforts are needed to set up a system of information sharing by the logs cluster to relevant clusters and their respective partners.
- Shelter partners who **receive referrals or lists** from other parties are required to verify the needs of the affected people and **respond based on their verification and assessment.**
- **We are still following up on updates regarding the prioritization mechanism. If there are any changes or new guidelines, we will adjust our approach accordingly to ensure that the most critical items are prioritized for delivery.**

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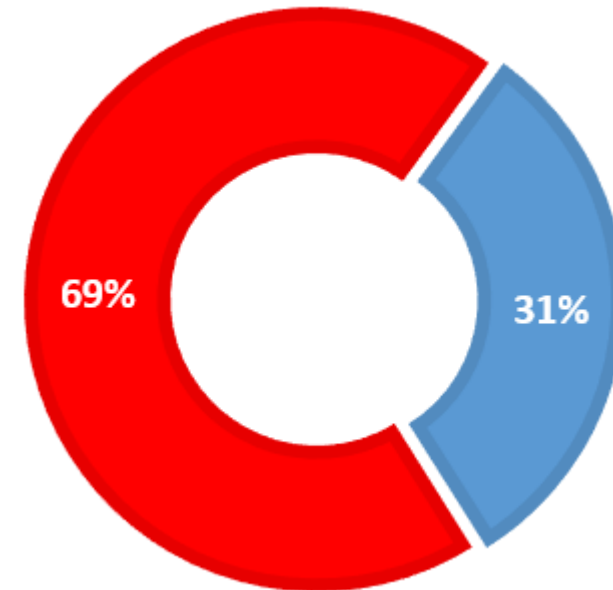
Gap Analysis (currents Status)



NFIs



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IM Updates- Stock Analysis

Items	Organization							Grand Total
	MAAN	CRS	UNRWA	ACTED	HEKS	NRC	PUI	
Tarpaulin	3,265	5,424				342		9,031
Blankets	2,400	4,328	258					6,986
Plastic Sheets (Transparent)	3,200		1,386					4,586
Mattresses	3,000	943		517	64			4,524
Searchlight	4,500							4,500
Sealing Off materials	150	522		517		1,955		3,144
Cloths	2,820							2,820
Tents		1,171	1,390					2,561
Kitchen Sets		1,384		517				1,901
Mats	40	16	758		260			1,074
Bedding set							812	812

IM Updates- Pipeline information Jan 2025

Items	Main Routes		
	Jordan	Egypt	Grand Total
Blankets	903,088	176,300	1,079,388
Mattresses	859,340	6,549	865,889
Mats	5,450	41,751	47,201
Cloths	46,816		46,816
Tarpaulin	38,180		38,180
Tents	23,303	13,541	36,844
Clothes	11,000	15,700	26,700
Sealing Off materials	11,450	9,745	21,195
Framing Kit	1,260	1,000	2,260
Tool Kit		1,800	1,800
Searchlight	258	1,200	1,458
Solar mosquito trap		1,200	1,200
Sleeping Bags		1,200	1,200
Kitchen kit	258		258

Recent Updated Damage Figures

Housing unit

Source :GMO Update date: 21 Jan 2025



- 161k(HU) = 34%** of the housing stock in Gaza is totally destroyed (housing units)
- 82k (HU) = 17%** of the housing stock in Gaza is severely damaged (housing unit)
- 194k(HU) = 41%** of the housing stock in Gaza is partially damaged (housing unit)
- 435k(HU) = 93%** of housing units in Gaza have been sustained some type of damage.

Source :UNOSAT Gaza Strip Comprehensive Building Damage Assessment

Buildings

Update date:01 Dec 2024

Destroyed

 60,368

Individual buildings

Severely damaged

 20,050

Individual buildings

Moderately damaged

 56,292

Individual buildings



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Partner Update

AOB

- Expanding Assistance to Rafah- East of Salah Eddin, East Gaza, Northern Governorates
 - UNICEF continue to receive an influx of supplies, including non-food items (NFIs), and are also expecting around 1,500 family tents that they would like to distribute through the shelter cluster.
 - HF OPT 1st reserve allocation 2025

- Damaged buildings and damage assessments
- Shelters coming in – including North
- Coordination of partners in the North
- HLP in the North

NEXT MEETINGS

Gaza and North Shelter Cluster Meeting (In-person with SC team connected online)

Sunday 2 February 2025

National Shelter Cluster Meeting (Online)

Wednesday 5th February, 10:30 – 12:00

Gaza Shelter Cluster meeting (In person)

Sunday 09th February, 10:30 – 12:00, JHC JHOC KY



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