

Minutes of Meeting: Gaza Shelter Cluster Meeting

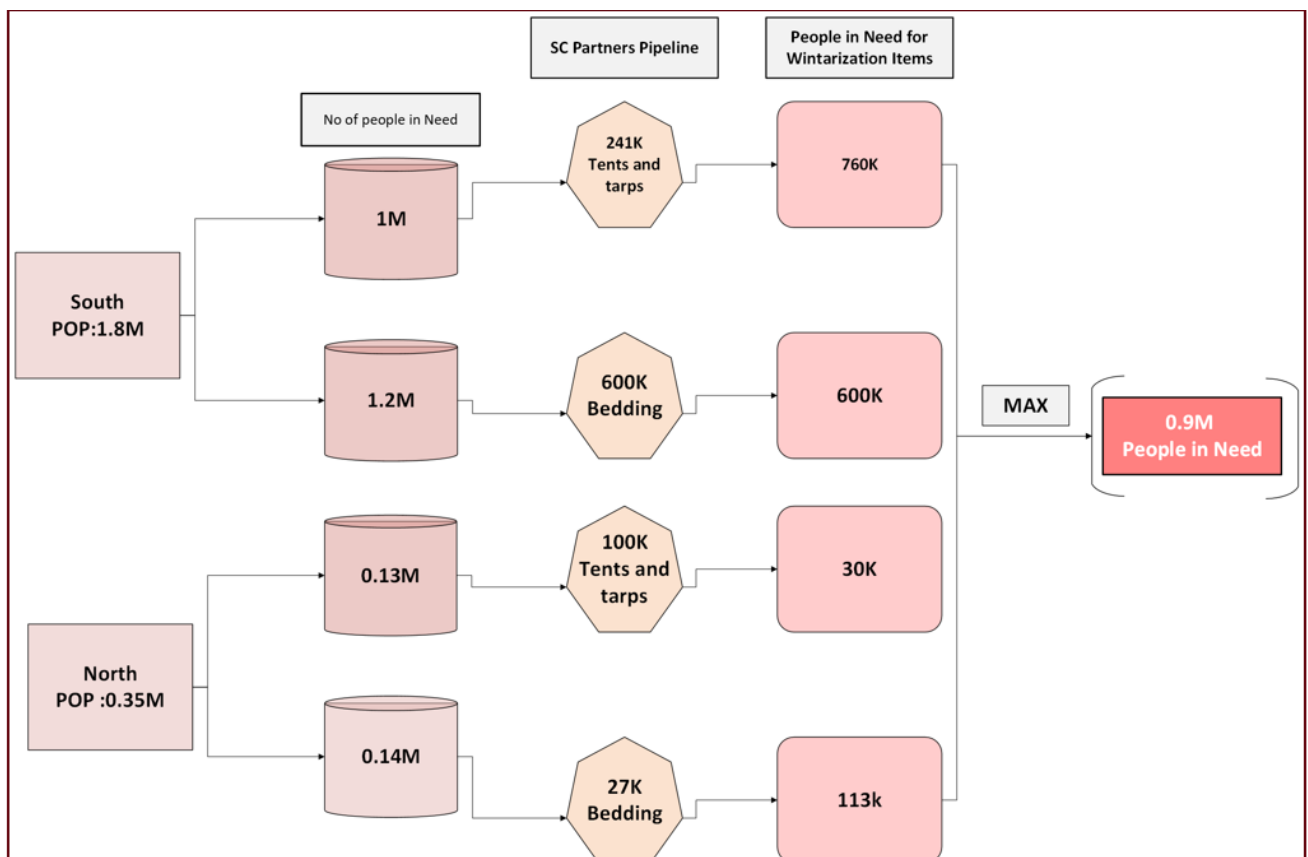
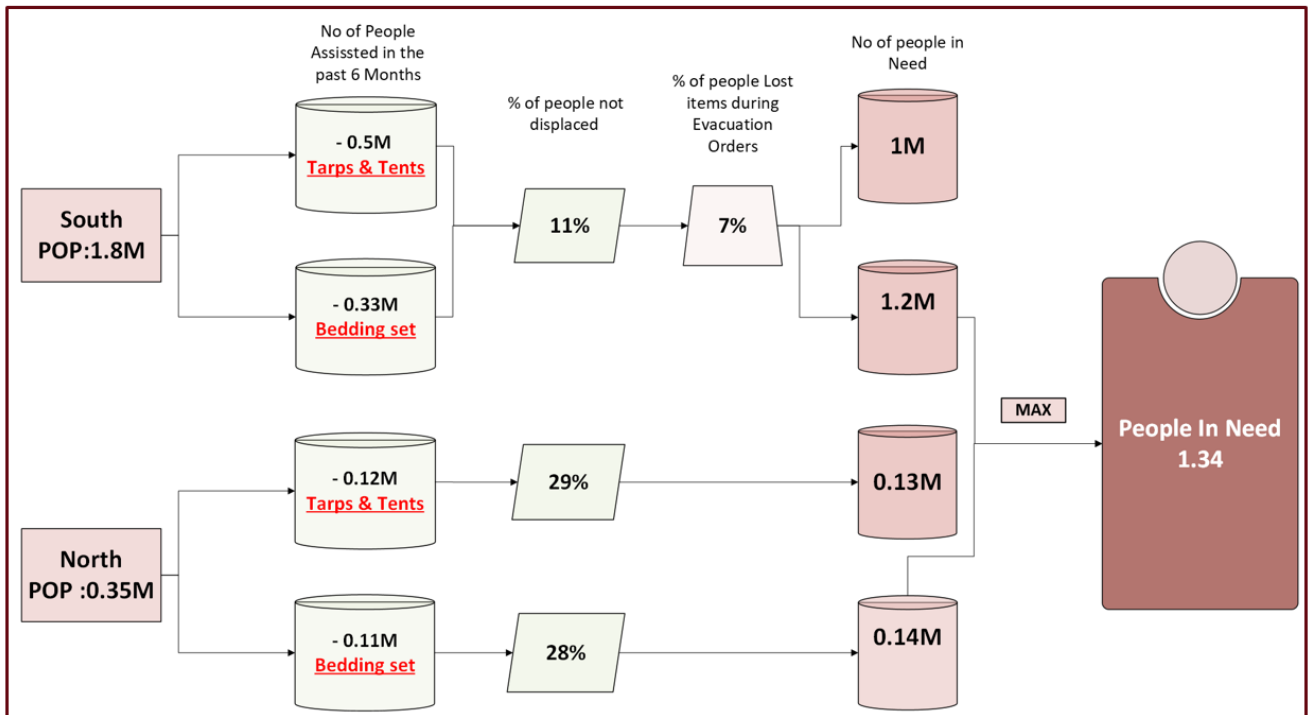
Location: UNRWA-Japanese Health Centre- JHC - Khanyounis

Present: UNRWA, UNDP, CRS, ACTED, PEF, HEKS/EPER, PHC, PUI, NRC, MAAN, Bayader, ANERA, SIF, BLDA, IRW, PRCS, OCHA-HF, OCHA, PNGO, CISS.

Absent: AAH, PARK, SCI, CESVI, GDD, GEM, SMWG, ICRC, CARE, FAFD, AIOCP, MOSD,

Topic and Notes on Discussion	Action points
<p>Summary:</p> <p>During the meeting, discussions were held on the upcoming meeting schedules, important updates on the Humanitarian Pool Fund, 1st standard allocation 2024, the distribution of essential materials, and the related challenges. The importance of information management updates and effective coordination to ensure the delivery of necessary supplies was emphasized.</p> <p>The priorities and challenges of bringing materials into the area were discussed, with a focus on the urgent need to improve entry processes to the South and Middle areas of Gaza, and provide vital supplies. The importance of improving coordination and cooperation among the concerned parties was stressed.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the need for preventive measures to protect people on the flood prone areas and the beach during the upcoming winter season, and quick action to implement these measures, keeping in mind that relocation of IDPs is the last resort. A potential visit to the northern governorates of Gaza and the necessary preparations were also discussed, along with addressing areas at risk.</p> <p>Future needs and challenges were discussed, focusing on people who need assistance and ensuring no duplication of aid. The importance of directing aid to those who have not previously benefited from it and avoiding repetition or overlapping of assistance was emphasized.</p>	
<p>Meeting Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions 2. Coordination update 3. IM update 4. Humanitarian Pool Fund 2024 1 SA Discussion 5. Partner Updates 6. AOB 	

<p>1- Introductions: Next Meetings: National Shelter Cluster Meeting (Online), Wednesday 11 September, 10:30 – 12:00</p> <p>West Bank Shelter Cluster Meeting (Online), Wednesday 17 September, 10:00 – 11:30</p> <p>Gaza Shelter Cluster meeting (TBC, Hybrid – if this one works), Sunday 15 Sep, 10:30 – 12:00, Location: JHC</p>			
<p>2- Coordination Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still huge access and logistical constraints, particularly for the South. Crossing at Kerem Shalom dysfunctional - due to only a few trucks allowed to cross and looting. • Fence Road - Prioritisation weekly exercise is ongoing, however actual implementation is challenging. • Still struggling to service the most urgent protection cases. • Flood prone areas assessment and mitigation measures, A joint visit with WASH, OCHA, SMWG, and Shelter conducted to 4 locations in Khanyounis and Deir El-Balah, a report is under finalization. • Technical guidance: emergency assessment packages, priority activities and receiving lists from MOSD under preparation by SC coordination team. 			
<p>3- IM Updates</p> <p>Mohammed provided updates on the latest damage figures received recently from MOPWH, and summarized the findings of the recent winterization Gap analysis conducted by the SC IM team.</p>			
Governorate	Totally Destroyed	Severe Damages (Uninhabitable)	Total
West Gaza	17,000	10,300	27,300
East Gaza	16,000	9,000	25,000
South Gaza	13,000	8,000	21,000
North Governorate	30,000	10,000	40,000
Middle Governorate	10,000	8,000	18,000
KhanYunis Governorate	40,000	17,000	57,000
Rafah Governorate	15,000	8,000	23,000
Total	141,000	70,300	211,300



4- Discussion: HF 1st Standard Allocation 2024:

- The Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) has decided to launch the oPt HF First Standard Allocation 2024 for US\$ 30 million (USD 25 M in Gaza and USD 5 M in West Bank).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast Track (WASH, Shelter, and SMWG: winterization in Gaza USD 9.5 M): this track will enhance people's access to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services including small infrastructural maintenance, urgent shelter assistance, transitional shelter solutions, while also promoting preparedness for the upcoming winter season. • Shelter envelope for the fast track is USD 4.5 M. • Funding will be directed to the best-placed actors, including NGOs, UN agencies, and Red Cross and Red Crescent societies <p><u>The prioritized activities within the strategy paper:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of Sealing off kit • Distribution of Framing Kits • Distribution of Toolkits • Distribution of Tent (meets SC standards) • Distribution of Heaters/ stoves depending on the type of fuel available • Distribution of firewood/ Charcoal/ cooking gas • Distribution of household Items (Bedding sets, Kitchen Sets, Washing sets) • Distribution of thermal sleeping items (Thermal mats, sleeping bags, blankets) • Distribution of winter clothing (jacket, sweater, trouser, hat, scarf, underwear, etc.) <p><u>Discussion: The participation of Shelter Members in the Allocation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Which organizations willing to submit projects?</u> Many showed interest and will submit projects. • <u>What are the challenges/concerns preventing some partners from participation?</u> Some organization have ongoing funding and face challenges in the spending percentage due to inability to import the materials. 	
<p>5- <u>Partners Updates:</u></p> <p>ACTED: Distributed 120 clothes kits in the North, and planning to distribute 300-400 Nonfood items and bedding kits to IDPs in the North.</p> <p>PRCS: The North pipeline is active, NFIs distribution is made in partnership with MOSD, face currently challenges in getting approvals for entry of items, have some trucks in Al-Arish and will update the information to the Shelter cluster and the Logs cluster.</p> <p>Have 300 mattresses and 200 pillows to be distributed in the North. Bedding sets and 1440 tents are on the pipeline from Jordan to the North expected end of</p> <p>NRC: Completed the distribution of 121 tents in the Middle area, and will support addition 140 household this week. The target includes new IDPs, and protection cases.</p> <p>CRS: Distributed 621 tents (and other NFIs) to households having totally destroyed homes in Gaza and the North out of 2000 households nominated by MOSD.</p> <p>UNRWA: Distributed 280 tents and 1000 camping beds in the North governorates in addition to 1000 hygiene kits and 700 mattresses to vulnerable households in the South governorates.</p> <p>IRW: Continued the distribution of kitchen kits in the North, the total number reach until now is 4866 households.</p>	

<p>Key Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the optimal way to identify and reach people in need and ensure prioritization of the most vulnerable groups and no duplication of aid? • How can coordination and cooperation between different partners be improved to achieve maximum benefit? • What are the essential needs and shelter materials to focus on currently? • What challenges might prevent us from providing aid in South and middle governorates? • Are there specific challenges related to the current shelter and housing situation? • What are the proposed steps to improve the distribution of materials and aid more effectively? <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for emergency needs response (winter is approaching) • Submit periodic updates on needs and challenges related to resources and logistics. • Provide aid and resources to affected areas (focus on Southern Governorates where higher needs exist) • Review and update current plans for aid distribution according to current challenges. • Identify basic needs and shelter/ winterization materials. • Coordinate between different field teams at areas of response to avoid duplication of assistance. • Monitor the implementation of proposed plans and provide necessary improvements in distribution and coordination. • Improve the distribution of materials and aid based on field analysis and assessments. 	
<p>AOB:</p> <p>NA</p>	