PALESTINE
SHELTER CLUSTER
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

Data as of 31 Oct 2026

Gaza Shelter & Household Items

Monthly Fact Sheet · October 2026

People in need
1,987,000

Items distributed in October
290,000 reaching **80,676 households**

Household items **225,423** Shelter **64,577**

Winter funding gap after pledges
$186.6M

35% funded
of $283.2M required

Requirement	Before pledges	Pledged
$283.2M	$224.0M	$37.4M

Household items	$82.9M	Shelter	$45.8M
Logistics	$38.6M	Ops	$19.3M

Situation overview — Most of Gaza's population remains displaced, with the majority of families living in damaged buildings, makeshift shelters and overcrowded sites with little protection from winter temperatures, rain, storms and flooding. Israel continues to restrict the entry of essential shelter materials, and local market availability of shelter materials is very limited. Local market prices on shelter items can run up to 16 times the cost of international procurement.

Shelter Cluster has calculated that the emergency shelter winter response requires a minimum of $283.2M, of which only 35 per cent is funded, leaving a $186.6M shortfall. Current stock and pipeline supplies meet less than 20 per cent of the need for blankets, mattresses and solar lights, and less than 1 per cent of the need for winter clothing.

In October, Shelter Cluster partners distributed 290,000 shelter and household items, providing partial assistance to 80,676 households.

Winter needs & gaps

Quantities and costs by item, before and after pledges

Gap Subtotal

Item	Intl. price	Total need	October response	Pipeline + stock	Net gap	Pledges	Total funding need	Gap without pledges	Gap with pledges
Tents	$430	121,357	7,643	64,000	**57,357**	**163,000**	$52.18M	$24.66M	**$0**
ESK	$300	56,782	468	13,204	**43,578**	—	$17.03M	$13.07M	**$13.07M**
Sealing-off kit	$51	69,939	11,311	7,501	**62,438**	—	$3.57M	$3.18M	**$3.18M**
Tarpaulins	$11	561,239	30,713	850,000	*−288,761*	**400,000**	$6.17M	$0	**$0**
Tool kits	$55	152,954	13,046	14,700	**138,254**	—	$8.41M	$7.60M	**$7.60M**
RHU	$2,700	3,604	1,396	17,933	*−14,329*	—	$9.73M	$0	**$0**
Subtotal Shelter							**$97.10M**	**$48.53M**	**$23.86M**
Blankets	$6	1,512,171	35,829	317,000	**1,195,171**	—	$9.07M	$7.17M	**$7.17M**
Mattresses	$10	1,714,719	26,781	160,580	**1,554,139**	—	$17.15M	$15.54M	**$15.54M**
Solar light	$8	271,979	32,021	209,000	**62,979**	—	$2.18M	$0.50M	**$0.50M**
Winter clothes	$52	1,060,880	17,120	19,196	**1,041,684**	—	$55.17M	$54.17M	**$54.17M**
Kitchen kit	$27	152,454	3,046	51,788	**100,666**	—	$4.12M	$2.72M	**$2.72M**
Subtotal Household items							**$87.68M**	**$80.10M**	**$80.10M**
Baseline total							**$184.78M**	**$128.63M**	**$103.96M**
Procurement & regional logistics							$55.43M	$38.59M	$31.19M
In-country operational support							$27.72M	$19.29M	$15.59M
Grand total requirement							**$267.93M**	**$186.51M**	**$150.75M**

Stock & completed procurement

Households that current partner stock and completed procurement can partially assist

Current partner stock

24,932 Shelter (HH)

45,098 Household items (HH)

Completed procurement

36,820 Shelter (HH)

13,560 Household items (HH)

Shelter assistance (HH)

Item	Stock	Completed procurement	Total
Tents	2,818	2,000	**4,818**
Tarpaulins	19,008	17,740	**36,748**
RHU	910	4,080	**4,990**
Sealing-off kits	2,196	0	**2,196**
ESK	0	13,000	**13,000**
Total	**24,932**	**36,820**	**61,752**

Household items assistance (HH)

Item	Stock	Completed procurement	Total
Solar lights	8,370	5,000	**13,370**
Kitchen sets	12,863	0	**12,863**
Toolkits	4,261	8,560	**12,821**
Blankets	10,415	0	**10,415**
Mattresses	4,993	0	**4,993**
Clothing kits	4,196	0	**4,196**
Total	**45,098**	**13,560**	**58,658**

Market monitoring for shelter & household items

Unit cost in USD: international procurement vs. Gaza local market*

ITEM	INTL.	GAZA	MARKUP
Solar light	$8	**$131**	**+1,538%**
ESK	$300	**$4,000**	**+1,233%**
Tarpaulin	$11	**$142**	**+1,191%**
Blanket	$6	**$71**	**+1,083%**
Tool kit	$55	**$500**	**+809%**
Mattress	$10	**$69**	**+590%**
Sealing-off kit	$51	**$317**	**+522%**
Kitchen kit	$27	**$130**	**+381%**
Winter clothes	$52	**$200**	**+285%**
Tent	$430	**$655**	**+52%**
RHU	$2,700	—	Not available locally

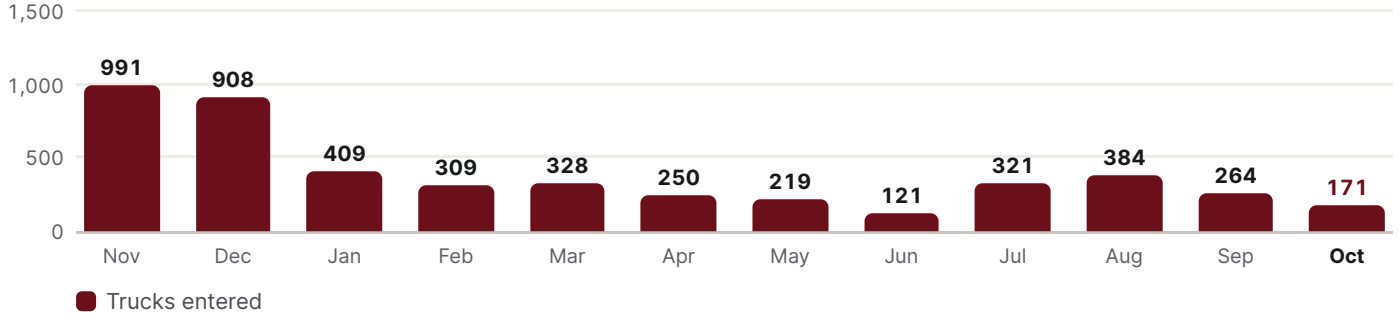
*As of October 2026



Distributing plastic sheeting and tarpaulins, by Senabil Association.

Entry of shelter items, last 12 months

Trucks carrying shelter and household items entering Gaza per month · Nov 2025 – Oct 2026



Key challenges & constraints

- **Rejected items:** timber, metal frames, tool kits and RHU parts treated as dual-use; 38 requests denied or pending.
- **Limited entry:** shelter items that entered were 9% of overall aid trucks; clearance averages 21 days.
- **Unaffordable market:** prices 4–16× international cost put basic items out of reach.

Key priorities & asks

1. **Fund the $186.6M winter gap**, starting with clothing, blankets and mattresses.
2. **Open entry at scale** for shelter solutions such as tents, tarpaulins, sealing-off kits and framing.
3. **Clear pending approvals** for timber, tool kits and RHU parts.
4. **Expand transitional shelter** alongside continued emergency assistance.



Weatherproofing a family tent with a tarpaulin ahead of winter rains, by Senabil Association.

Sources: Shelter Cluster 5W, partner stockpile and pipeline reports, winterization gap analysis (October 2026).