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
1.98M

Items distributed in October
290,000
providing partial assistance to **80,676 households**

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

Winter funding gap after pledges
$186.6M
35% funded
of **$283.2M** required

Gap before pledges **$224.0M** − Pledged **$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.

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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 Relief housing unit (RHU) parts.
4. **Expand transitional shelter** alongside continued emergency assistance.

Winter needs & gaps

Quantities and costs by item, before and after pledges

Gap · Subtotal

Item	Unit	Unit cost (intl. procurement)	Total need	October response	Pipeline + stock	Net gap	Pledges	Total funding need	Gap without pledges	Gap with pledges
Tents	HH	$430	121,357	7,643	64,000	57,357	163,000	$52.18M	$24.66M	$0
Emergency shelter kit (ESK)	HH	$300	56,782	468	13,204	43,578	—	$17.03M	$13.07M	$13.07M
Sealing-off kit	HH	$51	69,939	11,311	7,501	62,438	—	$3.57M	$3.18M	$3.18M
Tarpaulins	Pieces	$11	561,239	30,713	850,000	—	400,000	$6.17M	$0	$0
Tool kits	HH	$55	152,954	13,046	14,700	138,254	—	$8.41M	$7.60M	$7.60M
Relief housing unit (RHU)	HH	$2,700	3,604	1,396	17,933	—	—	$9.73M	$0	$0
Subtotal Shelter								**$97.10M**	**$48.53M**	**$23.86M**
Blankets	Persons	$6	1,512,171	35,829	317,000	1,195,171	—	$9.07M	$7.17M	$7.17M
Mattresses	Persons	$10	1,714,719	26,781	160,580	1,554,139	—	$17.15M	$15.54M	$15.54M
Solar light	HH	$8	271,979	32,021	209,000	62,979	—	$2.18M	$0.50M	$0.50M
Winter clothes	Persons	$52	1,060,880	17,120	19,196	1,041,684	—	$55.17M	$54.17M	$54.17M
Kitchen kit	HH	$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**

HH = households. **Unit cost** = USD price per unit through international procurement. **—** in Net gap = pipeline and stock already cover the need.

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**
Relief housing unit (RHU)	910	4,080	**4,990**
Sealing-off kits	2,196	0	**2,196**
Emergency shelter kit (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**

Figures are in households (HH). To get the number of pieces, multiply by the items each household receives. * Each household receives 4 tarpaulins. ** Each household receives 6 items.

Market monitoring for shelter & household items

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

ITEM	INTL. PROCUREMENT	GAZA MARKET	PRICE INFLATION
Solar light	$8	**$131**	**+1,538%**
Emergency shelter kit (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%**
Relief housing unit (RHU)	$2,700	—	Not available locally

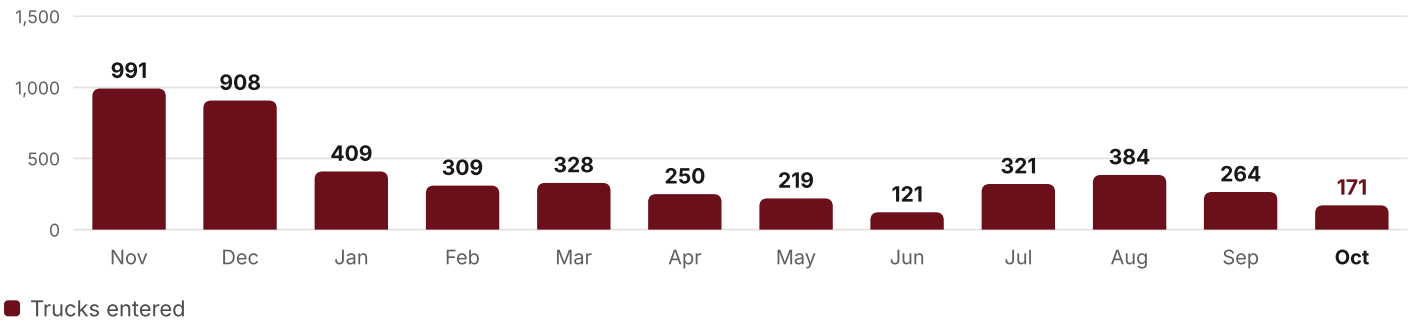
*As of October 2026



Members of the Senabil Association distribute plastic sheeting and tarpaulins. Photo: 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 Relief housing unit (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.



Members of the Senabil Association weatherproof a family tent with a tarpaulin ahead of winter rains. Photo: Senabil Association

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