



**ERLC** Early Recovery and  
Livelihoods Cluster  
Smarter Response, Resilient Communities



**NW SYRIA X-BORDER  
SHELTER/NFI CLUSTER**  
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements



## **INTER-CLUSTER GUIDANCE NOTE**

### **ERL-SHELTER NFI**

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## INTRODUCTION

This guidance has been prepared by the ERL and SNFI clusters to support cluster partners in both designing project proposals and reporting activities to the relevant cluster. The close relationship and complementary activities between the SNFI and ERL clusters have led to confusion among partners on how to design project proposals and report activities to the respective clusters. To avoid further confusion in the future, the SNFI and ERL cluster coordination teams are introducing the following guidelines.

### 1. ACCESS TO SERVICES

Infrastructure improvement **inside IDP sites** (in addition to dignified shelter) is a Shelter NFI cluster led component and must be coordinated with - and reported to - the SNFI cluster. Similar complementary infrastructure rehabilitation outside IDP sites should be reported under the ERL cluster as the lead cluster for related interventions **outside of IDP sites and camps**. It will be recommended to follow each of these clusters' technical guidance while both clusters are encouraging an integrated approach for complementary outside and inside IDP sites and camps.

#### A. Rehabilitation of Infrastructure

Infrastructure improvements in IDP sites (**Activity 1.5**) is following the Shelter NFI Cluster guidance and includes the following sub-activities: Site planning, roads and pathways, rain drainage, greening areas, solar poles installation and site fencing. It does not include however rehabilitation of markets, schools, health facilities and community centers inside IDP sites/camps, which is not a priority for Shelter/NFI.

Relevant activities from the SNFI log frame	Relevant activities from the ERL log frame
<b>Activity 1.4</b> Implementation of HH level improvements in IDP sites	<b>Activity 1.07</b> Rehabilitation of classrooms
<b>Activity 1.5</b> Implementation of site level improvements/ infrastructure in IDP sites	<b>Activity 1.08</b> Rehabilitation of Schools (WASH Facilities - Furniture ... etc)
<b>Activity 2.1</b> Implementation of minor repairs to damaged or unfinished housing	<b>Activity 1.09</b> Rehabilitation of hospitals/clinics
<b>Activity 2.2</b> Rehabilitation of damaged or unfinished housing (Moderate and Severe)	<b>Activity 1.10</b> Reparation of Roads (out of IDP sites)
<b>Activity 2.3</b> Rehabilitation of damaged or unfinished building common areas	<b>Activity 1.11</b> Reparation of Sewage lines
	<b>Activity 1.12</b> Rehabilitation of water stations (max 4000 beneficiaries)
	<b>Activity 2.12</b> Rehabilitation on local markets\warehouses
	<b>Activity 2.13</b> Rehabilitation or Provision of basic productive infrastructure assets
	<b>Activity 1.18</b> Support of spaces with improved access

#### B. Access to Energy

The distinction between 'inside IDP sites/camps' (under Shelter/NFI) and 'outside IDP sites/camps' (under ERL) also applies to access to energy, e.g. for installation of solar systems under Shelter/NFI **activity 2.8 inside** IDP sites/camps vs ERL **activity 1.02** outside IDP sites/camps. Except for shelter repair and rehabilitation, which can also include solar energy systems for households (under the **activities 2.1.,2.2 and 2.3**), **outside of camps**.

Relevant activities from the SNFI log frame	Relevant activities from the ERL log frame
<b>Activity 2.8</b> Supply and installation of HH level solar energy systems	<b>Activity 1.01</b> Provision of solar systems distributed and installed to support public facilities
	<b>Activity 1.02</b> Provision of solar systems distributed and installed to Households
	<b>Activity 1.03</b> Rehabilitation of electrical networks
	<b>Activity 1.04</b> Rehabilitation of Electrical networks stations/transformers (100 KVA)

## 2. LIVELIHOOD AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Cluster activities related to **livelihoods and job opportunities** are not included under the SNFI cluster log frame. Therefore, livelihood support in general **both outside and inside IDP sites** falls entirely under the ERL cluster. Related activities under project proposals should only be included under the ERL cluster. The activities should only be reported to the ERL cluster. For the SNFI cluster, livelihoods are the key complementary ERL cluster intervention to the concept of the dignified shelter, and it will be always an asset for the cluster members to complement and integrate with this component.

### A. Business support

Relevant activities from the SNFI log frame	Relevant activities from the ERL log frame
	<b>Activity 2.01</b> Support people to start (Or re-start) a social or business entrepreneurship startup
	<b>Activity 2.02</b> Provision of support grants for existing MSMEs
	<b>Activity 2.03</b> Support of homebased businesses
	<b>Activity 2.11</b> The support of functioning value chains

### B. Vocational trainings

Relevant activities from the SNFI log frame	Relevant activities from the ERL log frame
<b>Activity 2.7</b> Capacity building of individuals/ beneficiaries to undertake sector interventions and/ or initiatives	<b>Activity 2.05</b> Provision of Technical business and Vocational trainings

### C. Cash for Work (CfW)

For the Shelter/NFI cluster, Cash for Work is a modality that has to be coordinated with ERL cluster, included as a component and reported under the ERL, while the Shelter/NFI cluster completely leads the standard rehabilitation activities with partners showing capacity and experience to compliment with CfW.

Relevant activities from the SNFI log frame	Relevant activities from the ERL log frame
	<b>Activity 2.09</b> Creation of short-term jobs
	<b>Activity 2.10</b> Creation of jobs during the rehabilitation of public and private infrastructure