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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

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# NATIONAL SHELTER CLUSTER MEETING

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# AGENDA

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- General / National Update
- Gaza Updates
- **ACTED: Intention survey findings**
- **UN2720 Mechanism: pipeline and clearance process**
- WB Updates
- IM Update
- Technical Update
- Discussion /Q&A / AOB

# CONTEXTUAL / NATIONAL UPDATE

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- Gaza
  - Catastrophic conditions for 1,4M People in Need; Movements within the North and North/South
  - [Shelter Cluster Position](#)
  - Only 3 organizations have received approvals to bring in shelter items. By contrast, 18 requests have been rejected, affecting eight major partners. Some rejections were due to allocations planned for the North, the rest is mainly about registration.
  - Strategy for the South is to scale up all services, looking at empty space but very careful to reiterate that we will assist people where they are.
  - Winterization preparedness
- West Bank:
  - E1; Hebron emirate plan; Settler outposts; Northern camps
  - [Needs assessment](#)
  - Dialogue between IL authorities and various Palestinian actors and there are conditions put forward for people to return that are extremely problematic
  - Technical discussions on mix of shelter interventions: "Menu of options"
- [SC IM WB vacancy](#)



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# GAZA UPDATE

# Update on Shelter Materials Entry to Gaza

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- Since the Shelter Cluster was informed on **16 August** that shelter items were approved to enter, only **208 tents** have actually entered Gaza .
- An additional **200–400 tents** were planned for entry on 2 September .
- Since the announced resumption, **only 4 organizations** have received approvals to bring in shelter items. 3 are **still undergoing customs clearance**.
- **18 requests** from **eight partners** have been **rejected** until the 27th. Some due to allocations intended for the North, the rest were mainly due to registration issues.

# DHC/SC Partners Meeting

- **DHC** emphasized that **shelter remains a highly challenging and sensitive topic**, with **no material entry for nearly six months** despite continuous advocacy.
- DHC was clear that assistance must cover the **entire Gaza Strip**, not only the South.
- DHC is pushing for **all partners** and **all items** to be facilitated through **all available corridors**.
- DHC also stressed that even if materials enter via **Kerem Shalom (KS)**, its possible to **coordinate movement** of items from south to north.
- DHC further **emphasized**: *“As the UN, we will stay and continue to serve people , it is our obligation to provide both assistance and protection.”*
  
- The **Shelter Cluster Partners** highlighted key challenges to the **DHC**, including:
  - **Access and movement restrictions**
  - **Approvals & Rejections**
  - **Scale of urgent unmet needs**
  - **Operational constraints**

# Preparedness | Key Points

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- Shelter Cluster published the Targeting and Prioritization Guidance Note.
- The **Shelter Cluster (SC)** and **Site Management Cluster (SMC)** have jointly activated an **Information Management (IM) Cell** to:
  - Enhance coordination between the two clusters and accelerate the overall response
  - Avoid duplication of efforts, particularly in assessments, deduplication of sites
  - Reporting flows and harmonize tools used across both clusters
- Shelter cluster winterization plan from last year is under review and will be updated.
- The **Shelter Cluster (SC)** is actively **planning for several possible scenarios**, taking into account:
  - Potential **displacement**
  - **Flow of shelter and non-food items (NFIs)**
  - **Possible response approaches** based on access, needs, and operational capacity



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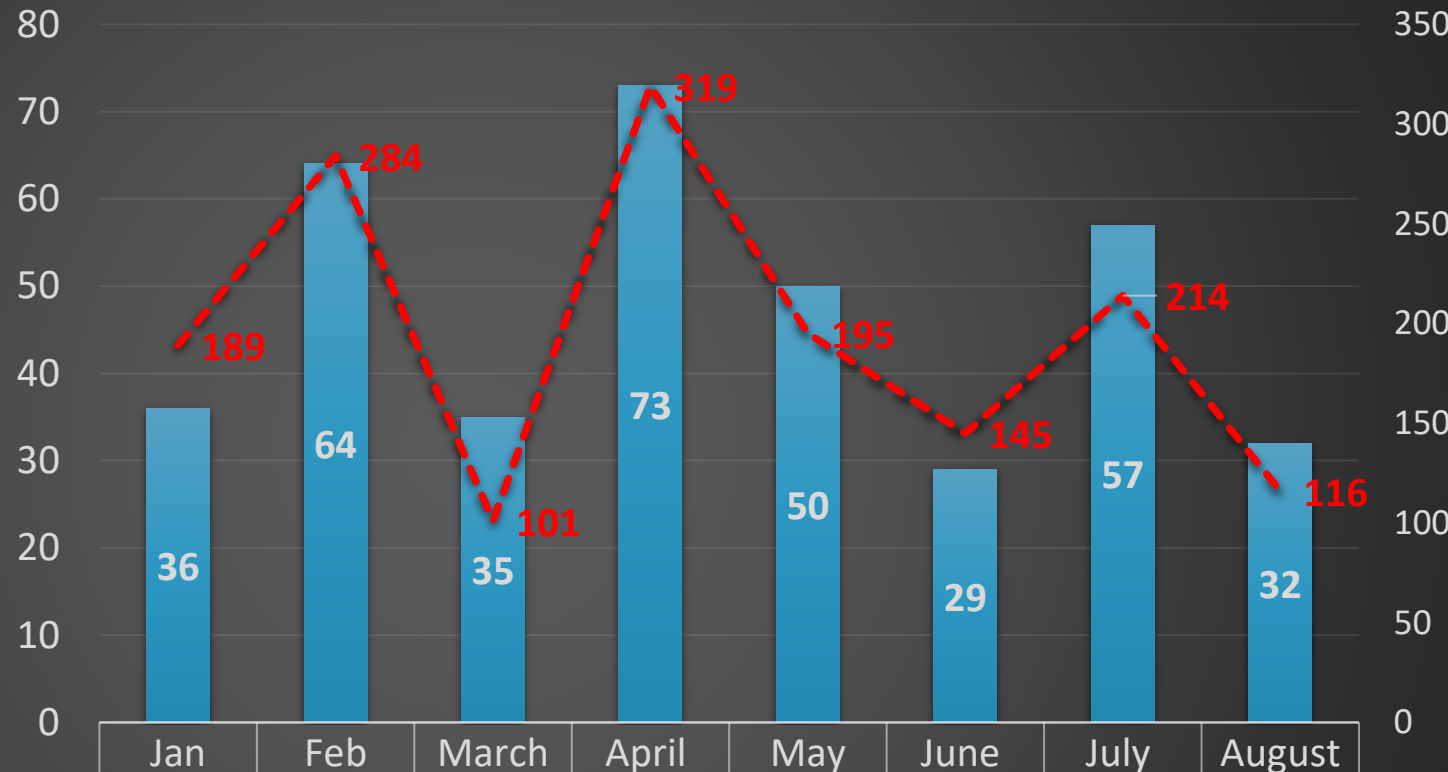
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# WB UPDATE

# WB UPDATES: Demolition Trend in 2025

Total Shelters Demolished: 376.  
Total People Displaced: 1,563

## Shelter Demolitions and Resulting Displacement



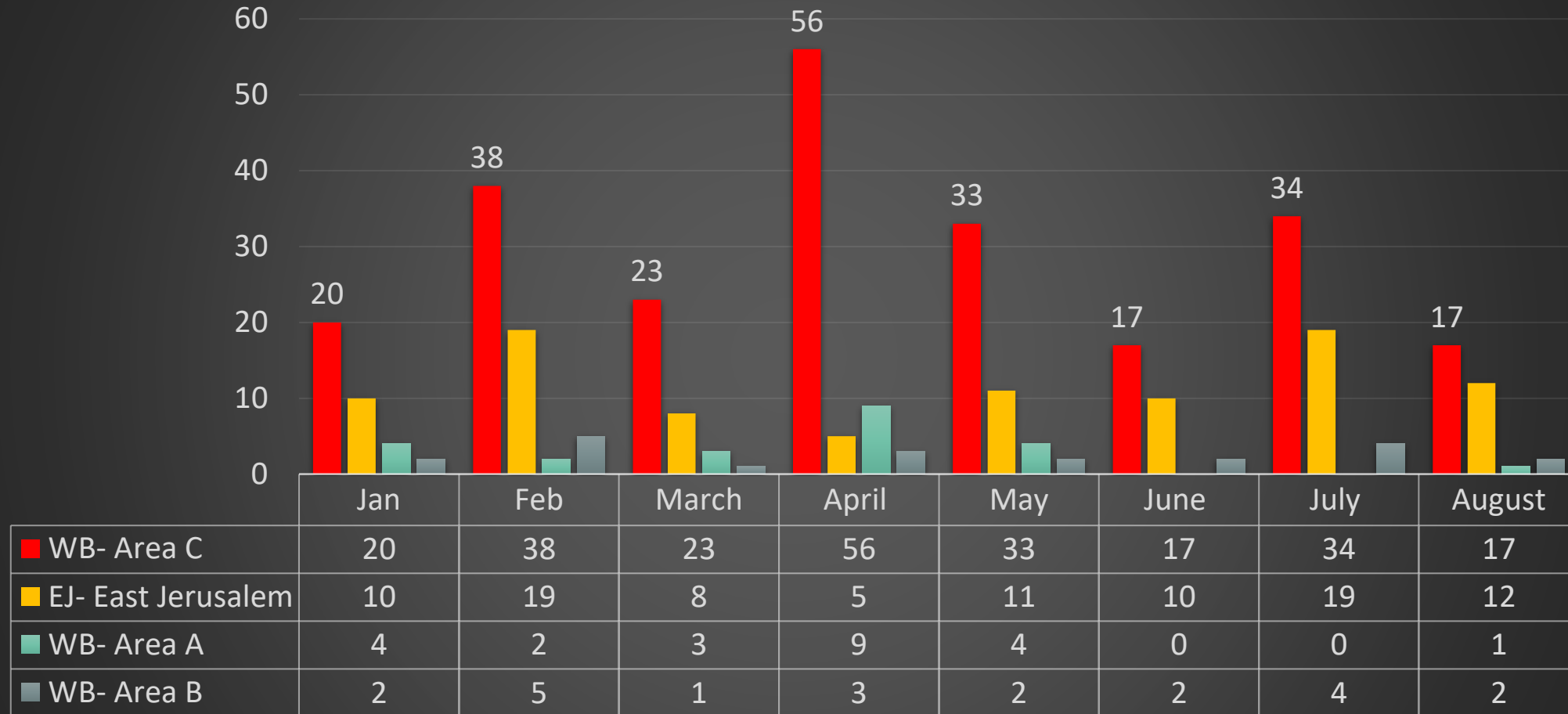
Shelter demolished	36	64	35	73	50	29	57	32
Number of displaced people	189	284	101	319	195	145	214	116

Shelter demolished      Number of displaced people

Demolition in 2025 marks a 24 per cent increase compared the same period in 2024, and more than double recorded demolition in the same period in 2023.

# WB UPDATES

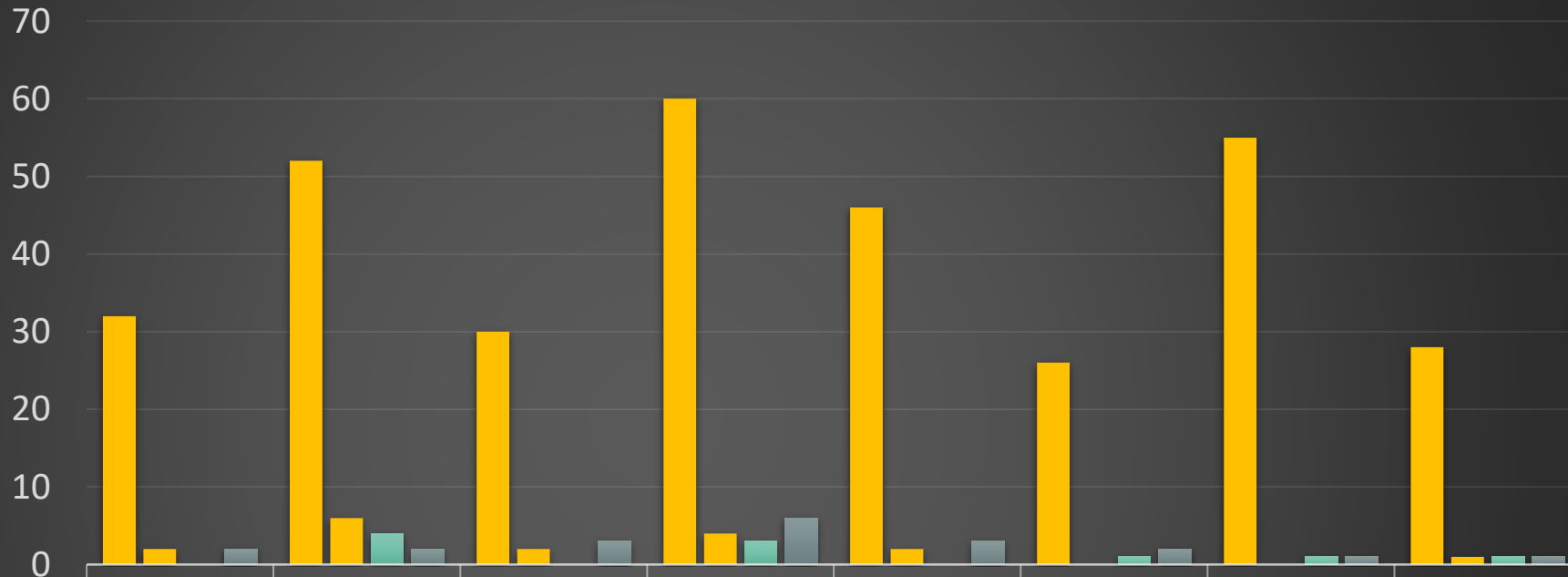
## Demolition Distribution per Area



■ WB- Area C   
 ■ EJ- East Jerusalem   
 ■ WB- Area A   
 ■ WB- Area B

# WB UPDATES

## Reason for Demolition



■ Lack of Permit	32	52	30	60	46	26	55	28
■ Military Operation	2	6	2	4	2	0	0	1
■ Other	0	4	0	3	0	1	1	1
■ Punitive	2	2	3	6	3	2	1	1

■ Lack of Permit   ■ Military Operation   ■ Other   ■ Punitive

It is virtually impossible for Palestinians to obtain building permits in area C

# Key findings from Gender Briefing Note

In July, the Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) working group, together with their partners, conducted 12 FGDs with crisis-affected men and women in 11 governorates. This included 11 FGDs with 173 people (46% women, 54% men and 17% persons with disabilities) and one FGD with 27 representatives of WLOs.

## Key findings:

Women-headed households are more likely to:

- Experience home destruction
- Live in hosted arrangements
- Have unstable incomes
- Struggle to pay rent
- Face overcrowding and lack of privacy

Men-head households are more likely to:

- Experience home damage.
- Live in rental housing
- Face safety concerns
- Fear risk of eviction
- Have limited access to cooking utensils and essential household items.

Both women- and men-headed households are also affected by:

- Limited access to basic services
- Psychological trauma
- Insufficient awareness of or access to accurate timely information and safe, confidential feedback mechanisms.

## The cluster's current priority:

- To develop a tip sheet for **OFC (Occupancy Free of Charge)** as a shelter solution for IDPs in the West Bank. The tip sheet will ensure that cluster partners conduct due diligence to minimize risks and enable smooth implementation of interventions. It will also draw on regional experiences from similar interventions.
- Building on the existing Voucher/E-Voucher system, the cluster's technical team will prepare short guidance outlining the process and required steps for applying this system to such interventions.
- Considering the current rapid plans for annexation, the cluster will continue advocating to strengthen overall preparedness and enhance response capacities for any emergency.



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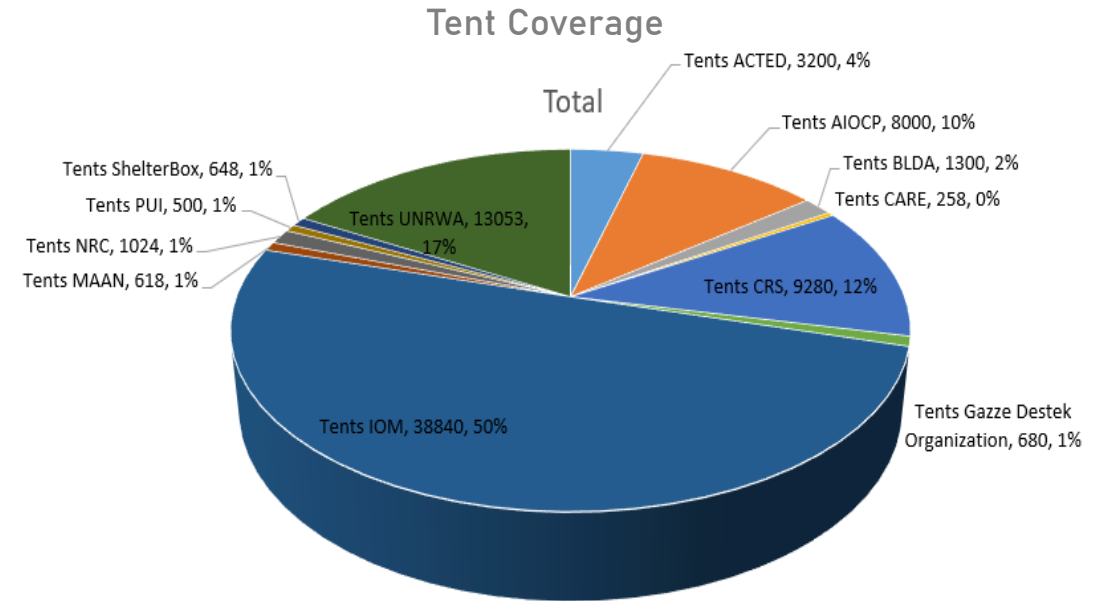
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# IM UPDATE (Gaza)

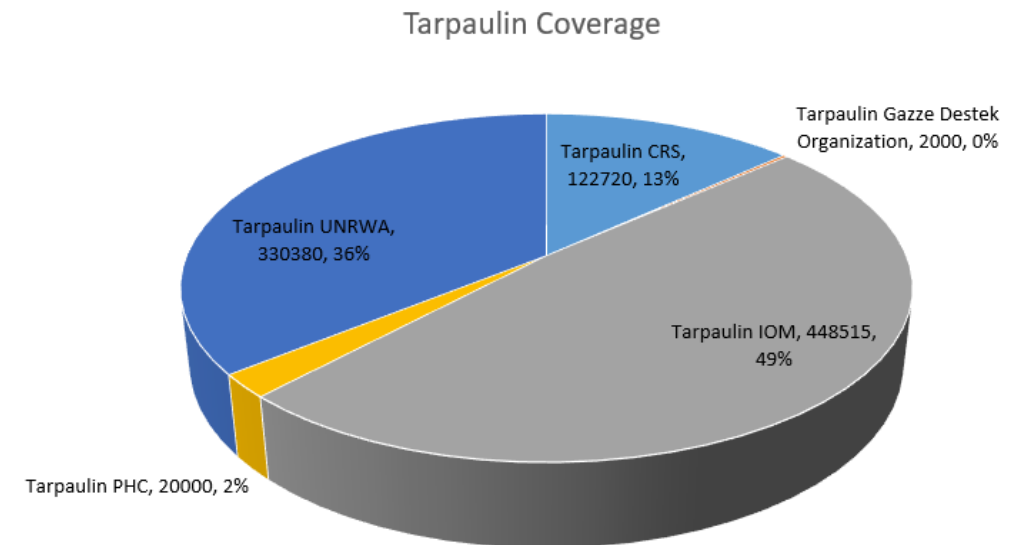
# IM UPDATES

## Pipeline Analysis 30 Aug 2025

- **Tents IOM** is the top provider, accounting for **50%** of all tents. This means that nearly half of the entire tent coverage is managed by IOM.
- **Tents UNRWA** is the second-largest provider with **17%** market share.
- **Tents CRS** is the third-largest provider with **12%** market share.



- **IOM** is the leading provider, covering **49%** ,Nearly half of all tarpaulin supply is dependent on IOM.
- **UNRWA** follows with **36%** making it the second-largest contributor.
- **CRS** provides **13%** ,playing a supportive but notable role.





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# Technical Update

## GAZA

# Technical Updates: Gaza

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- Targeting and Prioritization guidance is published on [SC website](#)

## Outline

- Match shelter conditions of households with response options. To support providing appropriate shelter assistance to the most vulnerable households.
- Geographic targeting and prioritization
- Targeting and prioritization by site type (e.g., site, non-displaced damaged building, hosted arrangement, etc.)
- Site level and household-level assessments
- Communication with communities
- Referral mechanisms

Response options <sup>3</sup>	'Phase' of response		
	Emergency <sup>4</sup>	Transitional	Early Recovery <sup>5</sup>
Tent (Family or Geodesic)			
Tarpaulin package			
Sealing-off-Kits (SoK)			
Household Toolkit			Partially included in Early Recovery because the shovel and hoe might support debris clearance.
Communal Toolkit			
Framing Kit (Basic, Standard)			
Emergency Shelter Kit <sup>6</sup> (Basic, Standard, Expanded, IOM)			
Kitchen Set			
Bedding Set			
Solar lamps			
Winter Clothes			
Repairs			
Transitional shelters (Standalone)			
Repairs/upgrades of collective centers			

Shelter response option <sup>7</sup>								Notes
General Caseload	Sub Case Load	Tents	Tarpaulin package	Sealing-off-Kits	Toolkit <sup>8</sup>	Framing Kit	Emergency <sup>9</sup> Shelter Kit (ESK)	
Newly displaced or returning without shelter living in open air		Priority if less stable location					Priority if more stable location	
HHs in sub-standard tents	Overcrowded	Priority based on land availability	Priority for extensions based on land availability					
	Covering sub-standard		1st Priority	2nd Priority				
	Framing sub-standard	Priority if less stable location					Priority if more stable location	
HHs in sub-standard make-shift shelters	Overcrowded	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	1st Priority	In July 2025, we recognised that humanitarian agencies are struggling to get framing materials in, so the ideal may be to give an ESK, but where the framing kit is not available, it may still be possible to give the other elements of the ESK and allow people to salvage material, etc., topping up when possible.
	Covering sub-standard		2nd Priority	1st Priority	2nd Priority			
	Framing sub-standard	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	1st Priority	
HHs in minor damaged buildings	Residential			1st Priority				
	Non-residential		2nd Priority	Priority	2nd Priority	2nd Priority	Priority, especially if overcrowded and has land around.	SoK and ESK can be used to improve living conditions through sealing-off and privacy partitions.

# Technical Updates: Gaza

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- Finalizing revision of emergency shelter guidance (module 1) for tents, SOKs and tarpaulin packages
- TSA TWG
  - Closing of Targeting and Prioritization sub-TWG
  - Pausing of Local Coping Mechanisms TWGs – two guidance notes developed in the TWG are being finalized.
  - IEC TWG is working on developing an initial technical inspection checklist for partially damaged buildings (serves as a rapid inspection only and does not replace a structural damage assessment)
  - Discussions ongoing to set up a new work stream on shelter assistance to collective centers. TOR is being developed and will be shared with TWG members.



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Discussion / Q&A / AOB

- **Upcoming meetings:**

- National SAG: 2:30PM 04 September
- Gaza Shelter Cluster meeting: 10:30 AM, 07 September
- Gaza SAG meeting: 2:00 PM, 11 September
- WB Shelter Cluster meeting: 10:00AM, 09 September
- WB SAG meeting: 10AM, 16 September
- **Next National Shelter Cluster meeting: 1PM, 17 September**
- Partner presentation?