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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

NATIONAL SHELTER CLUSTER MEETING

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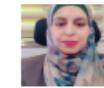
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AGENDA

- National Update
- Gaza update
- Technical Coordination Update
- NPM/ SC Shelter Damage Overview for Gaza
- NRC Shelter Assessment
- Information Management Update
- West Bank update

- Open discussion
- AOB

CONTEXTUAL / NATIONAL UPDATE

- **Gaza:**
 - **In January, over 85,000 households received shelter assistance, however shelter conditions remain dire** for most displaced people, pushing some to stay in unsafe locations
 - Reach-Impact HOVA (16/02): "[...] 96% reporting shelter issues, inadequate shelter and sanitation conditions are directly contributing to high morbidity, particularly among children."
 - Board of Peace, NCAG and next phase: SC attended the NCAG meeting in Cairo. Under discussion: Coordination with PA, Dual Use and supply and access restrictions.
- **West Bank:**
 - Near to 700 Palestinians in 9 communities have been displaced due to settler attacks so far in 2026.
 - WB operations by Israeli forces continue to expand. Continued demolitions and displacements, closed military areas, land seizures etc.
- **National:**
 - Mapping of needs, [market monitoring](#), and response (for example moving beyond emergency shelter, neighborhood approach, [emergency repairs of damage buildings](#), OFC & other MBIs in WB; preparedness).
 - NGO registration, Banking and financial access crises



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GAZA UPDATE

GAZA UPDATES

Response 4–17 Feb

- In total, during January, more than **17,222 families** were reached with SNFI assistance, including **4,813 tents, 2,160 tarpaulins, 3,844 SOKs, 11,192 bedding items, 2,014 bedding kits, 2,393 kitchen sets and vouchers, and 975 clothing kits and vouchers.**
- Meanwhile, 448 families were reached through the intersectoral joint flood response package.
- A fire broke out in a humanitarian warehouse and Joint Distribution Point, resulting in the loss of **10,690 tarpaulins, 3,453 nylon rolls, 180 mattresses, 5,020 blankets, as well as tents and clothing items.**
- A total of **872 RHUs entered Gaza**, of which **70 have been installed** (16 at health facilities and 54 at an existing site). The total number planned for this site is **309 RHUs.**



Source : UNDP

GAZA UPDATES

- SAFE has recently completed implementation of an emergency repair/rehabilitation of project of a 200 partially damaged housing units in Khan Yunis. A presentation was provided to the shelter cluster Gaza meeting.

Damage Assessment Update – AIOCP (16 February)

According to the latest damage assessment report by AIOCP (16 February), a total of **5,848 buildings** were assessed, including **2,319 totally damaged** and **3,529 partially damaged** buildings.

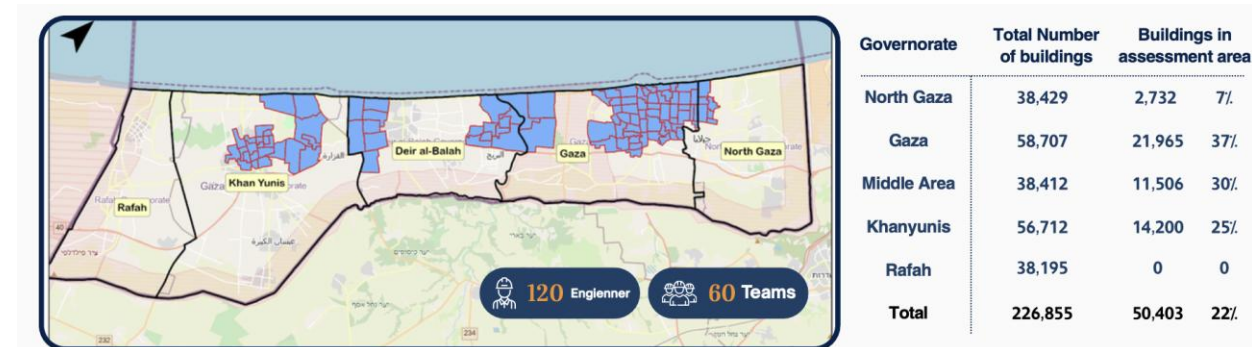
These buildings comprise **36,245 housing units**, of which:

- **16,700 are totally damaged,**
- **19,545 are partially damaged.**

Of the assessed **partially damaged** housing units:

- **3,314 are classified as uninhabitable,**
- **9,607 are habitable,**
- The remaining partially damaged housing units are still under committee review to determine their habitability status.

Note: Not all of the 36,245 units were originally residential housing units. Some are currently used as housing but include basements, rooftop rooms, and ground-floor commercial units that are being occupied for shelter purposes.



GAZA UPDATES

Based on the latest February 5Ws submission, the remaining procured items in the pipeline are approximately 14,000 tents, 110,000 tarpaulins, and around 1.5 million NFI items. Shelter materials, particularly tents and tarpaulins are nearing depletion, while NFI stocks remain comparatively sufficient.

Relocation as a Last Resort

- A decrease in willingness to relocate from high-risk areas, partly due to improved weather conditions.
- The Shelter Cluster, in coordination with the Protection Cluster, has developed a survey to assess the reasons households remain in structurally unsafe buildings and to identify the support required. The survey will start today.
- The Shelter Cluster has received lists of inhabitants living in nearly collapsed buildings, and the survey will help assess intentions and support needs for households wishing to evacuate.
- The Cluster has also received lists of designated shelters identified as being at risk of collapse, and coordination is ongoing with OCHA and other clusters to assess and support.
- The Shelter Cluster provides material support where required.
- Several site plans have been shared with clusters for feedback.

GAZA UPDATES

Logistics Update – Key Implications for Shelter Response

- Offload and manifest rates through both Egypt and Jordan corridors have significantly declined since early 2026, reducing overall cargo entry.
- Ongoing NGO registration constraints and stricter clearance processes continue to limit cargo submissions, including shelter materials.
- Increased truck returns and delays are creating higher costs, operational uncertainty, and disruptions to pipeline planning.
- Reduced approvals and additional documentation requirements are further slowing supply chain movements.
- Recent rejections of timber and plywood sheets have been reported.

Impact: These constraints continue to challenge efforts to enhance shelter response and move toward more transitional and durable solutions, increased planning uncertainty, and reduced capacity to scale up response.



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Technical Update

SHELTER RESPONSE PHASES

Diverse Shelter materials



Community-led approaches and cash for work



= incremental shelter approaches

Emergency



Improved Emergency



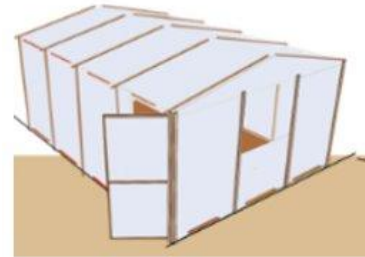
Transitional



Tent



RHU



ESK*



ESK+



Timber/steel shelters

6-12 months	6 months – 3 years	5 years +
Rapid installation	Improved stability	Semi-durable structure
Limited durability	Suitable for phasing upgrade	Can support neighborhood return approach

** Note: Humanitarian agencies continue to face access challenges to bring ESK: timber, toolkits etc. into Gaza

NEXT 100 DAYS - PRIORITY OPERATIONAL ASKS

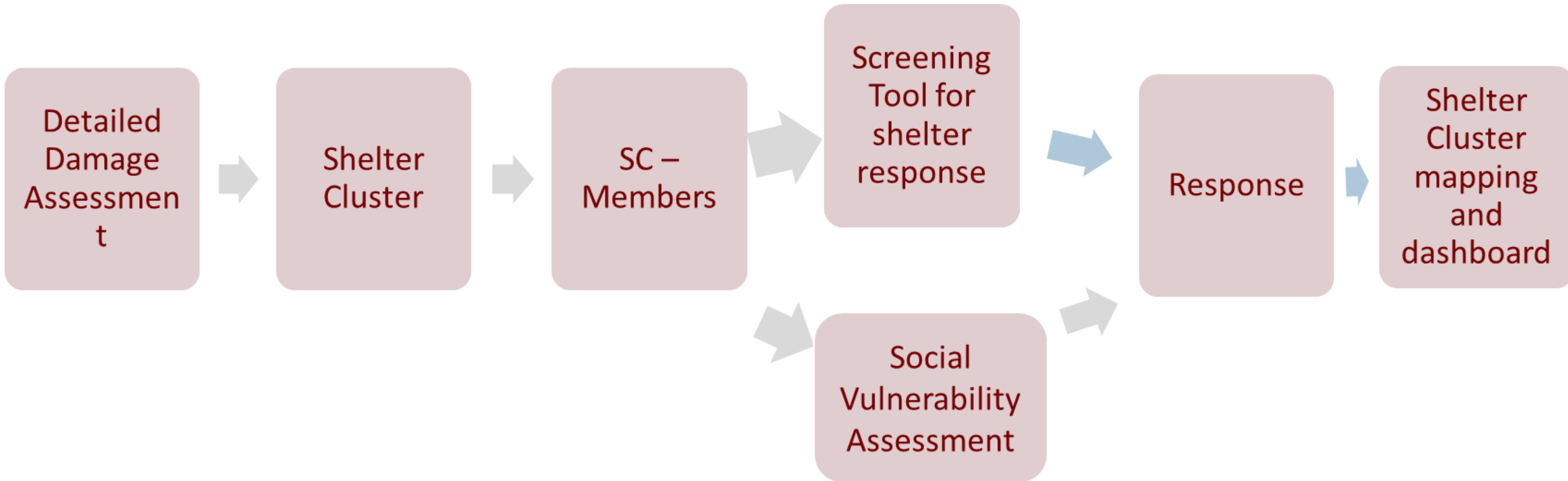
Shelter Assistance	Priority	Action
<p>Provision of emergency shelter materials</p>	<p>Scale-up of response for adequate emergency shelter to prepare for Gaza's extreme summer temperatures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Emergency repairs of housing units •Provision of tents, SOKs, emergency shelter kits
<p>Improve emergency shelters</p>	<p>Access to materials with better longevity: timber, cement, metal sheets etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provision of upgraded ESK •Raising shelter floors •Improving thermal comfort •Improving access to domestic functions •Improving privacy and accessibility
<p>Develop and test diverse transitional stand-alone shelter solutions</p>	<p>Develop core transitional shelter designs to last 5+ years as per Shelter Cluster's Transitional Shelter Standards, with plans for incremental expansion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Develop and plan pilot of stand-alone transitional shelter designs for Gaza in materials like timber and steel
<p>Improve access to shelter and NFI through market approaches</p>	<p>Continue to monitor and adjust program priorities based on market availability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cash and voucher programs for essential household items

TWG Updates: EDA Sub-TWG

- Draft tool has been presented during the TWG
- It will be shared shortly for members inputs based on experience on the ground
- Vulnerability tool is also underway







Phase	Progress
• Phase 1: Damage classification	Ready
• Phase 2: Field Data Collection Tools & Mapping	
- Detailed damage data assessment	Ready
- Rapid screening tool for members	In Progress
• Phase 3: Vulnerability Prioritization Criteria Guidelines	In Progress
• Phase 4: Linking Damage Levels to Assistance Modalities	Not yet started
• Phase 5: Monitoring tool to collect data and share information	In Progress

TWG Updates: EDA Sub-TWG



Technical Updates: West Bank

- The Shelter Modalities Document has been circulated to partners for review, focusing on feasible response options in the West Bank during emergency and displacement scenarios.
- A TWG session is scheduled next week to consolidate feedback, finalize the framework, and prepare the document for formal publication.

Shelter Responses in the West Bank		A	B	C
	Provision of Emergency Shelter Materials Provision of adequate emergency shelter materials to affected displaced and non-displaced households who require shelter support.	✓	✓	✓
	Provision of Shelter Repairs Assistance Repairs assistance for households with non-structural damage to their housing, through cash or vouchers modality.	✓	✓	✓
	Rental Assistance Rental support provided as a temporary to interim solution through cash modality for displaced households.	✓	✓	–
	Occupancy Free of Charge / Reduced Rent Providing assistance to landowners for housing unit repairs to humanitarian standards, in order to facilitate free occupancy or reduced rental charges for affected displaced households for an agreed period of time.	✓	✓	–
	Protection Measures Providing assistance for vulnerable households to upgrade their fencing and any housing improvements to improve protection against settler violence.	–	–	✓
	Provision of Non-Food Items Provision of non-food items through in-kind or cash/vouchers to displaced households	✓	✓	✓

Draft document from TWG to be finalized week of Feb 25th



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Emergency Damage Assessment update



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NRC Shelter Assessment

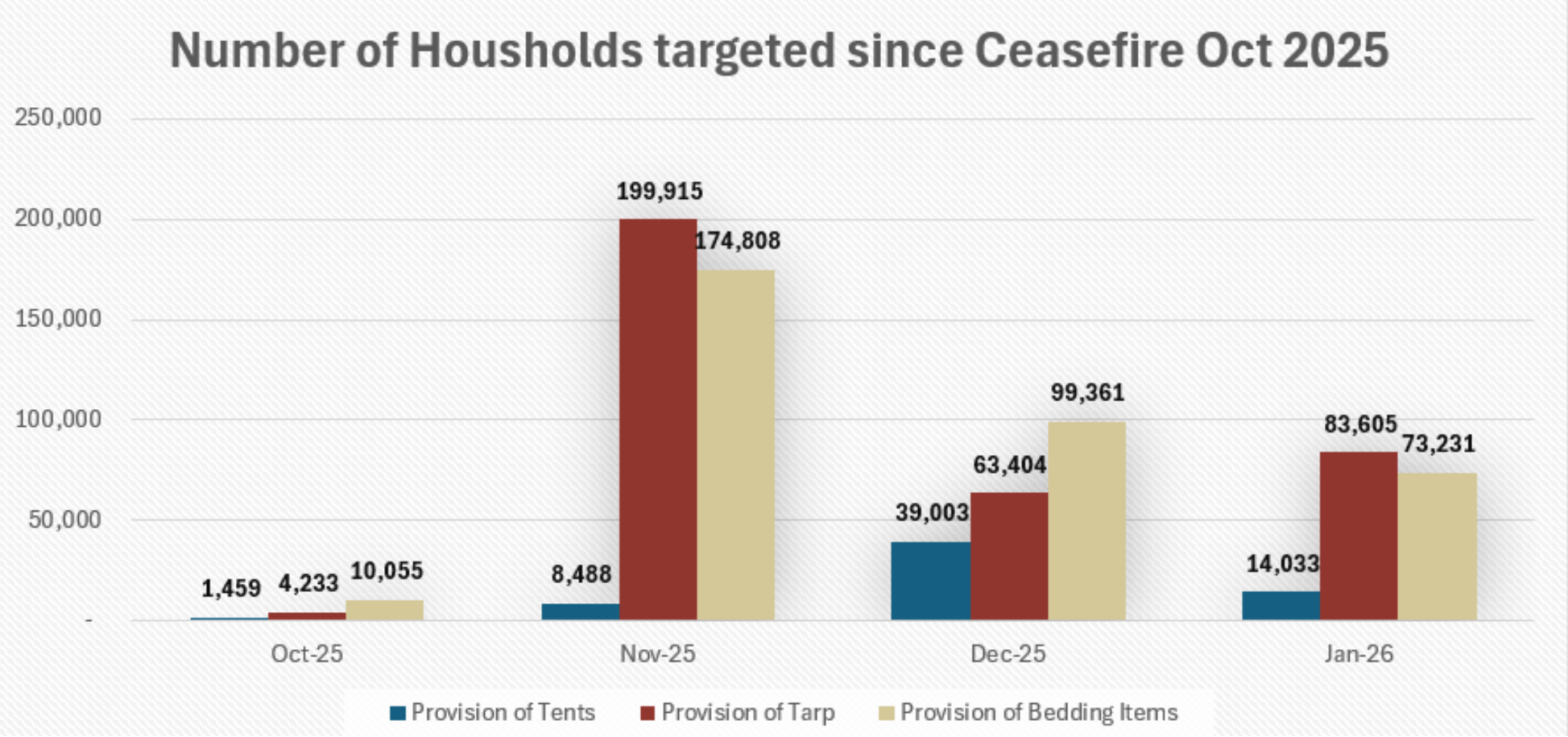


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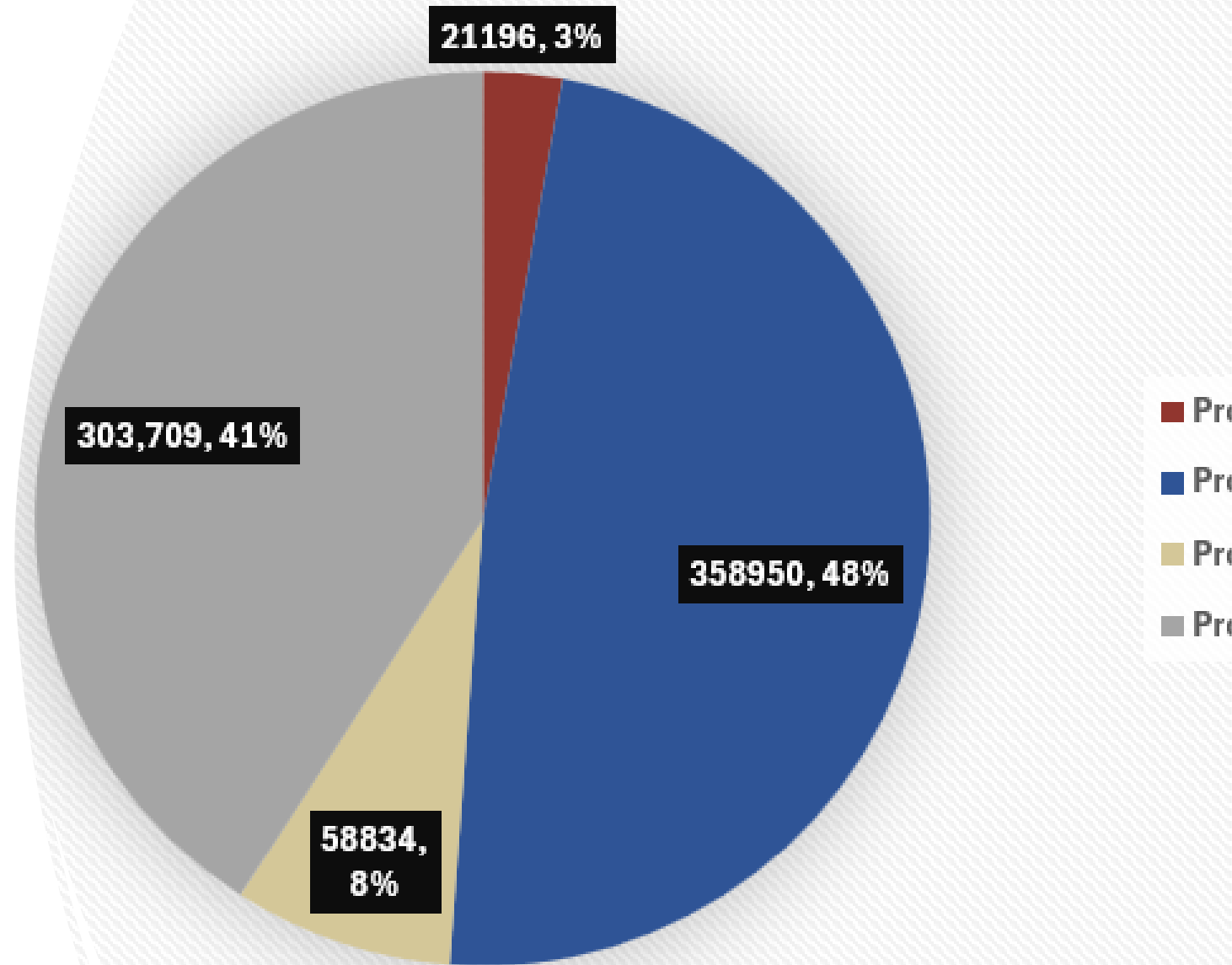
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Number of Households targeted since Ceasefire Oct 2025



Distribution Shelter items since Ceasefire Oct 2025

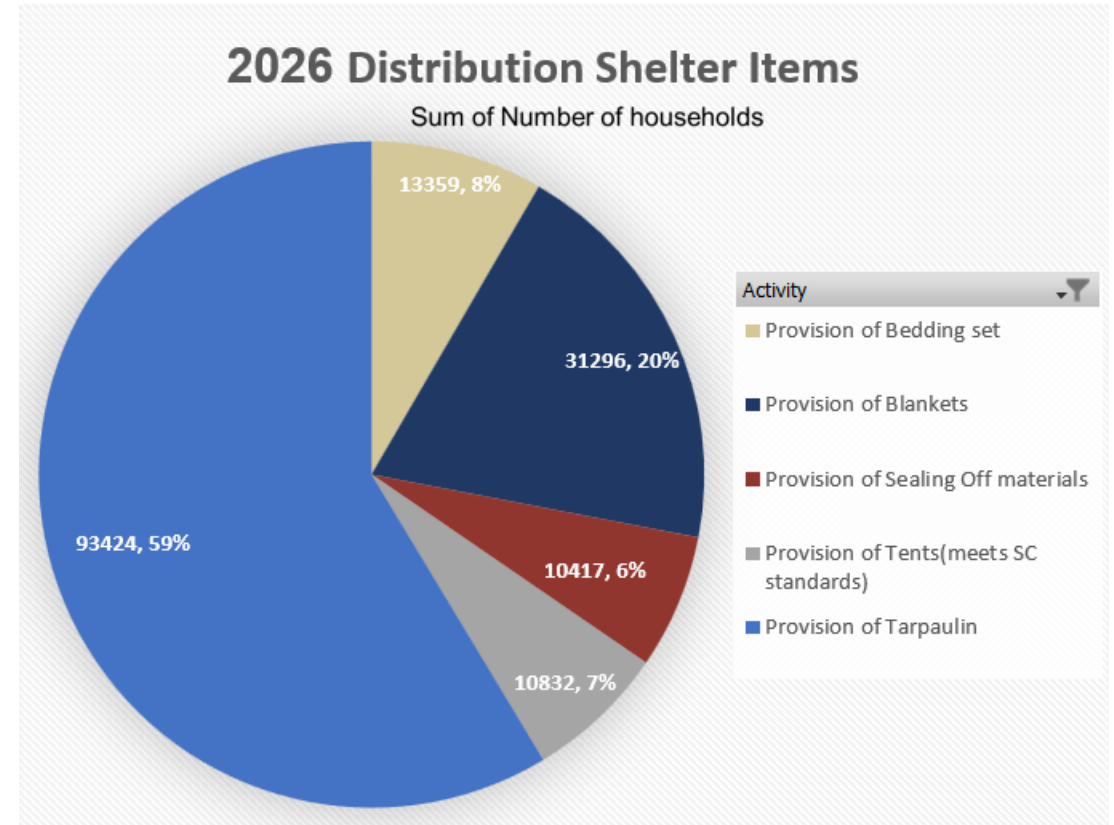
- The number of households supported by main shelter activities since Ceasefire Oct 2025:
- **Provision of Tarpaulin:** 358,950 households (48%)
- **Provision of Blankets:** 303,709 households (41%)
- **Provision of Tents:** 58,834 households (8%)
- **Provision of Sealing Off materials:** 21,196 households (3%)
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2026 Distribution Shelter items

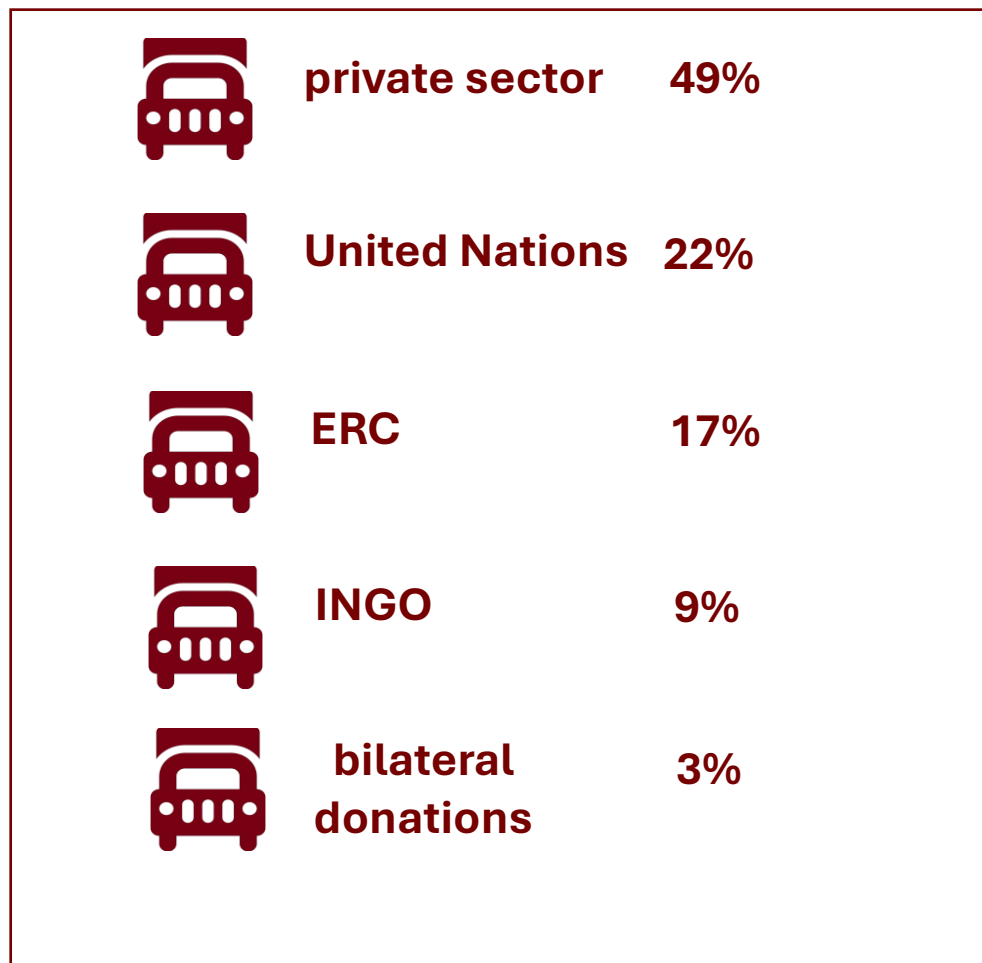
The number of households supported by three shelter activities in 2026:

- **Provision of Tarpaulin:** 93,424 households (59%)
- **Provision of Blankets:** 31,296 households (20%)
- **Provision of Bedding Sets:** 13,359 households (8%)
- **Provision of Tents:** 10,832 households (7%)
- **Provision of Sealing Off materials:** 10,417 households (6%)

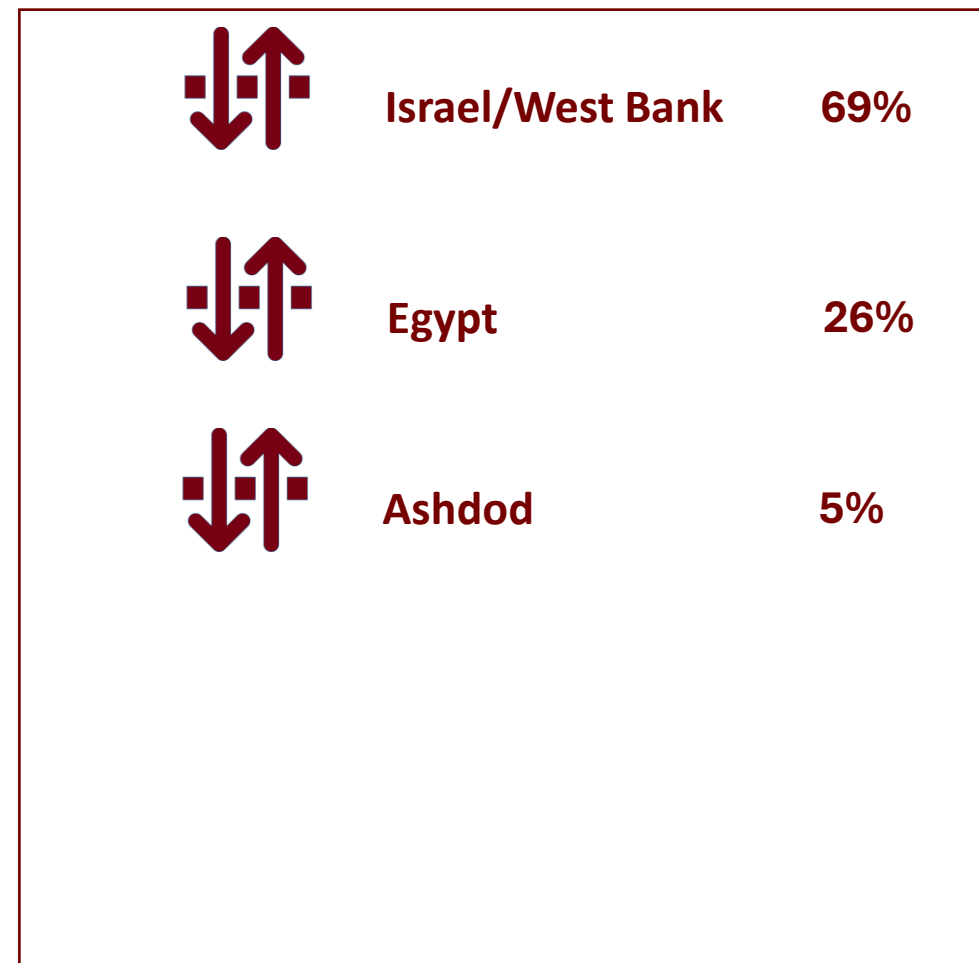


CMCC- Updates (4 Jan – 14 Feb)

% of truck entries in Gaza



% of Corridors used



Area C Shelter vulnerability Assessment Jan -Feb 2026

Governorate	No. of Community	No. of families	No. of Population	No. of residential shelters	No. of shelters need rehabilitation
Bethlehem	25	4827	26424	8788	276
Hebron	109	8465	128860	8499	891
Jenin	27	2143	10855	2140	200
Jericho	22	2886	13962	3164	264
Jerusalem	46	4028	16624	4026	178
Nablus	16	408	2443	437	267
Qalqiliya	10	1381	6273	1402	19
Ramallah	18	310	1526	349	22
Salfit	5	29	144	33	26
Tubas	24	1025	7007	1024	9
Tulkarm	2	172	810	172	0
Total	304	25674	214928	30034	2152

Communities

304

**Residential
Shelters**

30K

**Need
Rehabilitation**

2K

Families

26K

Population

216K

**FORCIBLY
DISPLACED AND
NO LONGER EXISTS**

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WB UPDATE

WB UPDATES

Displacement (2026 so far)

- **694 Palestinians displaced across nine communities** since the beginning of **2026**, including **about 350 children**.
- **600 people displaced from Ras Ein al 'Auja Bedouin community (Jericho governorate)** — the **largest single-community displacement due to settler attacks in the past three years**.
- **153 people from several herding families** displaced in the **Jordan Valley** due to settler attacks and access restrictions.
- **41 people (11 refugee families) in Az Zahra neighbourhood (near Jenin camp)** repeatedly and temporarily displaced for over two months due to ongoing military operations.

Context trend

- January 2026 recorded the **second-highest monthly displacement since October 2023**.
- Displacement due to settler violence in **January 2026 alone exceeded the total for all of 2024 (621 people)**.
- It represents **over 40% of the 2025 total displacement (1,658 people)** caused by settler violence.



Ras Ein al-'Auja – newly displaced location, ACF, February 2026.

WB UPDATES

Additional key Priorities for 2026



1. Strengthen preparedness and contingency planning

- Shift from reactive response to preparedness-based programming.
- Expand stockpiling, vendor framework agreements, and partner capacity mapping.
- Align preparedness planning with displacement risk scenarios.

2. Use the Area C assessment to guide prioritization and advocacy and to maintain Area C as a strategic priority for shelter responses

Apply area C assessment findings to targeting and programming decisions.

- Balance preparedness investments with addressing existing shelter vulnerabilities in Area C.

3. Improve coordination with the Cash Working Group (CWG)

- Clarify roles between multi-purpose cash (MPC) and shelter cash assistance.
- Strengthen regular technical coordination with CWG.

4. Develop West Bank–specific technical standards and guidance

- Review NFI kit composition based on West Bank operational realities.
- Develop context-appropriate shelter and voucher standards.

5. Strengthen area-based coordination mechanisms

- Increase partner participation in OCHA-led area coordination meetings. And Improve field-level coordination across northern, central, and southern West Bank.

WB UPDATES

Recent decisions by the Israeli security cabinet to increase administrative control in the West Bank indicate that the government has approved steps to register land in parts of the West Bank as “state land” and expand Israeli civilian administrative authority. These measures include initiating the registration of large areas of West Bank land through Israeli administrative systems — a process that has not been implemented at this scale since 1967.

1. **Expansion of Israeli civilian administrative authority in Area C**, reducing the role of the military administration in planning and land management.
2. **Acceleration of land registration processes**, which may result in **more land being classified as “state land.”**
3. **Increased difficulty for Palestinians to prove land ownership**, especially where land is not formally registered.
4. **Stronger control over planning and building permits** → **likely increasing the risk of demolitions for unpermitted structures** including in area A and B.
5. **Greater facilitation of settlement planning and expansion** through Israeli civilian planning institutions → **Accelerated displacement**
6. **Reduced land-tenure security for Palestinian communities**, particularly Bedouin and herding communities in Area C. → **entire elimination of Palestinian presence in this area**
7. **Potential long-term shift toward de-facto annexation-type governance**, even without formal sovereignty declaration.



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Discussion / Q&A / AOB

Upcoming meetings (Gaza Time)

	Date	Time
National SAG: TBC		
Gaza Shelter Cluster meeting	24 Feb 2026	12:00
Gaza SAG meeting	12 Mar 2026	12:00
WB Shelter Cluster meeting	24 Feb 2026	10:00
WB SAG meeting	17 Mar 2026	10:00
TWG – Emergency Damage Assessment	3 March 2026	Tentative
TWG – Cash and Markets for Shelter	24Feb 2026	12:00
Next National Shelter Cluster meeting	04 Mar 2026 (TBC)	13:00