



ESNFI Standards Winterization Package

Winterization package is considered by the cluster to only include items for heating as the items listed below and only distributed when the weather is cold, and when the beneficiaries have been affected by a natural or manmade disaster and thus have lost all of their assets. Clothing and blankets should not be distributed on a yearly basis in preparation for winter as these items are considered to have a life-span of more than one year and can for a minimum amount of money be purchased in local markets.¹

Considering the large impact that household heating in Afghanistan can have on the environment, the cluster strongly recommends providing gas as the main source of heating during winter months. Gas creates less pollution, minimize deforestation and is to a certain degree the safer choice in heating options. If gas balloons are distributed in-kind, they should be empty during transportation and distribution.

People living in rural areas might have limited access to filling and re-filling their gas balloons whereas wood is widely used and available throughout the country. Where gas is the main item in the winterization distribution **awareness raising** on the benefits of switching from wood to gas should be done in parallel to ensure that the assistance is used in a sensible manner.

Winterization support should always be planned according to the availability of heating options in the market, thus, the two following packages are recommended by the cluster depending on market availability.

Where available

Item	Unit	Unit cost	Minimum Quantity	Total cost
Gas cylinder	pcs	500 AFN	1	500 AFN
Cash/voucher for gas	1	3500/month	Depending on area	3500 AFN
TOTAL per month				4000 AFN

*Additional months of support should only cover costs of gas

Where gas is not available

Item	Unit	Unit cost	Minimum Quantity	Total cost
Wood	Kg	20 AFN	200	4000
Kindling	Kg	6 AFN	20	120
Fuel gel	liters	60 AFN	2	120
TOTAL				4240 AFN

In case of cash programming a market analysis is needed to establish the proper amount for the packages listed above. The costs mentioned are estimates based on nationwide averages. Please consider the possibility of inflation as the majority of Afghans will purchase the same items in the same period of time as your programming.

¹ For more information, please refer to the KIS winter relief guidelines 2014-2015