



Shelter/Non-food items (NFI) Cluster Bulletin Issue 1 – August 2017

Monthly update

- ⏏ **Release of the Mid-Year Review (MYR) of the Humanitarian Requirements Document** – The Shelter/NFI cluster identified the need to assist 1.02 million beneficiaries. <http://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/mid-year-review-ethiopia-humanitarian-requirements-document-july-2017>
- ⏏ **Release of the Second Periodic Monitoring Report** - <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ethiopia/document/periodic-monitoring-report-2017-humanitarian-requirements-document-0>
- ⏏ **Funding update** - Out of the 33.4 MUSD required for the shelter/NFI humanitarian response (MYR), 14.7 MUSD have been mobilized to date (44%), additionally to 1.8 MUSD carried-over from 2016.
- ⏏ The cluster reactivated its **Technical Shelter working group**, which aim will be to work on shelter designs (temporary, semi-permanent and, to some extent, permanent shelters in coordination with the Durable solution working group), support house repair & rehabilitation and provide guidance on Disaster Risk Reduction & safe building.
- ⏏ Following the creation of a **Shelter/NFI cash working group**, the cluster is increasing its efforts to further explore and promote cash-based approaches for the shelter/NFI response.
- ⏏ **Capacity building** – IOM with support from the cluster coordination and cluster members hosted and delivered a training on shelter/NFI response for 30 DPFSAs early warning & response program experts and humanitarian partners in Gambela, in August 2017.
- ⏏ **Flood task force** – The cluster remains very engaged in the Flood Task Force to monitor the needs induced by the 2017 kiremt season and plan a response accordingly.



Shelter/NFI training in Gambela, August 2017, Credit: IOM Ethiopia



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Key-figures

In 2017 as of 31 August 2017



Displaced households with shelter/NFI needs

51,432

households in Priority 1 Zones

72,633

households in Priority 2 Zones



Full emergency shelter/NFI kits

57,564

kits distributed in 6 regions (including 12,631 ICRC kits)

2,878

kits presently being distributed or allocated for planned distributions

18,400

kits in stock and pipeline



23
assessments conducted



5
assessments conducted

Emergency shelter/NFI kit composition

- 2 tarpaulins
- 1 rope
- 2-3 blankets
- 2 beddings mats
- 2 mosquito nets
- 2-4 plates
- 2-4 cups
- 1 kettle or jug
- 1 cooking pot
- 1 cooking ladle
- 1 washing basin
- 2-3 jerricans
- 10 pieces of soap



982
cash grants/vouchers distributed



2,345
Full emergency shelter/NFI kits distributed in Somali & Oromia

Story from the field - IOM Cash Based Intervention Pilot in ES/NFI



IOM Ethiopia conducted a pilot project on cash based intervention for Emergency shelter (ES)/NFI through the Ethiopian Humanitarian Fund (EHF) between December 2016 and March 2017. The project included training local authorities as well as Shelter/NFI Cluster and Cash Working Group agencies, conducting market assessments in Gambella and Somali Regions and implementing two cash based interventions for ES/NFI in Lare (Gambella Region) and Hariso (Somali Region), reaching over 5,000 individuals. The two interventions employed a combination of modalities based on differing market contexts with the Ethiopia Postal Service (EPS) conducting the transfer of physical cash at both sites. Unconditional cash was chosen as the preferred modality in the response for 650 households in Hariso given the presence of established trade cooperative networks. A total of 2,650 Ethiopian Birr was provided to female heads of households as an equivalent value to the price of ES/NFI standard kit materials in the local markets. A combined approach was selected to provide assistance to 332 displaced households in Lare due to the community's close proximity to a well-supplied market in combination with the approaching rainy season. Commodity vouchers were provided for NFI materials whereas in-kind plastic tarpaulin were also distributed along with an additional component of 1,200 Ethiopia Birr of unconditional cash for transport and discretionary spending.

Lessons Learned

Flexibility of approach is particularly critical when determining the modality for cash based assistance in different locations. This is especially significant for cash based ES/NFI assistance given the varied locations, nature of market access as well as varying degrees of mobile network coverage for displaced populations across Ethiopia. Differing approaches by region may also be needed depending on the available financial transfer services. In Lare, beneficiary consultation led to female heads of households being the recipients of the unconditional cash transfer in both intervention sites. Post distribution monitoring found this approach to be effective and found no protection concerns resulting from the cash transfer methods. The approach is recommended for future unconditional cash transfers following evaluation of potential protections aspects in a given location. In Hariso, beneficiary registration and targeting was conducted jointly with the local woreda, IDP community representatives and IOM. This was a welcome development over the standard provision of beneficiary lists by the government which has since been replicated for in-kind assistance in other parts of Somali Region.

Way Forward

Cash programming expanded among cluster agencies in 2017 with NRC, IRC (EHF funded) and IOM (EHF, ECHO and OFDA funded) each implementing cash components. A joint market assessment mission between NRC and IOM is currently underway in Guji Zone, Oromia Region and Liben Zone, Somali Region. The Shelter/NFI Cluster has also established a cash working group with guidance from IOM's Cash Advisor to contribute to further development of cash based programming in Shelter/NFI.



Distribution of cash in Somali region, 2017. Credit: IOM Ethiopia

Way forward

- 📍 **Upcoming meetings:** At federal level, the next Shelter/NFI Cash working group meeting will be held on the 8 September. The cluster will meet on the 14 and 28 September. The next Shelter technical group WG meeting will be convened on the 21 September. In the Somali region, the regional cluster meetings will be on the 12 and 26 September, in Jijiga.
- 📍 IOM with support from the cluster coordination and cluster members will organize and deliver two **Shelter/NFI trainings in the Somali region** for regional & local authorities and humanitarian partners.
- 📍 The Global Shelter Cluster will hold its **annual retreat** in Switzerland on the 4-5 October 2017 to review progress made and plan for next year.

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