

### 5 ways Shelter and Settlements programs help mitigate the spread of COVID-19



Distributing **essential humanitarian assistance** in a way that avoids spreading the disease.



**Inadequate shelter** can increase respiratory diseases which aggravate the impact of the virus.



**Decongesting** and reducing human density in settlements to maintain social distancing and reduce transmission.



Expanding the shelters of vulnerable households to **reduce overcrowding** and mitigate the spread of the virus.



Planning and building **isolation areas and medical facilities** according to health criteria.

For further information related to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak please visit the following page: [ShelterCluster.org/COVID19](https://ShelterCluster.org/COVID19)

#### KEY FIGURES

#### West Bank/East Jerusalem

##### Demolition response

**Demolished structures: 139** | Of which **61 (44%)** are residential.  
(Jan-end of Mar. 2020) | displaced **201** individuals, including **105** children

**Donor-funded structures: 37** | of which **20** are residential

##### Upgrading and Rehabilitation of substandard shelters (Needs):

**3,040** shelters in Area C, | Require rehabilitation or consolidation to ensure  
**740** Shelters in H2 area of Hebron | adequate protection and reduce risk of  
**310** shelters in East Jerusalem | displacement.

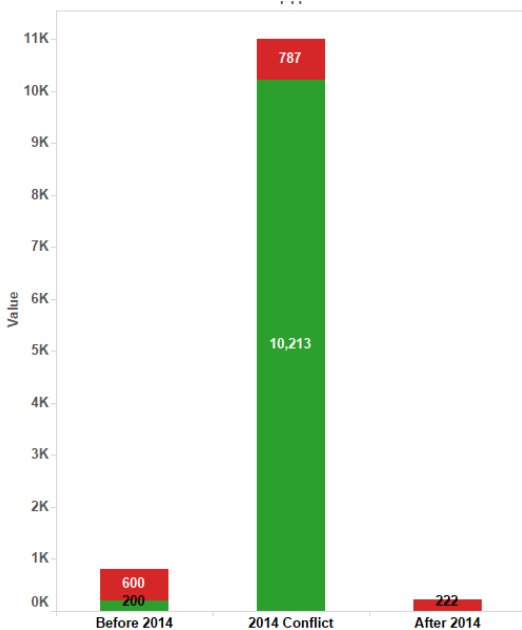
**21** households have received demolition shelter response in 2020; **17** are ongoing or pending.

#### Gaza

##### IDP response

Over **900 families (about 5050 individuals)** remain internally displaced (IDP) since the 2014 conflict including recurrent escalations since Nov 2018. An **urgent gap in assistance** exists for around **850** IDP families requiring shelter support.

##### Reconstruction



##### Repairs (Remaining Cases of Conflicts)



■ Reconstructed /Funded ■ Gap

##### GRM

**10.6%** of the cement for the 2014 housing reconstruction caseload is still required. Ref.

<https://grm.report/#/>



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#### KEY DOCUMENTS

- [Shelter Cluster Dashboard March 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Revised Response Plan](#)

- [Minimum standards for repairs and upgrade Technical guidance - GAZA](#)

- [Shelter Minimum Standards Guidance West Bank and East Jerusalem](#)

#### KEY LINKS

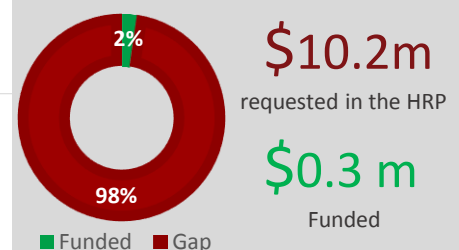
- [Global Shelter Cluster](#)

#### HRP 2020 KEY FIGURES

**20** Cluster Partners | **0.71K/0.3m** Targeted/people in need

Cluster Partners | Targeted/people in need

#### FUNDING



## COVID-19

### Objectives

1. Improving vulnerable households' and quarantine facilities capacities and resilience to reduce the spread of the pandemic
2. Reducing overcrowding in shelters to mitigate the spread of COVID-19
3. Support the vulnerable families living in deteriorated socio-economic conditions exacerbated by COVID 19 by provision of Shelter assistance.

### Concerns

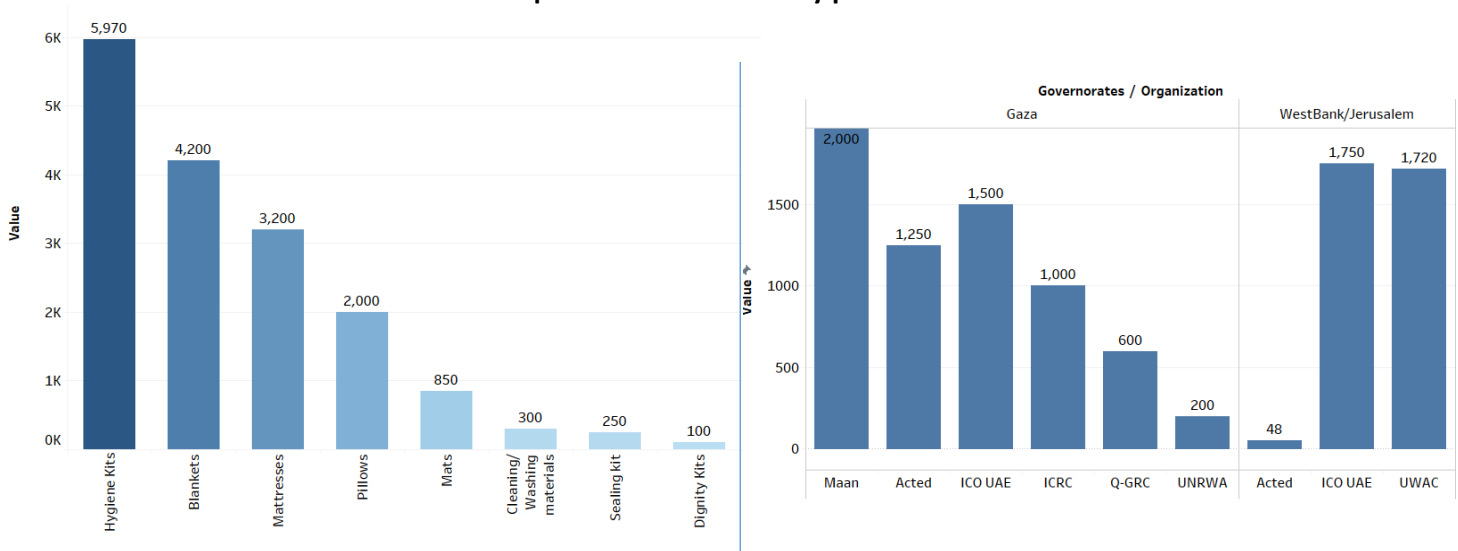
Shelter Cluster's main concern is the overcrowded and substandard living conditions that exist in the Gaza Strip, particularly in refugee camps and the marginalized localities, in addition to poor communities in Area C, which suffer greatly from the inability of households to secure the necessary needs, including materials for sterilization and hygiene coupled with substandard shelters conditions. Interventions to reduce overcrowding and improve hygienic conditions are urgently needed to mitigate the exposure and risks among vulnerable populations.

### Response Priorities

- Provide essential hygiene and disinfectant materials or cash for families and people at higher risk of being affected by COVID-19.
- Provide NFIs, such as bedding, cleaning and hygiene materials to quarantine facilities.
- Improve hygiene conditions for families lacking basic facilities, such as latrines or kitchens, by providing appropriate hygiene materials, cleaning supplies, awareness materials, and technical consultancies and guidance.
- Contribute to mitigate the impacts of economic deterioration exacerbated as a result of the loss of income of the most vulnerable families by provision of multipurpose cash or rental assistance.

### Response Update

**Items and quantities distributed by partners in March**



### Gaps, challenges and constraints.

A main constraint is the lack of quality, household disaggregated information on needs, to accurately target interventions, compounded by the movement restrictions that impede access to the most vulnerable households and communities. The lack of accurate information about the quarantine facilities needs in WB impeded the cluster ability to mobilize the required NFIs materials support.

Some cluster members reported that there is a shortage of Sterilizing materials in the local market in Gaza, and the available quantities are not complying with technical specifications.