

## 2019 Summer Assistance Key Concerns

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These are the key concerns the SNFI Cluster has regarding the provision of summer assistance.

When asked about summer needs in a camp profiling exercise in early 2019, few IDPs in camps reported anticipating summer needs, with an average of just 8% of IDPs needing additional jerry cans, 2.2% of IDPs needing cool boxes, and 1.3% of IDPs reporting a need for fans.

IDPs have reported strong preferences for AWC provided by MoMD over other types of summer items. Thus, humanitarian agencies are strongly cautioned from engaging in resource-intensive in-kind distributions of low-value items that are generally not needed by IDPs.

MoMD is the responsible agency for providing summer assistance, however, they have not shared their budgets or plans for summer assistance with humanitarian partners or the cluster, creating challenges in anticipating their plans.

Further, when MoMD provides AWC, increased supplies of electricity and water are needed in order to use them.

- The average supply of electricity in camps is 11 hours/day. 84% of the camps could access at least 8 hours/day, which is the minimum recommended during summer for AWC operating hours. 15% of the camps depend solely on the national grid, which is subject to many power shortages especially during the hottest months. These camps should be prioritized for electricity supply.
- The minimum quantity of water required to operate AWC for at least 8 hours/day is around 100 litres/unit/day. That means each family should be provided with 300 litres of water daily, to cover their drinking, cooking and hygienic needs as well as the usage of AWC.

However, increased power generation and water supply has rarely accompanied the distribution of AWC, inducing IDPs to use their drinking water to run AWC, or collect water from other sources, potentially contaminating water storage containers and contributing to the spread of waterborne illness.

The SNFI Cluster calls upon MoMD to share their plans for summer assistance provision with IDPs and their plans to provide increased electricity and water to run AWC without compromising other needs.