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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

Ethiopia ES/NFI Cluster Priority Woredas and Activities - Quarter 1

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**HRP 2025
Target
2.0M**



**Financial
Requirement
\$117.4M**



**Q1 Target
300k**



**Urgent
Requirement
\$19.2M**



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Situation Overview

Prolonged displacement in Tigray, Amhara, Oromia, and other regions has left hundreds of thousands living in substandard conditions in overcrowded shelters and informal settlements. Limited access to essential services and exposure to harsh elements have severely impacted the dignity, safety, and health of displaced populations. Adding to these challenges, recent earthquakes in Oromia and Afar have displaced thousands more, intensifying the need for immediate and inclusive emergency shelter and NFI support. Returnees also face significant barriers, including damaged homes and a lack of basic services, hindering their ability to rebuild lives.

The ES/NFI Cluster is prioritizing assistance for vulnerable groups, promoting climate-appropriate and sustainable solutions to protect affected populations while highlighting the urgent need for enhanced coordination and resource mobilization to mitigate worsening conditions.

Overview Severity

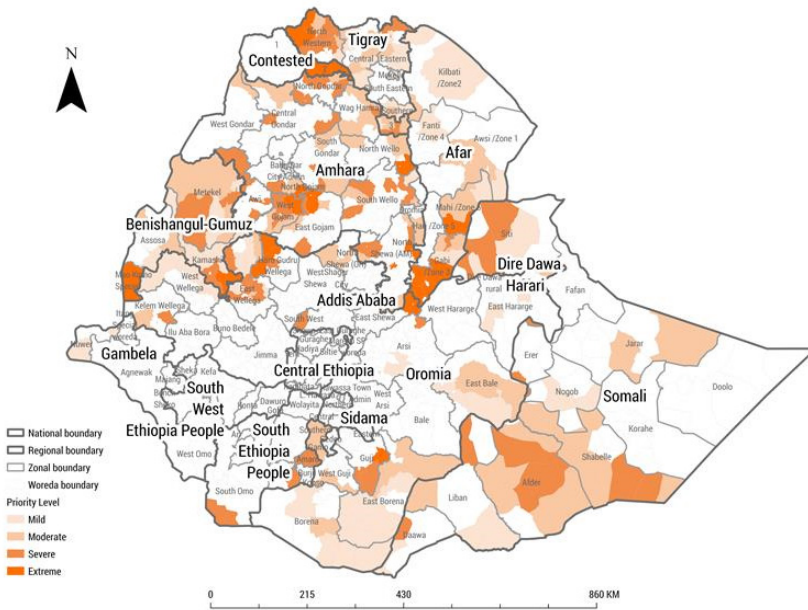
This document outlines the ES/NFI Cluster's funding requirements, response priorities, and targeted locations for the first quarter of 2025 based on Ethiopia's Humanitarian Response Plan and displacement analysis. It is designed to guide donors and partners in addressing the most urgent shelter and NFI needs effectively and efficiently.

The Cluster will prioritize targeted assistance across **24** woredas in five regions, selected based on operational capacity, the impact of recent emergencies, displacement trends, and identified resource gaps.

These regions represent the most critical humanitarian needs, with displaced populations facing overcrowded shelters, exposure to harsh weather, and limited access to essential household items. The response will focus on providing settlement-appropriate shelter solutions and non-food items to ensure the affected populations' safety, dignity, and protection.

To deliver timely and adequate assistance to **299,593**

individuals, the Cluster requires **\$19.2 million** in funding for the first quarter of 2025. This funding will support life-saving interventions, including the provision of climate-appropriate shelter and essential household items while addressing pipeline and operational challenges. Donor support is essential to align efforts with the Cluster's strategic objectives and to mitigate the worsening humanitarian crisis for Ethiopia's most vulnerable populations.

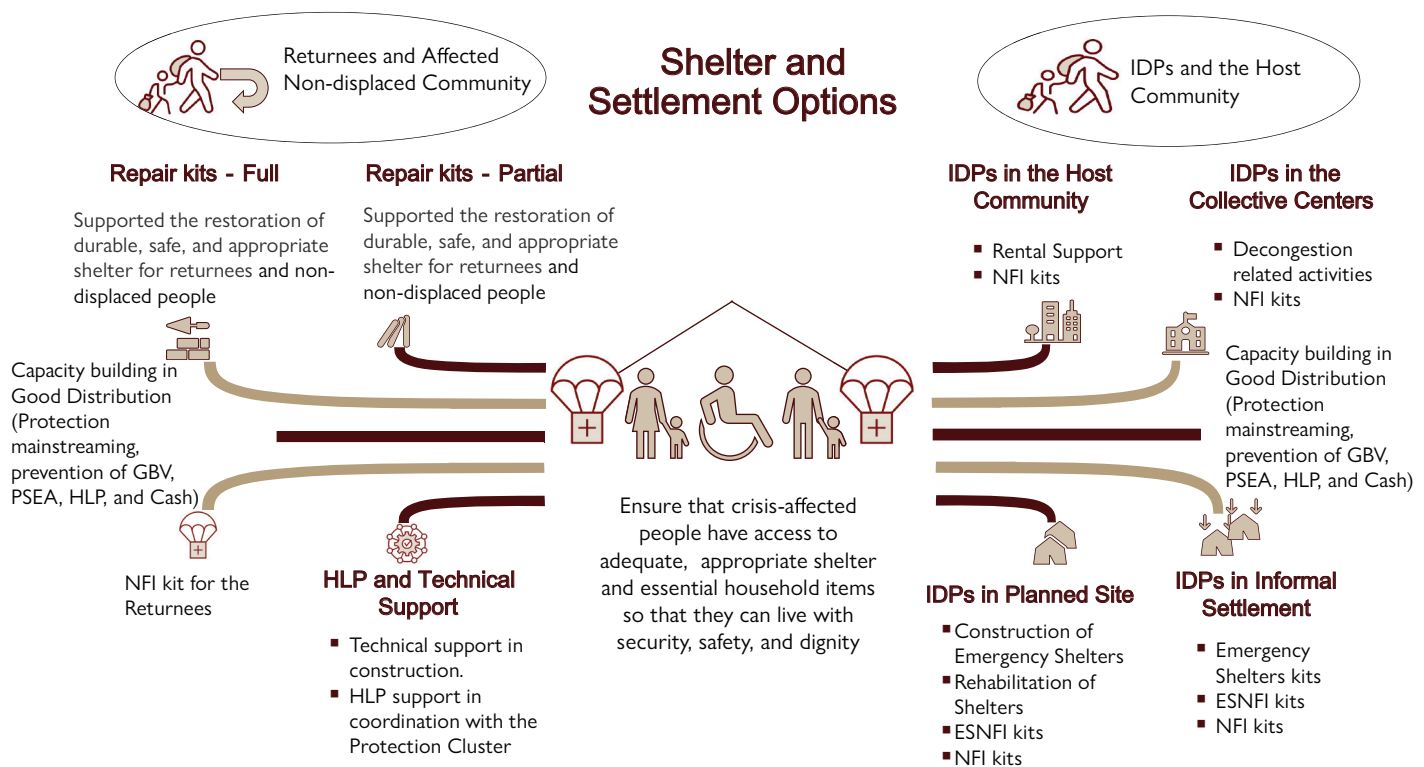


Priority Activities

The Shelter and NFI response should be tailored to the settlement types and specific needs of displaced populations to prevent secondary displacements and ensure individuals and families can live with security, safety, and dignity. This approach should integrate climate-appropriate considerations and protection mainstreaming. Response modalities should include in-kind and market-based assistance, leveraging local markets where feasible to avoid negative impacts on communities or market systems while ensuring timely and effective support.

Partners should prioritize populations with critical needs for shelter responses, essential household items, or both. Responses should be designed to address the specific vulnerabilities of individuals, including women, children and the elderly, ensuring that assistance promotes safety and dignity for all.

This quarter's priority groups include IDPs living in informal settlements, collective centers, or host communities. Activities will be adapted to their current living conditions and settlement types. Recent returnees and those living in completely destroyed shelters will also be prioritized for return-related responses.



Priority Woredas and Activities

Afar, Amhara, Contested and Tigray Region



**HRP 2025
Target
1.2M**



**Q1 Target
220k**



**Urgent
Requirement
\$14.5M**



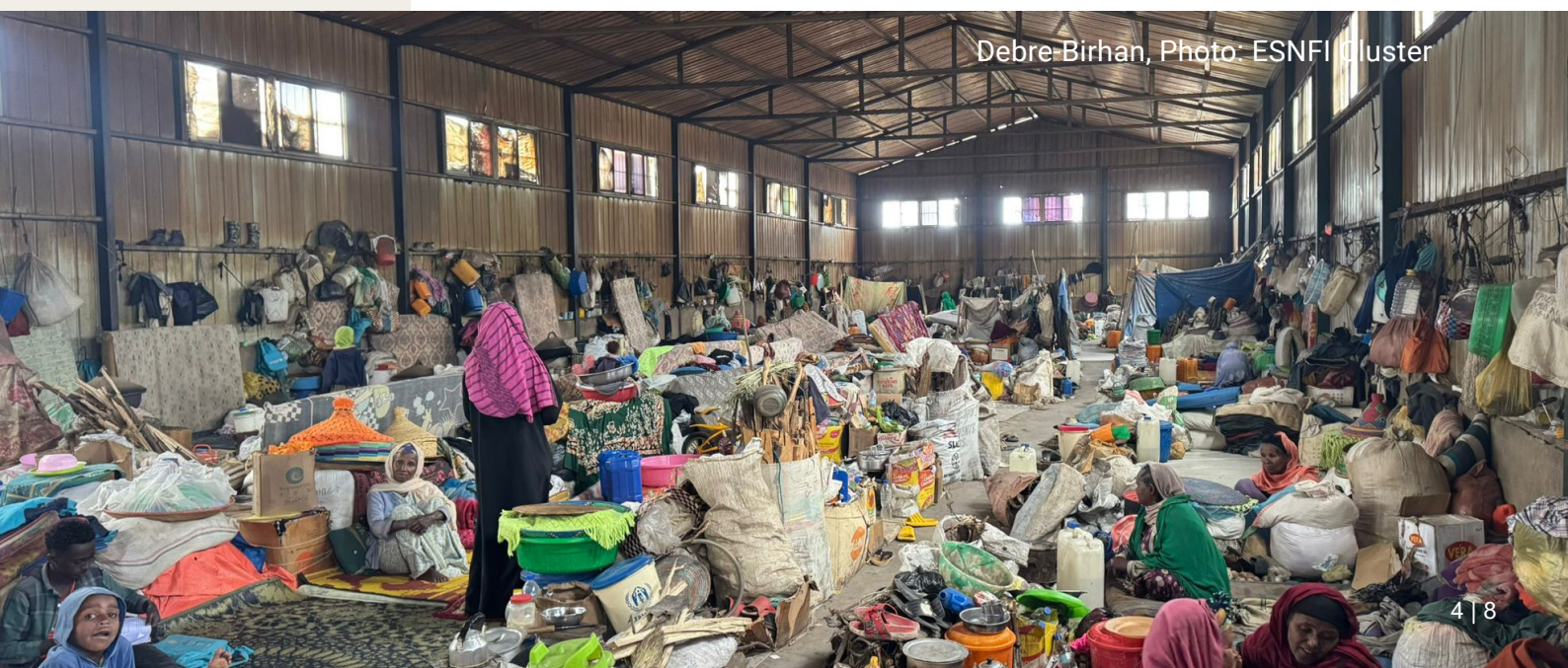
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The **Amhara** Region has the most significant number of areas categorized as “extreme” severity, with ongoing insecurity and limited humanitarian response in 2024 being the primary drivers. Deteriorating living conditions among IDPs, compounded by the limited attention given to the cluster, have exacerbated the crisis in this region. Many displaced individuals are living in substandard shelters, with inadequate access to essential services and humanitarian support. Furthermore, Amhara also has a significant number of areas classified as “Severe,” reflecting widespread challenges in addressing the needs of affected populations and ensuring their safety and dignity.

In **Afar**, five woredas are categorized as “extreme” severity, with Zones 3 and 6 experiencing compounded challenges. Zone 3 has been significantly affected by recurring earthquakes and periodic flooding, leaving communities vulnerable and needing immediate assistance. Additionally, Zones 3 and 6 host a large number of IDPs living in informal settlements with shelters that provide limited protection against the region’s harsh weather. These inadequate living conditions, combined with the natural disasters, have left affected populations exposed to extreme environmental risks and hindered their ability to recover. The severity analysis highlights the urgency of addressing the unmet needs of these populations through improved shelter and people-centered interventions.

In **Tigray and Contested Areas**, the severity analysis indicates both “extreme” and “severe” classifications, reflecting the ongoing vulnerabilities and challenges faced by displaced populations. Families in these areas, particularly in northwest Tigray, are living in overcrowded and deteriorating collective centers with little access to adequate shelter or essential services. Exposure to harsh weather, limited privacy, and a lack of durable solutions have left many IDPs in precarious conditions. In contested areas, the fluidity of population movements, driven by insecurity and limited humanitarian responses, has further destabilized affected communities. Displacement has led to a reliance on ill-equipped temporary shelters to provide safety or stability. Addressing these challenges requires immediate efforts to improve shelter conditions, restore safety and dignity for displaced populations, and stabilize communities in contested zones.

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Extreme Categorized Woredas & Recommended Response



Return



IDP

Region	Zone	Woreda
Tigray	North Western	Endabaguna town
	North Western	Sheraro town
	North Western	Tahtay Adiyabo
Contested	2	Laelay Tselemti/ Dima
	2	Tselemti/ West Telemt



Shelter



NFI kit

- Emergency Shelter Repair Kit
- HLP support
- Distribution of NFI kits



Shelter



ESNFI/NFI

- Rental Support for those with the host community
- Emergency Shelter kit and Rehabilitation of Shelters for those in IDP sites

Region	Zone	Woreda
Afar	Gabi / Zone 3	Amibara
	Gabi / Zone 3	Awash Fantale
	Gabi / Zone 3	Dulecha
	Gabi / Zone 3	Hanruka
	Mahi / Zone 6	Sibaybi



ESNFI/NFI

- Distribution of ESNFI or NFI kits as per the settlement type

Region	Zone	Woreda
Amhara	East Gojam	Hulet Ej Enese
	North Gojam	Gonje
	North Shewa (AM)	Debre Berhan town
	North Shewa (AM)	Kewet
	North Wello	Habru
	West Gojam	Dega Damot
	West Gojam	Quarit



IDP

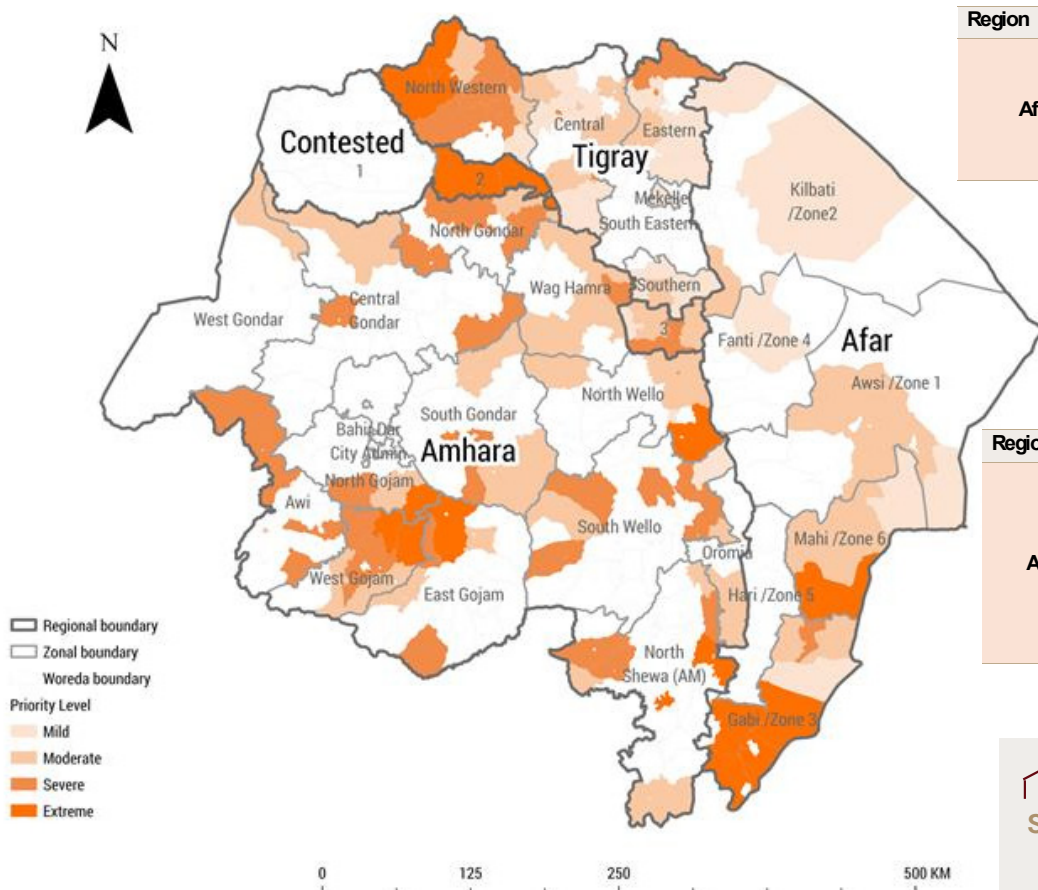


Shelter



ESNFI/NFI

- ES kit and Rehabilitation of Shelters for those in IDP sites.
- Rental Support
- Distribution of ESNFI or NFI kits as per the settlement type



Afar, Zone 3 Photo: ESNFI Cluster

Oromia and Benishangul-Gumuz Region


HRP 2025 Target
0.9M


Q1 Target
80k


Urgent Requirement
\$4.7M


Partners
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In **Oromia**, displacement driven by insecurity has resulted in fluid population movements, leaving families unable to rebuild their lives or return home. While the security access situation has relatively improved, conflict-related displacements have simultaneously spread to zones that had not previously experienced displacement. Severity analyses indicate that several areas are classified as both “extreme” and “severe,” underscoring the urgent need for targeted interventions to address the shelter needs of the affected populations. Additionally, the recent earthquake in Fentale, Oromia, has compounded the challenges affected communities face.

During the last quarter of 2024, the Cluster conducted assessments in several locations in Oromia. The findings highlighted both returns and displacements urgently requiring shelter and NFI. Although there are very few collective centers, the displaced population is predominantly settled within host communities, with multiple families often renting a single house. This situation poses significant protection and health concerns.

Regarding returns, in Jarte Jardega, Abe Dongoro, and Amuru Woredas within the Horogodru Zone, houses in some kebeles have been completely burned down, leaving returnees without adequate shelter to rebuild their lives. These conditions, combined with the impact of the recent earthquake, emphasize the critical need for shelter and protection interventions to ensure the safety and dignity of affected populations.

The Benishangul-Gumuz Region has two woredas classified as “extreme,” alongside several “severe” classifications. The challenges in this region are further compounded by neglect and difficulties in accessing the area due to insecurity in the surrounding regions, Oromia and Amhara. These access constraints have delayed the delivery of humanitarian assistance and worsened the vulnerabilities of affected populations.

In the Kemashi zone, the Cluster conducted an assessment in Miziya woreda, which revealed significant challenges for both displaced and returning populations. While some security improvements have enabled returns, widespread destruction of homes and infrastructure has left many returnees without adequate shelter. Displaced populations within host communities face overcrowded and substandard living conditions, often in makeshift shelters or shared accommodations, posing severe protection and health risks. Additionally, unresolved housing and land tenure issues further impact the return responses. These findings underscore the urgent need for targeted interventions to address the critical shelter and protection needs of affected populations in the region.



Extreme Categorized Woredas & Recommended Response

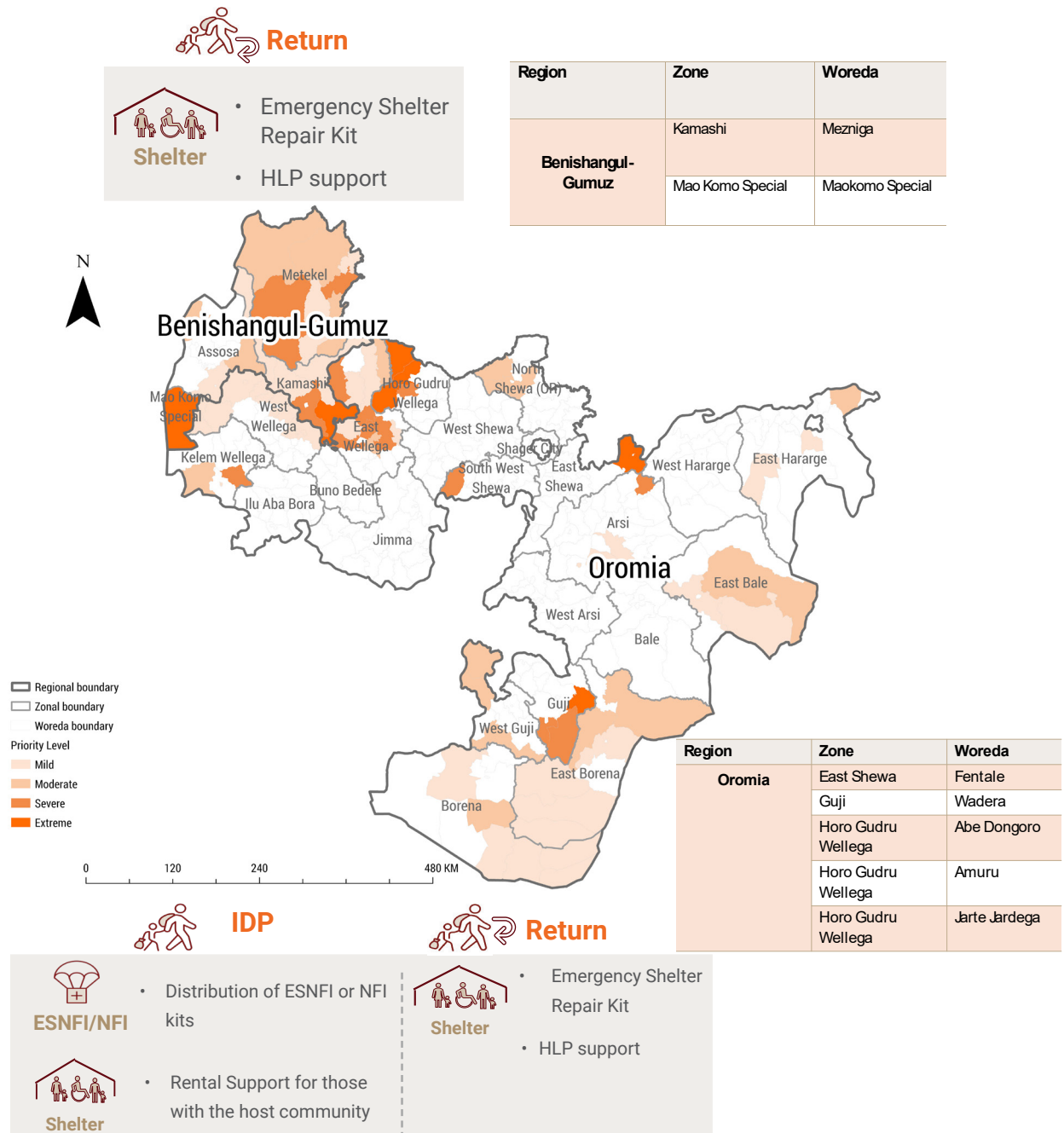




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