



Shelter Cluster mid-vear Review

The Shelter Cluster continues its vital coordination efforts in Ukraine for 2024, facing even more challenging conditions than last year due to the increasing intensity of attacks. The ongoing conflict has caused extensive damage, particularly to energy infrastructure, severely impacting the lives of countless individuals. Our activities depend significantly on skilled construction workers, who are now increasingly at risk of conscription, complicating the delivery of services and essential items, especially in hard-to-reach areas. Despite these challenges, Shelter Cluster partners remain dedicated to assisting the most vulnerable and have achieved notable success in several critical areas.

Fluctuating market prices, rising utility costs and unclear policies and legislation around repair standards have affected key activities such as rental support and the humanitarian repair of common spaces, contributing to lower reach. However, we anticipate an increase in our overall reach in the second half of the year as we work to align cluster partners' activities more closely with government e-compensation plans. The Shelter Cluster is actively working with partners to enhance reporting accuracy. Under-reporting by some partners has occasionally led to temporary underestimations of our achievements. Below is a brief outline of the lessons learned so far in 2024. For a detailed review of the East Hub's mid-year progress, please refer to the following link: East Hub Mid-Year Review. In this report, we are seeking insights and advice from the subnational clusters in the field on the progress of each activity and the challenges encountered. This document will play a crucial role in shaping the Shelter Cluster's activities for 2025 and informing upcoming changes. In this report, we are seeking insights and advice from the subnational clusters in the field on the progress of each activity and the challenges encountered. This document will play a crucial role in shaping the Shelter Cluster's activities for 2025 and informing upcoming changes.

Mid year Review

Cluster Objective 1: Provide Life-Saving Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) Support

- **Emergency Shelter Kit (ESK):** The distribution is going forward according to the planned targets. The achievements are higher in priority oblasts, with the new <u>emergency SOP</u> in place and other partners volunteering in this activity shelter cluster foresees to reach the target by end of the year. In general in the north Cherkaska and Poltavska needs higher target for next due to all evacuations which happen during the first half of 2024. In the South hub, needs are steady but may rise with potential territorial gains. The North hubs's targets are satisfactory, though the complexity of ESK and ECM suggests a need for simplification. The West hub suggests that targets for Khmelnytska and Vinnytska should be raised for 2025 based on higher achievements, while Lvivska's targets are reasonable, focus should be on central raions.
- Construction Materials: Originally intended as a contingency for large-scale disasters (e.g. explosion of the Kahovka damn), It has been suggested by subnational cluster coordinators that this activity should be integrated into light repair as a modality. An updated SOP is needed to ensure the activity's purpose is fulfilled and the material is being put to good use. In the West, conscription makes cash or material assistance more suitable.
- **Prykhystok:** Managed by UNHCR this year, this activity is not a primary concern for the Shelter Cluster and depends on available funds from humanitarian organizations to GoU. The underachieving of the targets is due to shear lack of general fundings for this specific activity.
- **NFI for Households:** This activity remains an essential response in terms of <u>emergencies</u>. However, the targets across the hubs need adjustment for next year. It has been observed that targets may be too high and do not match the needs on the ground and additionally there is a degree confusion for partners for NFIs in collective sites which need addressing.

Cluster Objective 2: Deliver Emergency Shelter and NFI Assistance for Winter

- Winter Energy and Related Support: Winterization makes up about 45% of the Shelter Cluster's HNRP financial request and has been highly successful. Winter energy initiatives are reliable and on track, but other winter activities have varied success. The winterization period from September to April requires progress through the first half of winter. The North, along with other hubs, agrees on reducing winter NFI and clothing targets for next year, shifting focus to new arrivals according to emergency SOP. Winter achievement document will be published at the end of the winter period following a lesson learned document in 2025. Please see the lesson learned document from 2024 following this link: ENG / UKR
- Planned activities, such as sustainable energy initiatives, insulation for sub-standard houses, have been reprioritized and/or reprogrammed by partners due to escalated emergency needs and limited funding, contributing to the low reach on these activities. In addition, results of activities requiring long assessment, procurement and installation processes, such as transitional shelter programmes for the most vulnerable people, are expected in the third quarter.

Sources: Shelter Cluster ActivityInfo



Cluster Objective 3: Ensure Adequate Housing Solutions

- Humanitarian Repair (Light and Medium): In the East, targets are on track. In the West, targets remain unchanged due to significant sporadic damages. The North needs increased targets for Poltava and Cherkasy due to sporadic attacks, with reduced targets for Chernihiv.
- Humanitarian Repair of Common Spaces (Multistory): This activity has proven to be essential, and the targets are still on track with some partners who have yet to provide their reports to shelter cluster. This activity is critical for people to access e-Compensation, so guidelines should be established to report addresses to local authorities to unlock e-Compensation access for the people. In the South, there's a significant need to increase targets. In the East and North, targets should focus on larger cities.
- Rental Support: In the East, targets should be relocated to urban areas and avoid occupied regions. In the South, the target matches the high demand in cities like Mykolaiv and Odesa, with registration starting in February adding to the overall achievement. In the North, increase targets for urban areas and prioritize multistory building repairs, acknowledging the state rental program. In the West, rental support is valued and is still going to be required in the future.
- Refurbishment of Collective Sites: East hub, suggests that for 2025 the targets should focus on buildings rather than individuals including the number of occupied or potentially occupied sleeping spaces. Avoid targets in the occupied areas of Ukraine due to lack of presence of partners. The West's targets should remain similar to last year, with adjustments based on 2024 results. In the South, an SOP is needed for refurbishment and maintenance. In the North, increase targets for Poltava and Cherkasy, coordinating repairs through CCCM, which should also address mislabeling issues.
- Humanitarian Repair of Social Facilities: In the South, refine targets for smaller cities. In the East, separate this activity from regular programming and focus on buildings rather than individuals to be able to report effectively. In the North, clarity on facility types and updated SOPs are needed, including an inter-cluster approach.
- Heavy Repair: In the South, keep the target as there are still caseloads available. In the East and North, define the targets better for heavy repairs, emphasizing load-bearing damage and updating SOPs to differentiate between heavy repairs and reconstruction.
- Transitional Shelter: Main suggestion from the field is to rename this activity for 2025 to reduce the confusion on reporting. In the North, increase the target, especially for areas like Chernihiv and Sumy. In the East, focus on oblasts needing this activity and not the front-line oblasts.
- **Provision of White Appliances:** This activity has proven to be more of a development essort that may fall out of shelter cluster's mandate. Discussions between WASH, Shelter Cluster, and CCCM are needed to coordinate efforts for collective sites effectively.

Shelter clusters guidelines can be found via:

- Shelter Cluster Winterization recommendation: LINK
- Shelter Cluster Activity Handbook for our partners: LINK
- Shelter Cluster Dashboard and Website: https://sheltercluster.org/response/ukraine

Sources: Shelter Cluster ActivityInfo

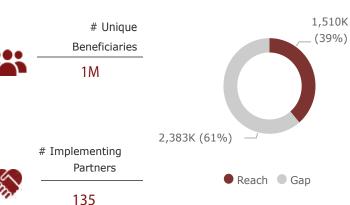
¹ For more information, please visit Shelter Cluster's <u>Response Dashboard</u>

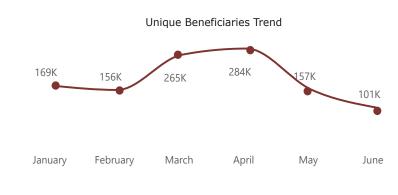
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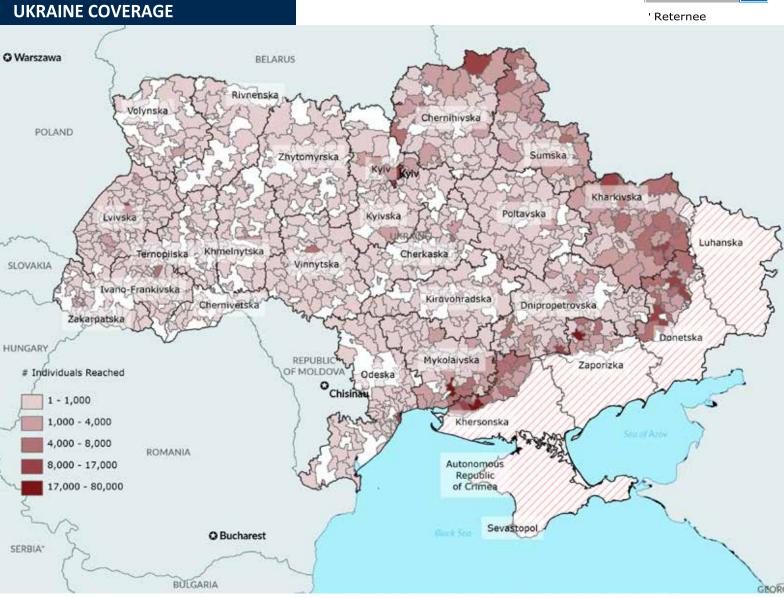
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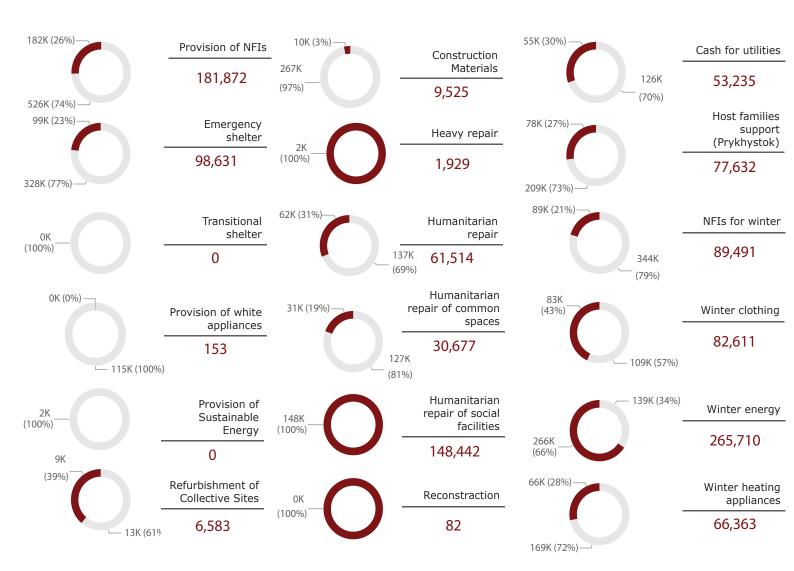
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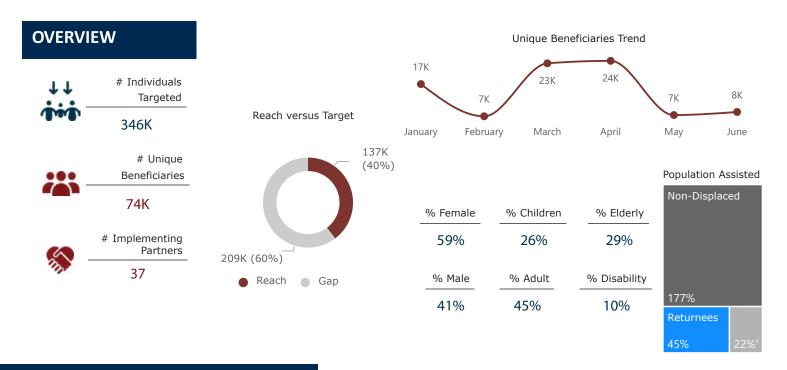
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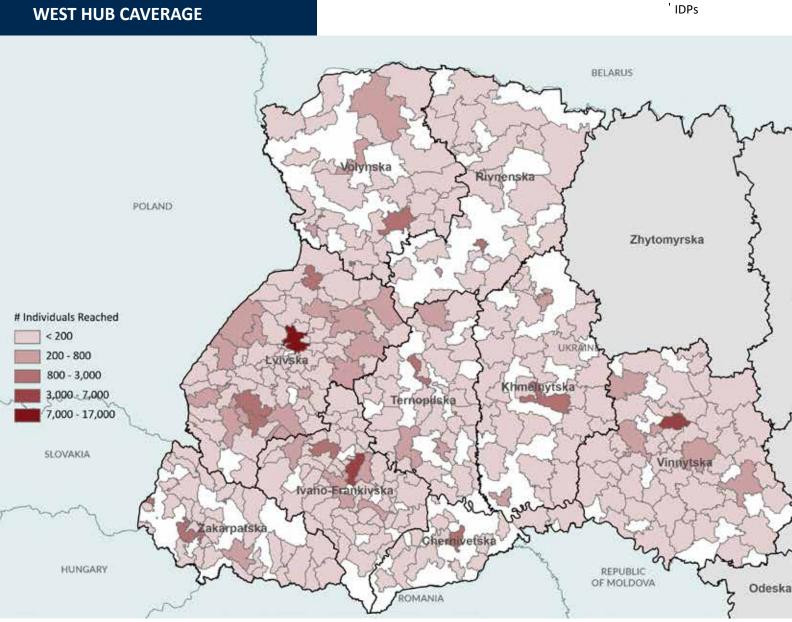




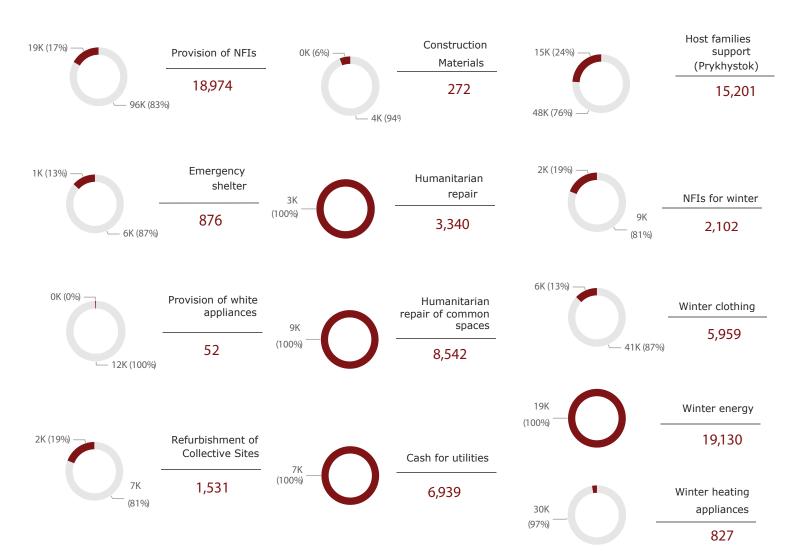


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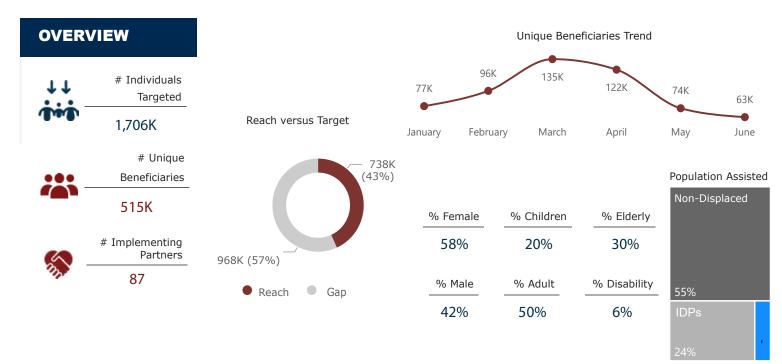


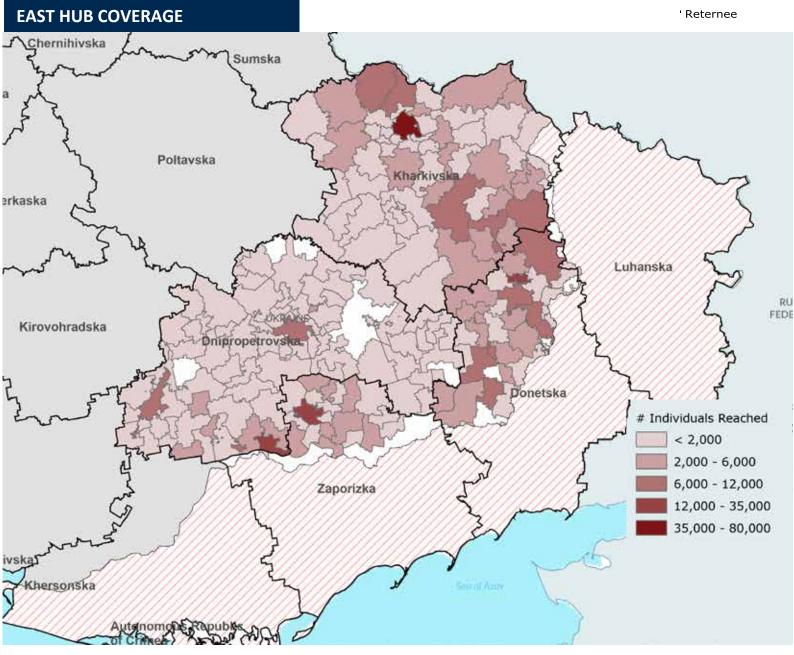




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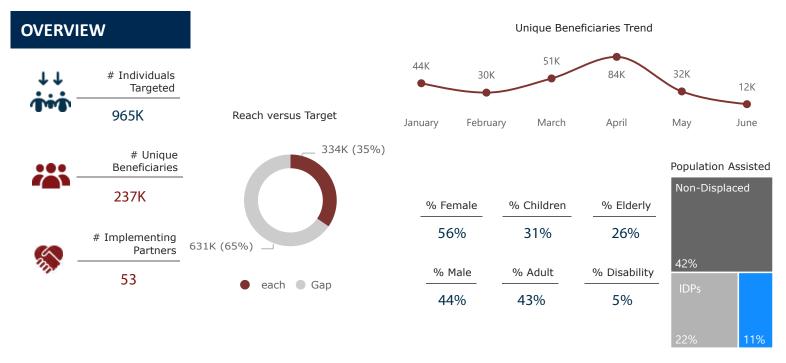
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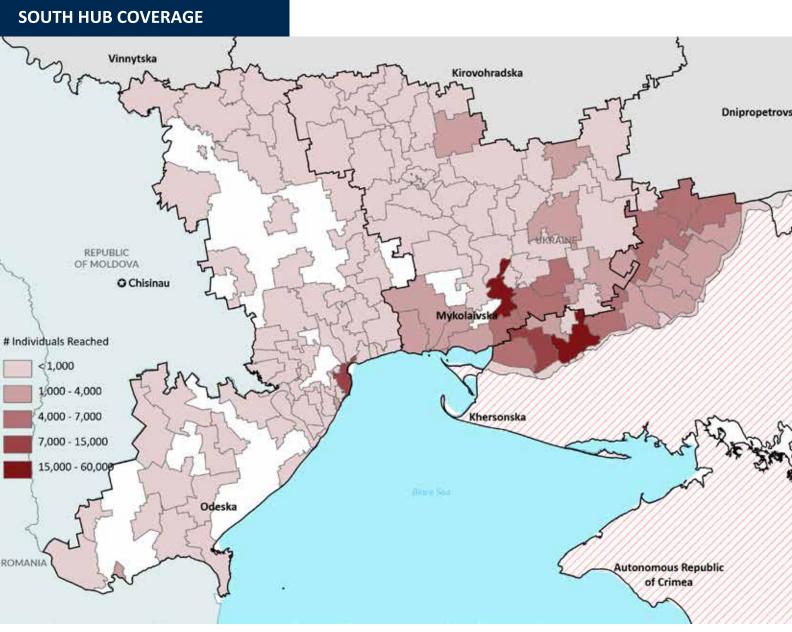




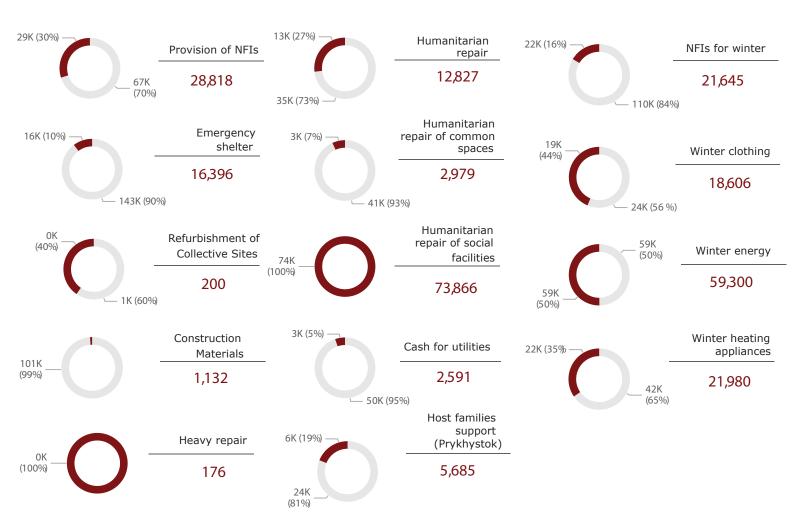
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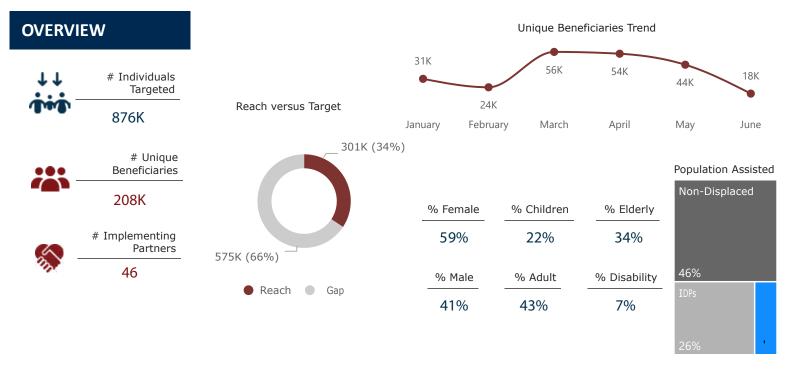






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North Hub Overview



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