

NWSW Shelter Cluster Criteria for Project Development HPC 2023

1. The HPC tools format will be multi-sector with one submission per agency. Please make sure that you click the Shelter box if you are considering Shelter/NFI interventions.
2. In terms of scope of activities for 2023, as a result of the discussion had during our HPC workshops in early September, the indicators and activities will be the following with only a slight change into the activity description while the log frame indicators will remain the same: Please make reference to the [Shelter Cluster strategy](#).

Objective	Activity	Indicator for targeting
Targeted crisis-affected households, including those in protracted displacement, returnees, and host communities, are provided with core and essential non-food items	• Distribution of items in minimum NFI Kit: https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/minimum-nfi-kit-reviewed-2022 • Option to add on energy activities	# of HHs assisted with core and essential Non-Food Items
Targeted crisis-affected households, including those in protracted displacement, returnees, and host communities, are provided with timely life-saving emergency shelter	• Distribution of Shelter Kits in line with the technical guidance and the use of the Shelter Kit Checklist tool: https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/shelter-kit-guidelines-and-review-2022	# of HHs assisted with distributed/installed emergency shelter materials/kits
Targeted crisis-affected households are provided with safe and sustained shelter support, including those in protracted displacement, returnees, and	• Going beyond emergency shelter: • Distribution of CGI sheets • Cash for Repairs or improvements- Traditionally known in other context as light/medium repairs to damaged shelter- enables the beneficiary to purchase more durable items in the market if available including cement, timber, plywood, bamboo, gravel, cement, and/or labour to improve their existing shelter	# of HHs assisted with shelter

host communities.	- Transitional Shelter: Pilot intervention to be eventually implemented with the support of WASH and FSL Clusters to support IDPs, Returnees, or Non-Displaced in owner driven approaches to build longer term shelters of a transitional nature (3-5 years lifespan); community based approach can also be considered with cash for work activities benefitting crisis-related jobless people and access to housing for more vulnerable categories - Please refer to technical guidance: https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/shelter-cluster-guidance-transfer-value-and-monetization-shelter	
	Rental Assistance: Providing access to accommodation for internally displaced people living in urban areas; should be done in coordination with Livelihoods actors or protection actors to ensure sustainability of the accommodation and so that the IDP is not put at risk when the funding of the organisation ends Please refer to technical guidance: https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/shelter-cluster-guidance-transfer-value-and-monetization-shelter and Lessons learned: https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/nrc-lessons-learned-document	# of HHs assisted with rental assistance
Increased capacity of construction skills of targeted households and communities	Training of targeted households and communities on construction related skills and capacities especially leveraging market-based approaches where a lot of markets have lost access to skilled labour and construction tools	# people trained

- 3. Reporting on Outcomes:** Shelter Cluster partners should plan to make use of the Shelter Cluster's Post Distribution Monitoring tool in order to measure the impact that their assistance is having on improved shelter but also on protection and recovery outcomes: <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/forms/nsw-sw-cameroon-shelter-cluster-standardized-post-distribution-monitoring> With this tool, the Shelter Cluster in the NWSW aims to report the following outcomes:

- % of HHs living in improved habitable shelter conditions
- % of HHs who feel safe in their shelter

- c. % of HHs with better sleeping conditions
 - d. % of HHs able to store and prepare food
 - e. % of HHs who demonstrate improved shelter construction techniques
 - f. % of HHs living in locations with reduced exposure to environmental hazards and physical risk
 - g. % of People with improved dignity
4. **Needs Overview:** Please make reference to the data provided by the Shelter Cluster on the needs and also make reference to your own agency assessments precising locations and showing that needs are assessed in line with Shelter Cluster tools:
- a. Shelter Cluster Household Assessment done by Plan International in the Northwest and Southwest Regions: <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/pages/shelter-cluster-household-assessment-northwest-and-southwest-regions>
 - b. Shelter Cluster Household Assessment done by Dedi in the West Region: <https://sheltercluster.org/west-region/documents/plan-danalyse-evaluation-des-conditions-des-abris-des-personnes-deplacees-et>
 - c. Severity Analysis Methodology: <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/assessing-shelter-vulnerability-and-severity-household-needs>
 - d. Reference maps and visuals from the OCHA MSNA: <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/shelter-typologies-and-needs-overview-cameroons-northwest-southwest>
 - e. Use of your own agency assessment and the standard needs indicators as decided by Shelter Cluster partners as of June: <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/forms/northwest-and-southwest-cameroon-shelter-cluster-standardized-household>
 - f. Consider your own gap analysis in terms of how many persons the Shelter Cluster reached this year and which people are still in need of shelter assistance: Consult the Shelter Cluster interactive 5W: <https://sheltercluster.org/hub/north-west-south-west>
5. **Use of Cash-Based Interventions:** Explain the rationale for the selection of the modality chosen for accomplishing the activities including accessibility and availability of items in the market, costs, and effectiveness of the modality of assistance. Consider using the [Shelter Cluster market monitoring tool](#) in your own feasibility assessments. Also make reference to Shelter Cluster data and guidance including: Explain how much of the budget are aimed at implementing cash based interventions.
- a. **Market Monitoring Dashboard:** <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/pages/northwest-and-southwest-cameroon-shelter-cluster-price-monitoring>

- b. **Position Paper on Minimum Expenditure Basket of Shelter and NFI response:**
<https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/northwest-southwest-shelter-cluster-position-paper-minimum>
 - c. **Shelter Cluster Guidance on Transfer Value and Monetization of Shelter Assistance:** <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/documents/shelter-cluster-guidance-transfer-value-and-monetization-shelter>
 - d. If multipurpose cash is envisioned, explain how you aim to monitor outcomes of the intervention according multisectoral outcome and consider use of the Shelter Cluster Post Distribution Monitoring tool given the high number of protection risks that occur at household level.
6. **Gender Age and Disability Marker:** Consider how the project will reach the differentiated needs for men, women, boys, and girls. Mention this throughout your project in every aspect including needs overview, description of activities, and modality of implementation. Guidance on the Gender with Age Marker is available through the IASC website: <https://www.iascgenderwithagemarker.com/en/home/> The Shelter cluster will communicate more when provided additional information from OCHA. Disability mainstreaming has also been a common these of our Shelter Strategy this year.
 7. **Localization:** As funding continues to be more limited in the Northwest and Southwest region for the sustainability of and longer-term approach to the continued humanitarian needs, agencies should continue partnering with local organizations as much as possible. This should include involving local NGOs to reach inaccessible areas and providing financial support to have a longer-term strategy to equip them to continue to provide humanitarian assistance even after the international assistance may end. Explain which percentage of the budget will be implemented by local partners.
 8. **Locations:** Please indicate the specific locations to at least the subdivision level on where you are planning to work. This will help the Shelter Cluster in coordinating proposed interventions and also in establishing what possible targets will be for 2023.
 9. **Accountability to Affected Populations:** Demonstrate that you have consulted with beneficiaries about the type of Shelter assistance you are providing. Use the Shelter Kit checklist as a way to ensure that the shelter assistance meets their priority needs. Seek to integrate these questions into any needs assessments prior to conducting activities: <https://sheltercluster.org/north-west-south-west/forms/shelter-kit-checklist>
 10. **Environment:** Given the increased concerns about the impact that the Shelter sector is having on the environment including on NFIs that are distributed. Projects should demonstrate that the agency has considered and taken risk mitigation measures to limit the negative impacts that the activities will have on the environment. In-kind distributions should seek to reduce the use of plastic sheeting in favour of more recyclable options. Site management during distributions should also seek to minimise harm on the environment. Offsetting activities when raw materials such as timber, bamboo, and mud are used in shelter activities should also be conducted and can be done as a livelihoods activity such as planting trees, cultivating gardens etc. Instead of procuring new items in the shelter kit



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checklist if a household already has the tool, do not create a standard BoQ that requires the redistribution of that item.