

Shelter Cluster Meeting Gaza Escalation

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Meeting Agenda

1. Shelter situation update. Evolving needs and gaps after 3 months of the war.
2. Operational partners mapping
3. Information management update
4. Transitional Shelter Solutions TWG update
5. Partners update
6. West Bank update
7. AoB

Shelter Situation Update. Evolving needs and gaps after 3 months of the war

- The people and IDPs squeezed more and more in southern areas, particularly in Rafah and the western pocket between Khanyounis and Rafah.
- Thousands of the people without any kind of shelter.
- based on an IDPs survey conducted in Rafah; **rental apartments cost over 800%** the normal price due to lack of availability of units in the south.
- No safe access to provide SNFIs assistance for the people in Gaza and North Gaza.



- As of 7th January, it is estimated that about 69,000 housing units across Gaza Strip have been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable and over 290,000 housing units have been damaged (**Around 80% of the housing units' stock**).
- Shelter partners report tents and self-built makeshift shelters are over-crowded as more than **15 people live in one tent**, making the space available per person **less than the minimum Sphere Standards**.

This exposes IDPs to unhygienic conditions and communicable diseases. In addition to the lack of privacy. **Scattered cesspits and improper wastewater disposal around shelters**



- The self-built makeshift shelters are constructed from salvaged materials inadequate to withstand current weather conditions.

unaffordable recurrent maintenance costs.

- Priorities and critical gaps:
 - 50,000 family winterized tents
 - 200,000 Bedding set (1,200,000 mattresses and blankets)
 - 200,000 sealing off kits
 - 200,000 winter clothes kit









Partners Mapping Survey Nov 22nd (Operational Partners in Gaza)

Organization	North Gaza	Gaza	Deir Al Blah	Khanyounis	Rafah
PRCS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
UNRWA			y	y	y
PUI			y	y	y
CRS				y	y
PARC			y	y	y
GC			y	y	y
WeWorld				y	y
ACTED			y	y	y
Oxfam		Y	y	y	y
NRC				Y	Y
Save the Children			y	y	y
ACF		Y	y	y	y

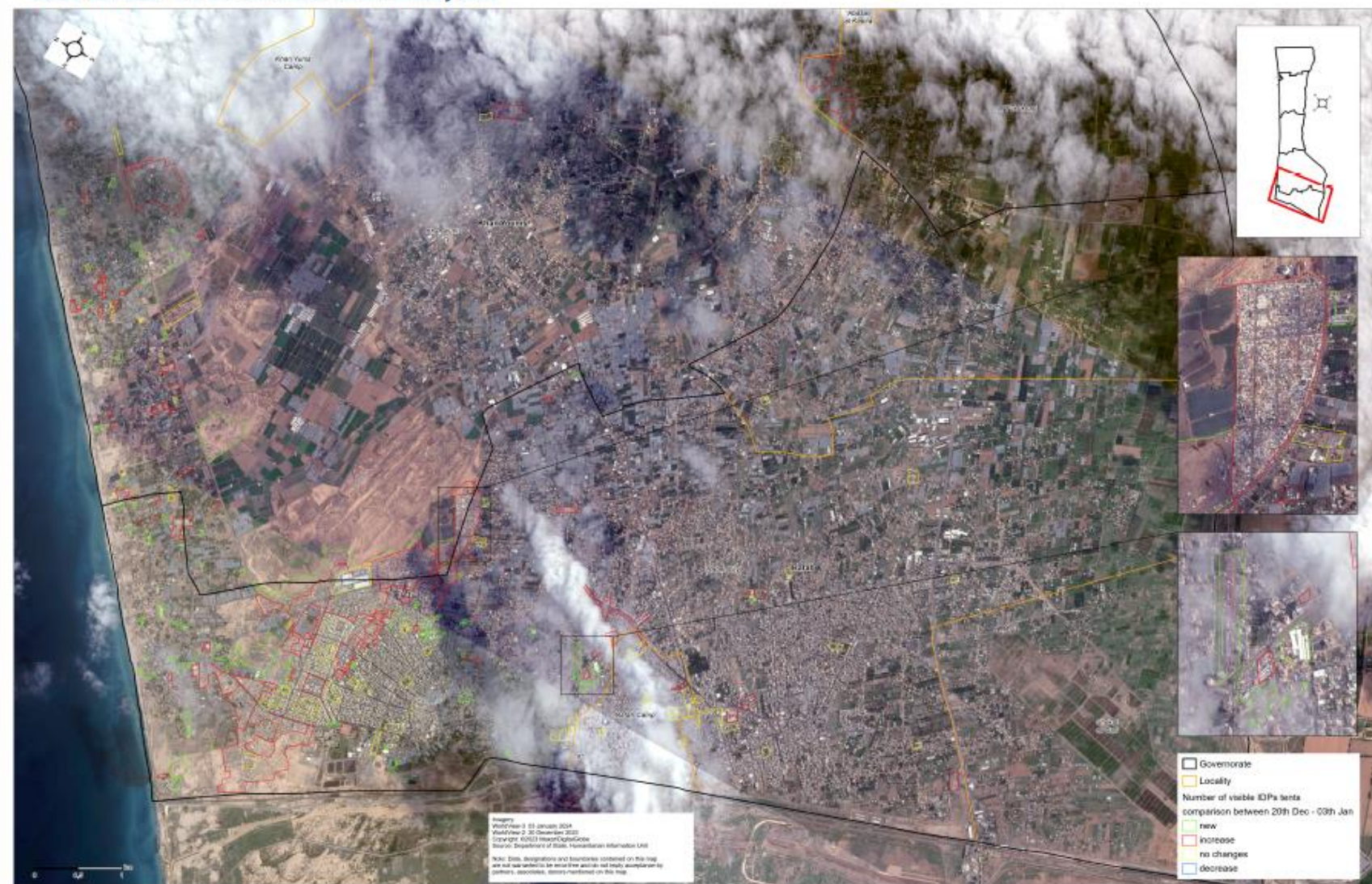


4Ws Reporting Partners

Organization	North Gaza	Gaza	Deir Al Blah	Khanyunis	Rafah
UNRWA			Y	Y	Y
ACTED			Y	Y	Y
Action Against Hunger					Y
Anera		Y			
Beit Lahia Development Association					Y
CARE International					
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)				Y	Y
DCA/NCA				Y	
Global Communities				Y	
ICRC/PRCS		Y	Y	Y	Y
IOM		Y			
Islamic Relief Palestine					
MAAN					
Middle East Children's Alliance				Y	
NRC			Y	Y	Y
Oxfam Novib					
PARC			Y	Y	Y
PUI			Y	Y	
Rahma WW					
Save the Children					Y
Taawon	Y		Y	Y	Y
United Palestinian Appeal (UPA)	Y	Y			

oPt : GAZA STRIP
Rafah and Khan Younis - IDPs sites- as 03 January 2024

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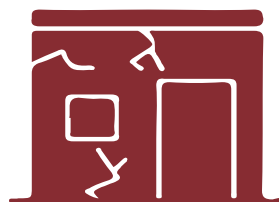


Information management update



69,000

Total/Severe
Destruction (housing
Units)



290,000

partial damage
(housing Units)



1,9 Million

Displaced In Gaza



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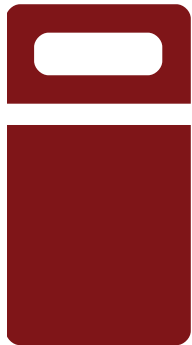
NFIs Quantities entered up to 31 Dec 2023



Blankets
327,295



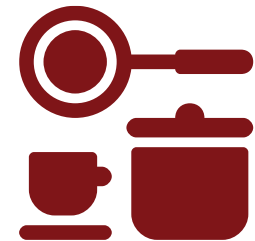
Tents
26,709



Mattresses
142,823



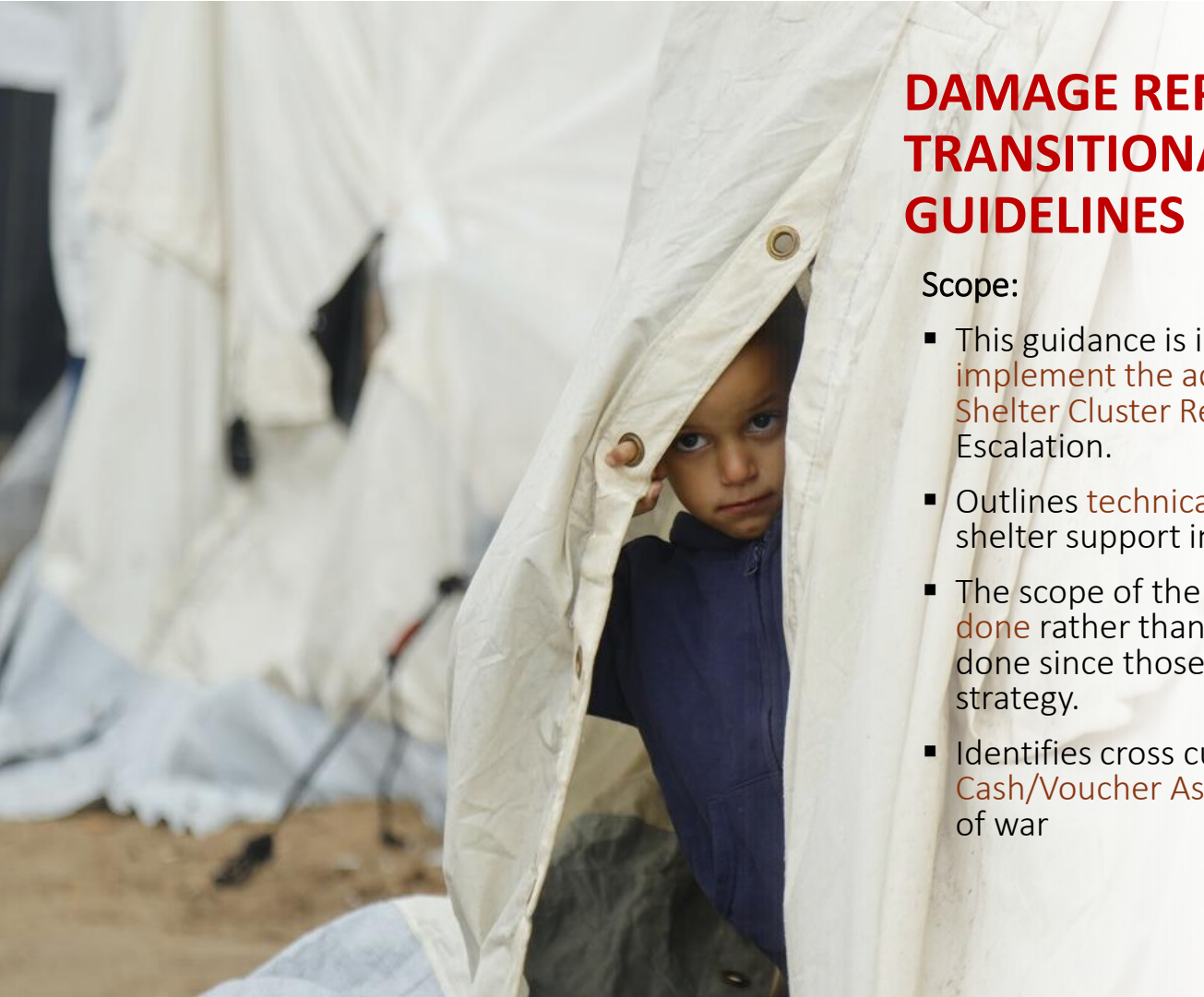
Tarpaulins
17,800



Kitchen Set
11,100



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DAMAGE REPAIR AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER GUIDELINES



Scope:

- This guidance is intended to help to implement the activities defined in the Shelter Cluster Response strategy – Gaza Escalation.
- Outlines technical solutions for providing shelter support in Gaza.
- The scope of the guidance is how things are done rather than what and why they are done since those are defined in the SC strategy.
- Identifies cross cutting issues; HLP, Cash/Voucher Assistance, Explosive Remnants of war

Thematic Areas of the Guidelines

Key Activities Mapped 2024:

- a) Emergency Shelter support; Tents/caravans, etc.
- b) Individual Shelter Repair/ Rehabilitation
- c) Reintegration assistance for Shelter
- d) Change of use, incomplete housing Units

Target Group & Vulnerability Scoring

- a) Household Level Indicators (Female/Child/Elderly headed, Households with PSNs, Chronically Ill, Large Family size >6)
- b) Displacement Status (IDP, Returnee, HHs hosting IDPs)
- c) Housing Status (household in damaged shelters, living in public buildings, verifiable documentation, in collective centers)
- d) Low Income Families, (HHs living in Camps, No/Low Income Households)
- e) Level of Shelter Damages (Only shelters with structural integrity, Minor & Major Repairs)

Note: Close links with referral systems from protection cluster/partners/GPC and MoSD – Ministry of Social Development.



DAMAGE REPAIR AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER GUIDELINES - Planning

Operational Scenarios:

1. Best Case Scenario. Cessation of active hostilities, and capacity for shelter repairs, rental subsidies, etc.
2. Medium Case Scenarios. No or limited access to Northern Gaza, more displacement to south, emergency distributions only. Shelter activities in the South, including self-help approach.
3. Worst Case Scenario: No access to the north, continued strikes in the south, localized shelter response, critical upgrades the collective centres, Tents, etc.

Scope of Shelter Damages – *Repair guidelines Summary*;

Category	Damage level	Damage value for average house of 150m ²	Recommended value of repair assistance to minimum standards (*)
1.1	Negligible Damage	0 – 1,000 USD	0-500 USD
1.2	Minor Damages	1,000 – 2,000 USD	500 - 1,500 USD
1.3	Major Damages	2,000 5,000 USD	1,500 - 3,000 USD
1.4	Severe Damages	5,000-15,000 USD	3,000 - 5,000 USD
1.5	Destroyed	>50,000	N/A

Covers both in kind (contractor) and self help – conditional cash.

Shelter Response – Package Modules

1. Rental Subsidies; Supporting rental disbursement to approved cases to support 2-6 months shelter support, depending on family size.
2. Finishing off unfinished housing Units; help increase the available number of housing units and find alternative solutions for IDPs.
3. Repurposing and Converting Facilities to housing Units; commercial facilities upgraded as collective or individual living spaces for IDPs.
4. Prefabricated Units; proposed transitional shelter options that provides immediate solutions
5. Localized Shelter Response (self help-built Shelters): Using local solutions/materials for reconstruction. Link to livelihood, through cash for work, income opportunities, and link to private sector (e.g. recycling.)
6. Tents: UNHCR/IFRC Family tents, waterproof, fireproof, etc., lifespan 1 year.

Technical collaboration, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Ministry of Social development, development and emergency programming



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DAMAGE REPAIR AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER GUIDELINES - Cross Cutting Issues

Housing Land and Property – HLP):

- Examines and seeks to address issues related to land and housing rights, in the context of emergency response.
- The legal framework governing housing, land and property in the Gaza Strip consists of various Ottoman, British, Egyptian and Palestinian laws and regulations. Considerations for:
 1. Clarify the **status of the land and establish ownership**/usage rights
 2. Follow the **procedural requirements** set out by the local authorities for **obtaining building permits**
 3. Ensure **protection of vulnerable groups to adequate housing**, and in particular **women's housing, land and property rights**
 4. Seek technical support from **legal aid agencies on the above issues and refer complex cases** including **inheritance issues or property disputes**, to legal aid providers

CASH and Voucher Assistance

- Examines and seeks to address guidelines for cash and vouchers, response dependent on market assessments and availability of items. Close link with the Cash WG.

Explosive Remnants of War

- Demining action, support from demining agents, to clear potential shelter response areas to ensure the areas are safe for shelter interventions.

Other Considerations:

- Annexes to support technical document, including SoPs, e.g. Minimum technical requirements for repairs
- References, BoQs Samples
- Possible translations to Arabic
- Endorsement from Ministries concerned and partners.



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West Bank update

ACF working to address the needs of displaced families through two main assistance activities: First, through the provision of emergency shelter solutions (tents), in addition to basic WASH assistance, including mobile latrines and PE tanks. Second: provision of protection kits targeting communities at constant risk of settler violence; the kit includes a fire extinguisher, solar light, and first aid kit.

OCHA: It is important to consider the displacement in areas A and B, particularly the communities and refugee camps where the Israeli military operations take place, like Tulkarem and Jenin areas. UNNRWA alone can't respond to all shelter destruction and damage; therefore, other actors need to assist the displaced families.



Highlights and discussion during the meeting:

- It is important to keep in communication with the UN-special rapporteur to point out the level of shelter damage and destruction, in addition to engaging donors to supplement and support the coordination role.
- Distribution mechanisms and assistance provision should be based on gaps and targeting unserved or underserved people, mainly those living outside the collective centers.
- Q: What measures are taken to cover the critical gaps and improve humanitarian aid delivery? The existing materials supply chain is not adequate to cover the entire SNFIs needs, in addition to the complications on the Egyptian side. The cluster will keep advocating for the needs and lifting all restrictions on humanitarian aid entry into Gaza.
- Any updates regarding Jordan commercial crossings, more information, and details will be shared with the partners in due time when more information available.
- The tents are not listed in the restricted items; more than 26,000 tents have already been delivered and distributed.

- The partners mentioned the high costs of mattresses procurement from Egypt; the prices nearly doubled.
- For GOCAT materials coordination entry portal ([Gaza Response: Aid Pre-Approval Request Form \(google.com\)](#)) there is no automatic immediate response; the applications will be processed, and then the applicant organization will receive the feedback.
- For transitional solutions, do you plan to integrate adaptation interventions for the PWDs and any insights to support host families in reconfiguring the internal partitions to host more people. This point will be discussed at TWG.
- *Action* *Points:*
 The cluster team will share a new survey to map the operational capacity inside Gaza.
 The partners need to represent where the assistance is delivered on the 4Ws sheet to help the cluster identify and track gaps.

4Ws is the main source for weekly flash update, Dashboard and tracking the response gaps, please update your interventions on regular basis

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11C2EqyhvRFmYbvotMYssKgcrHdElK3mICnpVH-GA46Y/edit#gid=738947833>

- To get approval/check for the items' entry, fill out the COGAT form:
[Gaza Response: Aid Pre-Approval Request Form \(google.com\)](#)

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