

Special Recommendations for Summer Seasonal Support

Purpose of Document

This document provides advice to agencies providing Shelter & NFI, assistance to displaced households living in temporary conditions across the earthquake affected areas. The purpose of summer seasonal support is to assist vulnerable households cope with extremes in temperature during the summer months through the provision of shading, items that promote cooling and ventilation, items that meet needs related to higher water demand/consumption and cool storage for perishable food.

While summer heat hits harder in South of the country, the timeframe for provision of this assistance is between May and the end of September.

1. Targeting distributions

Targeting of beneficiaries for summarisation assistance may be undertaken following household level assessments (if possible), this is due to the following reasons:

- Summer support was relatively extensive in formal sites so a number of households will have already received assistance and many of these items (for example, air-conditioning units) are expected to last a number of seasons. It is therefore important to sensitise beneficiaries to assume responsibility for these items and reuse them seasonally.
- The highly restricted funding environment in Türkiye makes targeting (rather than blanket) for this sort of assistance a necessity.
- While Summarization is sometimes perceived as less “lifesaving” than winterisation, it’s impact on the health especially of young children and the elderly can be “lifesaving”.

It is recognised that targeted assistance rather than blanket coverage may prove challenging in formal sites, may have become accustomed to 100% coverage for distributions and humanitarian agencies should see summarisation as an opportunity pilot strategies for better targeting of limited assistance, and for advocacy on the lifespan of some items and the responsibility for care and maintenance.

2. Vulnerability criteria

Vulnerability criteria for targeting this limited assistance should be agreed in conjunction with state actors, site management (where applicable), beneficiaries and other stakeholders. This is good programming for targeted assistance to ensure that beneficiaries are involved in decisions on activities that affect them and to ensure targeting criteria is understood. Although this should be undertaken locally, ideally this should be coordinated at the province level within the respective governorate working groups where they exist, with all agencies involved in summer seasonal support. Transparency of the beneficiary selection process is essential in order to minimise problems throughout or after assistance delivery.

The Shelter and NFI Sector has recommended that summer seasonal assistance is focused on households who may include members who may be more vulnerable to the effects of extreme heat. This could include:

- Pregnant women
- Families with one or more children under the age of 5 years
- Elderly persons
- People with mobility challenges
- People with chronic illnesses

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In addition to this, it is recommended the following are included in general as more vulnerable households:

- Female headed households
- Households living in foldable containers which have poor ventilation, are overcrowded and have unmitigated exposure to sun (lacking shading)

3. Community Engagement

For summer seasonal support, agencies should undertake effective two-way communication with the communities they aim to serve by involving them in the following as a minimum:

- Discussions on limited funding available to agencies for summer seasonal support specific assistance and discussions on what are priorities for communities.
- Targeting and vulnerability criteria
- Discussions on one off-nature of some types of assistance and responsibility of recipients to care for and reutilise these items seasonally.
- Discussions on scarcity of water, water contamination risks, limited/irregular electricity, and household and community level water conservation measures.
- Discussions on the appropriateness of either in-kind or cash modalities in ensuring that households have access to appropriate summer seasonal support items.
- If in-kind then selection of the items that summer seasonal support assistance will be included.
- Keeping a record of items or assistance received (to promote household accountability for items).
- Monitoring and Evaluation.

4. Gender and Protection

Construction of settlement and site level shade structures should include gender and culturally segregated community consultations to ensure the needs of different groups are considered, such as the potential need for separate shade areas or privacy screens between shade areas for men, women, girls and boys. Siting and construction of shade structures should ensure access for the elderly and those living with a disability or illnesses, as they may be more vulnerable to the effects of extreme heat.

5. Cash based assistance

The preferred implementation modality for summer seasonal support programs is through cash-based assistance where possible and appropriate. Where partners are planning to use cash for summer, they should carefully time cash distributions to promote expenditure on summer seasonal support. Messaging around the use of cash for items specifically related to summer seasonal support should be provided to households along with recommendations on items to be considered. Partners may however consider vouchers or resort to NFI kit (i.e. in-kind) distribution in remote locations with limited access to the markets or in case of special vulnerabilities. Recommended kits and their cash equivalent are proposed later in this guidance. Coordination with the Cash Working Group in cash-based assistance activities is essential. PDM's on Cash based assistance for summer seasonal support must be carried out by implementing agencies in order to ascertain whether or not cash based assistance actually achieves summer seasonal support specific objectives.

Although, the Summer Kit content may come with different items, this guidance will focus on the essential needed items **in bold** below. Below is the expected list may come from the site manages and the affected population

- **Air coolers** and air conditioners requested instead of **fans**.
- **Jerry cans** and mattresses generally found useful. However, mattresses not solely related to summer.
- **Mosquito nets**
- **Coolboxes**
- Fridges



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- Shading nets and plastic sheeting for shading.
- Quilts as lighter versions of blankets, often used for padding in lieu of or in addition to a mattresses to sleep on mats.
- Summer clothes for women and children – consider sun hats and caps in particular, however these may be locally available in markets.
- Increase water supply.
- Hygiene kits to include sun block - consider inclusion with hygiene kits for summer months especially for families with young children, please consult WASH sector.
- Insect bite/skin rash cream – there were several requests for ointment to treat bites and rashes, and there may be a higher demand related to the summer. However, communities should be trained in the identification of scabies and the mechanisms of referral to Public Health clinics.

6. Evaporative water coolers

There has been much discussion about the distribution of evaporative water coolers. Although these may be seen as an effective solution for summer cooling in the dry climate, the restricted funding environment, and supply limitations of both water and electricity in many informal sites, means they should be very carefully considered for targeted distribution. If sector members intend to provide them, it is recommended that such organisations be encouraged to only do so in cases of extreme vulnerability, and after assessing the water and electricity needs and in consultation with site management and/or state actors/WASH and Shelter/NFI partners responsible for the provision of water and electricity.

7. Mosquito nets

As most of the affected areas are humid enough to have mosquitoes during the summer, provision of mosquito nets in summer seasonal support programs. Technical assessments are highly recommended.

8. Ventilation

For foldable containers, provision of window fly net should be included in seasonal summer planning, to encourage families to keep their windows open and their shelters well-ventilated during the hot summer months. Technical and needs assessment is required.

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cation	Shelter & NFI Items	Cost	Selection criteria	Implementation modality
Housing in Rural Areas	External shading of windows	\$50	• Those presumably not covered through unconditional cash grants • Those in hot/crowded conditions • Location of house	• External shading to include technical advice • Restricted/conditional cash • Vouchers are unlikely to be appropriate as the range of items may require a range of suppliers
	Portable Fans /Wall or ceiling mounted ventilation fans where appropriate	\$50		
	Coolbox (48 litres)	\$20		
	Bed sheets x 6	\$50		
	Total	\$170		
Formal Site with foldable containers	Household level assistance			
	Materials to make a shade area over or beside containers	\$100	• Recommend to be based on household assessment to identify needed items • Blanket distribution if needed • Mosquito nets in areas with prolonged summer mosquito problems	• Restricted/conditional cash • Unless in case of sites far from urban areas without good access to shops/markets in which case in kind • In kind assistance budget is likely to be lower, though will incur distribution costs
	Fans where appropriate	\$40		
	Coolbox (48 litres)	\$20		
	Bed sheets *6	\$50		
	Jerry can (10L x 2)	\$10		
	Mosquito net	\$10		
	Total	\$230		
	Community level assistance			
	Communal shade area per gender (Approx. 25m² per 50 families)	\$1000	• To be located in insufficiently shaded spaces where people naturally convene	• Through livelihoods project • Focus on distribution points, child friendly spaces and other service areas
Informal sites and settlements	Communal shade area per gender	\$800	• Same guidance as for managed camp and collective shelters, for both household level and community level assistance, but without concrete slabs for communal shade areas	
	Household assistance	\$227		