



GAZA WINTERIZATION UPDATE



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In September, the Shelter Cluster shared the challenges, gaps and [strategic recommendations on Winterization](#), highlighting the shelter conditions of displaced people in Gaza and steps required to provide basic protection before the upcoming winter for the 1.13m people in deteriorating tents and makeshift shelters with no protection from rain and cold. Since then, a further 100,000 people have been displaced from North Gaza to Gaza city and need assistance.

So far, only 23% of needs have been met, leaving 945,000 people at risk of exposure this winter.

PRIORITY NEEDS AND GAPS

- The Shelter Cluster calculated that at least 25 trucks per week of **sealing-off kits** (SOKs) were needed to cover the needs of 1m people for basic shelter winterization assistance in the south.
- This included items in the pipeline for 240,000 people and additional resources to cover the gap for 760,000 people through the provision of tarpaulins, plastic sheeting and fixing materials.
- SOKs were prioritized** over tents as they require less volume and can assist more people. If tents are provided, **x10** more trucks are required to cover the same number of people.
- In addition, people are also in need of winter clothing, bedding, and heating materials.



**25 trucks
per week**

needed for 8 weeks

IN THE LAST TWELVE WEEKS

- 123 trucks of shelter materials entered the south of Gaza since 1st Sept including bedding, mattresses, and tents as well as SOKs. From the items that entered, 168,300 people have been provided with SOKs and 16,000* with tents.
- According to latest data, there are around 58,000 SOKs and over 36,000 tarpaulins procured and ready to be brought into Gaza that would serve around 76,000 families or about 400,000 people.
- At the current rate of 10-11 trucks per week, it would take **another 8 weeks for these materials to enter**.
- This still leaves a **gap for 545,000 people** in makeshift sites and damaged buildings in urgent need of protection.



Average per week
11 trucks



285,000 people
received SOK or tent



Items in pipeline for
400,000 people



~73 trucks
of SOKs/tarps



44% of all
winterization
needs unmet

ADVOCACY ASKS

- Rapidly increase the entry of shelter items into Gaza to facilitate the provision of basic shelter protection to families living in deteriorating tents, makeshift shelters and damaged buildings. Prioritize SOKs over tents!
- Expedite procurement of **105,000 additional SOKs** to fill the remaining gap in the pipeline for 545,000 people in need.
- Continue to advocate for the entry of other required items, in particular **toolkits and framing materials** that are used to construct shelters that are able to withstand water and wind loads, which until now have repeatedly been denied.
- Take steps to prevent further displacement causing loss of aid and need for recurrent distribution.
- Ensure access to displaced populations and other enabling conditions to facilitate the provision of aid, including sufficient fuel, staff, security and resourcing.

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*A further 5,000 people were provided tents considered below cluster standard. Additionally, 100,300 people were assisted in the north in the same period.
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