

Shelter Solutions Exhibition

Venue: SCMCHA/MOPIC office in Sana'a, Yemen

Opening date: 9th of November 2021

Exhibition period: one month

Over six years into the conflict in Yemen, the country remains the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with 20.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, which represents 71 per cent of the total population. The crisis has pushed the country to the edge of famine, deepened poverty, destroyed the economy, fostered the spread of diseases, including COVID-19, and uprooted more than four million people from their homes, one-third of whom live in informal settlements. On the 7.3 million Yemeni requiring Shelter/NFI assistance, almost 2.9 million individuals live in extremely dire conditions, 75% are women and children. Further, more than half a million families are experiencing protracted displacement, and the vast majority reside in sub-standard shelter conditions. With the prolonged conflict and continued displacement, more sustainable and medium-term solutions are required, including identifying durable solutions such as local integration or return when possible.

This exhibition is an initiative of the Shelter Cluster implemented in collaboration with UNHCR, NRC, Jeel Al-Bena, YARD, WASH Cluster, Protection Cluster, CCCM Cluster, and hosted in SCMCHA's premises. It presents an opportunity for partners, communities, affected people, donors, local authorities, and other stakeholders to appreciate the displaced families' basic shelter, water, and sanitation needs. A comments box will be available to give space to visitors to provide feedback on the solutions. The Shelter Cluster technical working group will review, learn and develop appropriate shelter designs better adapted to the habitability needs of IDPs in Yemen. After the exhibition, shelter solutions designs, BOQ's and specifications will be fine-tuned based on the feedback received to inform the Shelter Cluster 2022 planning.

Solutions presented in this exhibition are:

- a) Transitional Shelters (6 units)¹
- b) Emergency Shelter (1 unit)
- c) Emergency Latrine (1 unit)
- d) Community water point (1 unit)

Other sectors are participating in the exhibition, WASH Cluster is prototyping a community water point and emergency latrine. Protection Cluster guides on the importance of protection mainstreaming in IDP sites. CCCM Cluster would engage IDP site representatives to provide feedback.

¹ The transitional shelters are providing 21m² covered living space, adapted to local culture and built mainly by using local materials such as Mud and Khazaf beside the wooden poles, plates, and plywood which are more durable and can resist harsh weather conditions.

