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CLUSTER SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Keeping in view the Cluster Objectives, UNHCR Somalia aims to contribute to the protection of displaced people, including those affected by natural hazards through the provision of NFIs and Emergency shelter and to Improve the living conditions of the protected internally displaced persons (T-shelters, permanent shelter and improved land tenures).

NEEDS ANALYSIS

- The droughts in Puntland and Somaliland have needs still unmet.
- Eviction is still a major hurdle in the provision of sustainable solutions.
- Depleted resources and/or saturation of available shelter capacity have further enhanced the need for shelter assistance response and stocks to be positioned for returnees (refugees) from Kenya and Yemen.
- Advocacy for long-term land tenure to ensure adequate shelter support is needed.

GAPS / CHALLENGES

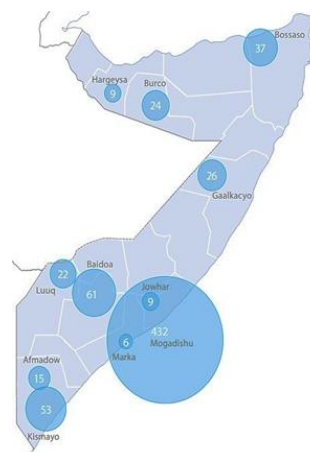
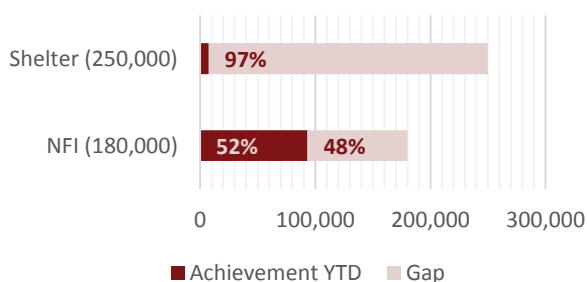
UNHCR Somalia envisages the following challenges that impede implementation efforts:

- Lack of systematic data hampers shelter cluster response to the refugee returns situation.
- Restricted humanitarian access affects the provision of assistance to persons of concern in some? parts of south and central Somalia.
- Decreased funding of shelter activities has exceptionally affected the capacity of cluster partners. The resulting gaps are aggravated by the sharp increase in emergency shelter needs.

RESPONSE

2280 (male/female?) beneficiaries have been reached with transitional shelter assistance in the month of August.

COVERAGE AGAINST TARGETS (HH)



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KEY DOCUMENTS

- <https://www.sheltercluster.org/library/strategic-operating-framework>

KEY LINKS

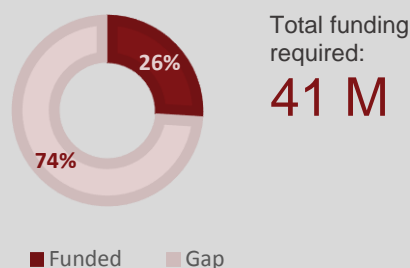
- <https://www.sheltercluster.org/response/somalia>
- <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/somalia/emergency-shelter-and-nfi>
- <http://reliefweb.int/country/som>

KEY FIGURES

22 **0.9M / 0.4M**

Cluster partners People in need / targeted

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Focus Story:

Workshop on Sustainable Shelter Solutions for Somalia

The Shelter Cluster in Somalia has developed a new concept of Sustainable Shelter Solutions, a concept closely linked to urban livelihoods. The Shelter cluster has worked closely together with the Protection Cluster in the search for Durable Solutions for IDPs and also for refugee returnees. The Shelter Cluster therefore organized with all stakeholders a technical workshop in Mogadishu at the end of August and a dissemination workshop in Nairobi. Both workshops helped to unite the government counterparts around a common understanding of sustainable shelter and provides the initial building blocks to link humanitarian and development programmes in Somalia.

Sustainable shelter solutions are a strategic focus of the SC. They focus on short-term interventions to tamper the effects of issues of land tenure insecurity, IDP legal rights status and low humanitarian funding levels. These however are issues that can only be resolved long term and vary substantively in rural or urban settings. Building community resilience of IDPs and returnees, is instrumental to tackling long term issues. Sustainable shelter approaches need to be synergised with all other sectors (WASH, Education and Health) to be better addressed holistically.

The workshop (s) worked towards identifying and focusing on the strategic objectives of the Shelter Cluster. The activities identified will transition to medium and longer-term development projects to ensure sustainable reintegration of returnees, IDPs and host communities with a strong emphasis of equal approaches.

The approach is not only limited to IDP response, but can also be used for programmatic purposes looking at refugee returnees and host communities. The Shelter Cluster has identified 7 key concepts that show that a ***“shelter is more than a roof”***

The Shelter cluster has started several pilot projects focusing on 4 main approaches: (1) HLP (2) Owner Driven Approaches (3) Local Building Culture and (4) Building Back Safer.

At the end of August, the Shelter Cluster brought together all key stakeholders in a two-day technical workshop in Mogadishu, with the objectives to learn from the on-going pilots in different regions, to strengthen the understanding of Local Building Culture and to better understand the internal and external factors that hamper or promote sustainability.

Following these workshops, a dissemination workshop was conducted in Nairobi, where ideas and commitments from the previous workshops were shared with all stakeholders, including the donors. As longer term shelter and housing solutions cannot be tackled alone by humanitarian actors, the workshop was an opportunity to discuss complementary approaches with the government counterparts and donors and how to work together in the search for sustainable solutions. For more information, visit the website: <https://www.sheltercluster.org/library/dissemination-workshop-sustainable-shelter-solutions>

