THE STATUS of SHELTER

Issue

24%* (=7.8 M USD$) of total sector requirements (=32 M USD$) has been allocated to the Shelter/NFI Sector. Only 8% of people in need have been supported with Shelter or/and household items so far. The Shelter/NFI Sector is among the least funded sectors in Cameroon according to the Financial Tracking System by OCHA.

What to change

- Increase in qualitative funding for a qualitative shelter and NFI response that satisfy people in need. Qualitative funding means flexible, timely, multi-year, local and traceable.
- Invest not only to deliver goods but also to hire specialized staff for the implementation of alternative shelter solutions in remote challenging contexts.

Why change is needed

- Lack of privacy in makeshift shelters expose especially women and girls to serious risks of gender-based violence;
- Degradation of shelter forces adoption of negative coping strategies such as early marriage, economic exploitation, recruitment by armed groups and other human rights violations;
- Overcrowded conditions bring to improper sanitation and inadequate ventilation risking the transmission of diseases such as cholera, measles, chronic conditions brought on by stress and trauma;
- Adequate housing and food are two fundamental human rights, intertwines, essential contributors to health.

What do we need to do

- Map and track shelter funds at least twice a year (June, December);
- Advocate for interoperability in the Joint Inter-sectoral Analysis Framework with OCHA/HCT/HC/GSC for equity in sectoral needs prioritization;
- Joint advocacy with FSL/PRT/Health Sectors around consequences of Shelter Sector underfunding on the food security, health conditions, protection threads;
- Promote joint programming among FSL/Health/PRT Sectors’ partners;
- Bilateral consultations with Shelter Sector partners to verify their absorption capacity and in case support during the project proposal phase.

According to the MSNA of August 2022 1.8 million people need shelter/NFI assistance

700,000 individuals are planned to be assisted by 17 Shelter/NFI sector partner organizations in 2023.

As of August 2023 7.8 M USD$ have been allocated to the Shelter/NFI sector equivalent to the 24% of total sector requirement which is 32 M USD$.

Priority interventions are 01 NFI kit cash/in-kind is recommended for newly displaced at informal sites and returnees (Severity 3-4-5) Cost: 49,000 XAF (FN) – 82,000 XAF (NW-SW)

02 House rehabilitation cash/in-kind is recommended for owner returnees and crisis affected non-displaced (Severity 3-4-5) Cost: 420,000 XAF (FN)

03 Transitional solutions cash/in-kind is recommended for displaced at informal sites, host family, previous renters (Severity 3-4-5). Emergency shelters Cost: 164,000 XAF (FN) or cash for rent Cost 29,000/month (NW-SW).

If additional support is not provided then by the end of 2023 440,000 vulnerable people out of the 700,000 planned will be left unsheltered or in inadequate shelter, will experience degradation of their health condition, food insecurity, discrimination, violence.

For technical specification of the above-mentioned priority interventions please check this page.

* Source: Shelter/NFI partners’ and donors’ direct consultations.