

Collaboration Mechanism between the Ministry of Public Works And Housing and Municipalities of Gaza strip in sheltering affected population of 2014 offensive

The Ministry has approved two shelter mechanisms arranged according to the vision of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing in line with implementation priorities:

1. To pay rent fees for citizens who have totally and severely damaged and uninhabitable houses from the date of destruction until reconstruction is completed.
2. To shelter some families in caravans or prefabricated housing units in addition to emergency financial assistance, that in case the citizen wanted to be housed in caravan [if available] instead of paying rent fees for them from the date of destruction of their house until the provision of the caravan.[this options does not include the housing units with partially damaged and uninhabitable]

Work mechanism:

1. Director of MoPWH in the Governorate coordinates with the designated Municipality to proceed with the arrangements related to shelter.
2. The Municipality contacts the affected citizens of totally damaged houses to determine the willingness of these families to be sheltered in caravans upon availability of such caravans, as well to determine the families who does not agree to this option. The municipality will complete the attached form in coordination with the Directorate of MoPWH in each Governorate.
3. The MoPWH will audit and verify the data according to the latest assessment available.
4. Coordinating and communicating with the donors willing to distribute the caravans or to pay rent compensation for the affected population shall only be through the MoPWH which will coordinate with Municipalities and related agencies.
5. The MoPWH nominates the affected populations who will receive the caravans based on the lists received from the Municipalities according to criteria and priorities adopted by the MoPWH.
6. The MoPWH identifies distribution mechanisms of caravans for the affected population as temporary sites "grouping" [public or family] or individual according to the circumstances and available resources in coordination with Municipalities.
7. In case the decision is made to establish caravan collective sites, the municipality will provide land to settle the public or private [extended family] so that temporary shelter collective sites will be as near as possible to the demolished houses, in coordination with MoPWH and other stakeholders, considering that donor agencies will provide all of the support and needs to establish the shelter site such as [leveling, infrastructure ...]
8. The maximum acceptable number of units to be located at each site is limited to 50 housing units; each caravan occupies 70 to 100 square meters from the overall land area.
9. The Ministry will make a technical assessment of the locations where the caravans will be distributed individually and at collective sites in coordination with other stakeholders.

10. No party is allowed to distribute caravans or housing units unless a prior approval is made by the Ministry of Public Works and Housing.

Important information:

1. Each Municipality should inform the affected population of the following points when filling in the attached form:
 - a. No rent fees will be paid for the citizens who receive the caravans from the date received as it will be compensating for the rent fees.
 - b. The size and the type of caravans will be distributed according to the number of family members and the type and size of the demolished house.
 - c. The caravans are lent to the citizens and it will be returned to the Ministry by the end of reconstruction of houses.