Syria HCT Response Area - Shelter Sector

Quarter 1 2024

Rehabilitation of damaged houses in Idleb - Khan Shiekhoun, credit: DRC.

Rehabilitation of damaged in Rural Damascus - Beit Nayem credit: SIF.

Cooperation

- **2024 HRP:** In 2024, the HRP underwent a significant change by adopting a hybrid approach, combining both project-based and activity-based methodologies, with the latter being used within the HRP and amounting to 108M USD. By mid-February, 26 agencies submitted their plans, which were vetted by 7 March. The 2024 HRP saw remarkable engagement from local actors with 12 NNGOs submitting proposals alongside 11 INGOs and 3 UN agencies and the total value of the project based appeal amounting to 80M USD.

- **SHF 1st Standard Allocation:** At the end of Q1 2024, preparations commenced for the first standard SHF allocation with a value of 25M USD. Sector coordinators consulted with stakeholders to identify two strategic priorities:
  - Strengthen basic service delivery to the most vulnerable populations in underserved locations. For the shelter sector, activities related to camp sittings, collective centers, and rental assistance are included.
  - Build resilience of the most vulnerable communities through services and livelihood opportunities in areas of highest severity. For the shelter sector, household level activities related to damaged houses with an emphasis on PWSN are included.

- **Streamlined Approval Process:** The shelter sector continues to adhere to the approval process and procedures developed in conjunction with GoS and sector stakeholders at the end of 2023 and trialed in 2023 to obtain official approval for shelter projects. This process develops shelter plans based on partner capacity and governorate identified needs. Through this process the shelter sector engages with authorities at both national and sub-national levels in collaboration with partners. In early February the shelter sector shared the plans with the line ministry and continues to follow up to obtain official approval.

Response

- **Technical Guidelines:** In Q1, three technical working groups (TWiGs) were formulated to review and enhance guidelines related to minor repair, rehabilitation of damaged houses, and to develop a new guidelines for the assessment and repair of structural damages. The TWiGs completed this task and shared the resulted documents with sector partners for inputs. The final guidelines will ensure consistent and harmonized rehabilitation/repair activities across the sector.

GAPS / CHALLENGES

- Significant economic decline coupled with price fluctuation has resulted in a decreasing scope and/or target of shelter projects.
- Diminishing coping capacities of both IDPs and host communities as well as limited financial resources of government and sector partners are leading to an increase in shelter needs.

KEY FIGURES

| Sector Partners (Appealing / Reporting) | 26 / 9 |
| People in Need / Targeted | 3.9M / 580K |
| Total Reach – 2% of 580K Targeted. | 8,999 |

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**FUNDING REQUIRED:** $108 USD Million

- Regular response fund
  - 5%; $4,995,453
  - 95%; $107,650,782

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