**Winterization 2023-2024**

Updated Advocacy Note December 2023

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**GAPS AND NEEDS**

- **71 M** Required funding (USD)
- **62%** Individuals unable to be reached with current funds
- **1.9M** IDPs in camps/sites
- **80%** of IDPs in camps/sites are women and children
- **84k** IDPs in camps/sites are persons with disabilities

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**RESPONSE**

- 24 partners have secured funds for the appeal.
- 28.2M USD in secured funding is intended to provide critical life-saving assistance to 785K individuals through winter interventions.
- Assistance for secured funding will be provided in various modalities: 61% in cash, 21% in in-kind assistance, and 17% in voucher form.
- **Cash** is the most preferred modality for winter response as it allows for complementarity with other interventions and supports diverse winterization needs such as fuel.
- 76% of beneficiaries are residing in IDP camps, while 24% are outside of camps.

The cluster is raising critical concern and an alarm that the situation will get even worse once the weather gets colder and starts to rain affecting IDP sites in flood prone zones. The host communities are also expected to be supported as they have already stretched available resources they owned and capacity.

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**CHALLENGES**

- The lack of fund and changed priorities: Some cluster members with secured fund have reported a change of priorities that resulted reprogramming and shifting their plans to other programmes activities mainly shelter ones.
- The region has experienced recent climate change, resulting in a shift in the winter cycle.
- Delayed response and late fund for winter response: There is an increase in unsustainable negative coping strategies, which is severely impacting the environment and public health. This is also increasing the risks of fire incidents in IDP sites.

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*Data Sources: SNFI NWS winterization plans 2023-2024; CCCM Cluster ISIMM and ISIMM plus
** All the figures can be updated based on the revised plans and discussions with donors regarding potential scale up.*