



Shelter/Non-food items (NFI) Cluster Bulletin Issue 3 – October 2017

Monthly update

- Funding update** - Of the 43 MUSD required for the shelter/NFI humanitarian response as per update of the Mid-Year Review, 17.6 MUSD have been mobilized (41%), leaving a gap of 25.4 MUSD.
- Under the aegis of the Shelter/NFI cluster, the recently activated **Technical Shelter working group** has developed its terms of reference and elaborated its action plan. Its objectives will be to develop culturally appropriate shelter designs, to support house repair and rehabilitation efforts, and to develop & provide guidance on Disaster Risk Reduction and 'safe building'.
- In coordination with the Multi-sector cash working group, the **Shelter/NFI cash working group** is exploring the potential to use cash in several regions, through assessments and market studies as well as planning and conducting several cash-based response activities, notably for households displaced by the border conflict between Oromia and Somali, while compiling lessons learnt to formalize its approach.
- Regional coordination** – Coordination is being strengthened in several regions, including Somali where a Regional cluster coordinator has been deployed, Gambella where the cluster has played a key role in pre-meher assessments, Oromia where the cluster participated in a planning workshop for the response to the border conflict, Tigray where the regional cluster coordination structure, under the leadership of the regional Disaster Bureau and the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, has been reinforced and Afar where a regional shelter/NFI cluster has been activated.
- Oromia-Somali border conflict response** – Following new clashes erupted along the border in early September, the cluster has been mobilized to map & cover the needs of the affected households in both regions simultaneously as well as to raise additional resources (weekly updated action plan available). Despite the engagement of additional members in the cluster and the priority allocation of resources for the conflict response, the cluster is still facing a gap of 8.4 MUSD.



Needs assessment in view of cash response, conducted by IOM, Qoloji 2 site, Somali region, October 2017, credit: IOM Ethiopia



Beneficiary feedback point during distribution of ES/NFI kits by IRC, Meda Welabu, Oromia region, October 2017, credit: IRC Ethiopia



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Key-figures

In 2017 as of 26 October 2017



231,000

households with shelter/NFI needs

145,000

households in Priority 1 Zones

86,000

households in Priority 2 Zones



68,105

kits distributed in 6 regions

8,988

kits being distributed or allocated for planned distributions

23,789

kits in stock and pipeline

Full emergency shelter/NFI kits



48

assessments conducted



1,584

HH cash grants & vouchers distributed



602

HH cash grants & vouchers distributed



7,613

Full ES/NFI kits distributed

Emergency shelter/NFI kit composition

- 2 tarpaulins
- 1 rope
- 2-3 blankets
- 2 beddings mats
- 2 mosquito nets
- 2-4 plates
- 2-4 cups
- 1 kettle or jug
- 1 cooking pot
- 1 cooking ladle
- 1 washing basin
- 2-3 jerricans
- 10 pieces of soap

Story from the field – Timely assisting displaced households in Oromia



The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) is always proud of timely assisting the affected communities, and for overcoming challenges. Following the displacement of people due to the border conflict between Oromia and Somali regional states, ERCS was among the first humanitarian agencies to respond to the needs, notably in Chinaksen, where thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) needed assistance. In addition to bread, water, biscuits and other food items collected through the generosity of host communities and distributed to children and mothers, 2,356 households received Emergency shelter/Non-food items (ES/NFI) kits provided by ERCS/the International Red Cross Committee, in such critical time. W/ro Chaltu Mohammed and Ato Ziyad Bakir, wife & husband (age 18 & 22 respectively) were among the IDPs instantly reached by ERCS. In Chinaksen, Chaltu received an ES/NFI kit although her husband was displaced to Harar.



Distribution of NFI by the ERCS, Chinaksen, Oromia region, October 2017, credit: ERCS

The ERCS team was able to reunite Chaltu and Ziyad. Chaltu expressed her gratitude to ERCS for the assistance and the family reunification "How could I convey my appreciation for the materials received, and being reunited with my husband. I don't have words for ERCS!"



Distribution of ES/NFI kits by NRC to displaced households in Fedis, November 2017, credit: NRC Ethiopia

Way forward

- ❏ **Upcoming meetings:** At the federal level, the next Shelter/NFI Cash working group meetings will be held on 2 and 30 November. The cluster will meet on Wednesday 8 November and 7 December. The next Shelter technical group WG meeting will be convened on 14 December. In the Somali region, regional cluster meetings will be held on 7 and 21 November, in Jijiga. The next Shelter/NFI meeting in Afar region will be convened on the second Friday of November, in Semera.
- ❏ IOM, with support from the cluster coordination and cluster members, will organize and deliver two **Shelter/NFI trainings in the Somali region** for regional & local authorities and humanitarian partners in December.
- ❏ The Shelter/NFI cluster will organize a **donors' briefing** on Thursday 16 November to highlight its latest updates, achievements and gaps.
- ❏ The cluster will convene a **Strategy & coordination workshop** on 21-22 November to be attended by federal cluster members and regional representatives of regional clusters/coordination structures from authorities and agencies.
- ❏ The cluster will participate in the upcoming **meher assessment** from 18 November to 9 December in cropping areas and from 18 November to 13 December in pastoralist areas.

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