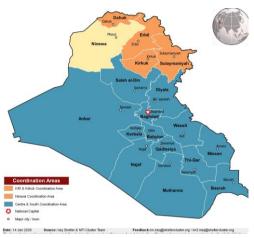
Jan-Dec 2020

Acute Shelter need in Bzbz informal settlement







NEEDS ANALYSIS

As per the IOM-led DTM report, 1.22 million IDPs and 4.83 million Returnees have been identified across the country, from Jan 2014 to December 2020.

The number of IDPs continues to decrease (from 2.6 million as of Dec 2017 to 1.22 million as of Dec. 2020); while the numbers of returnees has increased (from 3.2 million, end of Dec.2017 to 4.83 million, end of Dec.2020).

- 17% of those IDPs are in camps, while 75% are currently in private settings (in rented accommodation or with host families); 8% remain in critical shelter arrangements (unfinished/abandoned building; school/religious buildings and informal settlements).
- 95% of the returnees are in their habitual residence, 1% in private settings while 4% live in critical shelter arrangement such as informal settlements, unfinished and abandoned buildings, schools, religious structures.

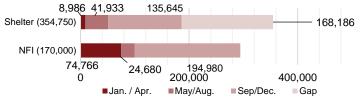
CURRENT CLUSTER INTERVENTIONS (1st Jan. - 31st Dec. 2020)

- Out of the overall SNFI Cluster target of 524,750 individuals, 294,426 (173%) have been assisted with NFI kits; 186,564 (53%) have benefited from shelter interventions:
 - 133,369 people living in camps and informal settlements have been reached with NFI kits; 94,893 people have been provided with emergency shelter interventions.
 - 69,484 people living out of camps have been reached with NFI kits;
 46,123 people have been provided with emergency shelter interventions.
 - 91,573 returnees have been reached with NFI kits; 45,548 people were assisted with either emergency repairs of War Damaged Shelter (WDS) or provided with Sealing-off Kits.

GAPS / Constraints and Key Critical Issues

- Between October and December 2020, 16 IDP camps have been suddenly closed by the government, causing close to 30,000 IDPs to move to out of camp settings. Rapid Response is ongoing to reach new arrivals from camps with shelter and NFI assistance. Over 3,000 HHs in 5 governorates will be targeted by 4 Partners through IHF funding.
- The Shelter Cluster has just completed the 2021 Humanitarian Need Overview (HNO) and the sectoral Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for 2021.
- IDP camps with established facilities for COVID-19 quarantine and isolation have now been closed. Establishment of quarantine and isolation areas in remaining IDP camps in Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah is still in the process.
- Shelter Cluster Iraq is engaging with the recently established Durable Solutions Task Force to address wider issues for the Housing Sector, transitioning to development/stabilization activities, etc.

COVERAGE AGAINST TARGETS (Individuals)



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KEY DATES

The outbreak of violence between Iraqi security forces and armed groups in January 2014 triggered ten significant waves of displacement: pre-June 2014, June-July 2014, August 2014, post September 2014, post April 2015, post March 2016, post 17 Oct. 2016, July 2017, January 2019 and January 2020.

Cluster activation date: January 2014

KEY DOCUMENTS

- Technical Support and Design Guidance NFI
- Technical Support and Design Guidance Shelter
- Information Management Products & Related Datasets
- Assessments Datasets and Reports
- Meetings Minutes and Related Presentations
- SNFI COVID-19 Response Publication Index

KEY LINKS

- Iraq SNFI Cluster Page on the Global Cluster Website
- War damage shelter repairs Dashboard
- 2019 Inter-cluster dashboard on HRP Monitoring
- Country page on Relief Web

KEY FIGURES

23 Partners
Operational Presence

2.4 M /0.52 M

People in need / targeted

FUNDING PROGRESS – 2020 HRP

Shelter Cluster has not received any sector-specific funding through the HRP funding mechanism for Jan-Dec 2020.



HRP Total funding required:

\$43.2 M

HRP Total funded:

\$8.1 M

Strategic Objectives One: Safeguard physical and mental well-being of 1.65 million conflict-affected people with acute needs by providing services to meet basic needs.

Beneficiary type	Activity	Target (Indv.)	Achievements (Indv.)	%
IDPs in camp	Non-Food Item (NFI) Kit Distribution	45,000	133,369	296%
	Shelter Upgrades in Camps	119,530	94,893	79%
IDPs out of camp	Non-Food Item (NFI) Kit Distribution	92,000	69,484	76%
	Critical Shelter Upgrades Sealing-Off Kit (SOK) Distribution Rental Subsidies	109,830	46,123	42%
Returnees	Critical Shelter Upgrades Sealing-Off Kit (SOK) Distribution	104,390	11,525	11%
	Non-Food Item (NFI) Kit Distribution	33,000	91,573	278%

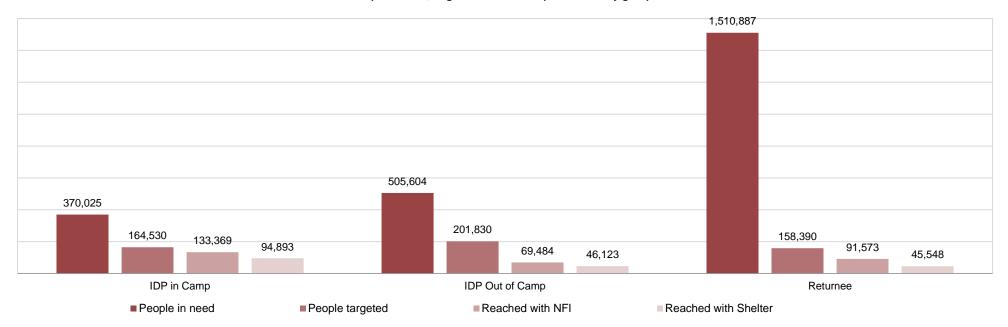
Strategic Objectives Two: Address critical problems related to living standards by expanding access to basic services for 1.54 million conflict-affected people with acute needs.

Beneficiary type	Activity	Target (Indv.)	Achievements (Indv.)	%
Returnees	Low-Cost Transitional Shelter (Including RHUs, traditionally constructed, etc.)	6,000	482	8%
	War-Damaged Shelter Repairs (Category 2 & 3)	15,000	33,541	224%

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Cluster overall achievements

People in need, targeted and reached per beneficiary groups



Cluster	Coordinator Co-Facilitator	Government Counterpart	Organizations	Location(s) of interventions
S-NFI CLUSTER	UNHCR IOM, ACTED	Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD); BRHA and JCC in KRI	26 Partners have reported in Activity info. This includes 23 partners reporting on HRP achievements. 9 partners have also reported Non-HRP achievements	9 partners operating in KR-I, 24 partners operating in Centre & South

Iraq Shelter and NFI Cluster Online Dashboard can be found here (2020): https://www.sheltercluster.org/iraq/iraq-shelter-and-nfi-cluster-online-dashboard

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COVID-19 OUTBREAK RESPONSE STRATEGY

The Iraq Shelter Cluster's strategy for the COVID-19 response has been expanded, to align with the Health Cluster scenario planning, where a collapse of the health system is envisaged, should cases increasingly overwhelm current government structures for both quarantine and isolation purposes. The most vulnerable people, especially in-camp IDPs, may not be prioritized for quarantining in pre-identified governmental facilities, as already witnessed during the past months: in certain governorates, IDPs returning to their camp of residence, had to guarantine inside their tent, where social distancing for 14 days was very challenging. Similarly, other inadequate living spaces such as informal sites may be overcrowded, posing a risk if people cannot properly self-isolate from the rest of their family or community. Hence, the Shelter Cluster plans to provide temporary shelter (tents) and basic household items for quarantine and isolation areas: these could be set up in IDP camps, and/or adjacent to existing health facilities, so as to help decongestion while more permanent extensions may be constructed on the longer term. Such shelter and NFI support would contribute to positive health outcomes, therefore, to be closely coordinated with the Health Cluster and relevant local authorities, making sure IPC protocols are strictly respected.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

During the lockdown imposed by the Government in March and April, the outbreak in Iraq was contained, especially compared to the neighboring countries (Iran and Turkey). As movement restrictions were eased in May, the spread of the disease reached the community transmission, now very difficult to contain.

Although it is difficult to predict needs and set related targets during an outbreak of a new disease which attack rate and trend are totally unpredictable, the Shelter Cluster has set the out-of-camp target based on:

- 27,500 in-camp IDPs (10 percent of the total in-camp population of 275.000)
- 18,000 out-of-camp IDPs (equal to 15 percent of total out-of-camp IDPs in critical shelter conditions, or 120,000 individuals)
- 10,100 returnees.

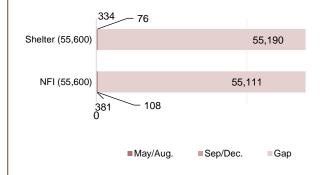
CURRENT CLUSTER INTERVENTIONS (15th Mar - 31st Dec.)

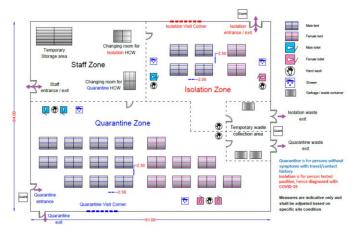
- The Iraq Shelter Cluster has closely worked with Health Cluster, WHO and other relevant ICCG members to prepare an operational guideline on how to set up and manage Quarantine and isolation areas in IDP camps. The guideline has been presented to both Shelter and CCCM partners and Q/I areas are being set up or under discussion with authorities.
- In several IDP camps, a capacity of capacity for up to 160 tents was set up, hosting 410 individuals until Dec 2020. However, the government has closed those camps between Oct and Dec.
- Four IDP camps in Dohuk which are still opened will install Q/I areas in the beginning of 2021

GAPS / Constraints and Key Critical Issues

- The official decision to set up quarantine areas in IDP camps remains with the Department of Health. Their overstretched capacity is considerably delaying a prompt response. In some camps these areas have been set up only following the identification of few positive cases, making it very difficult for partners to operate.
- As per FTS figures, the Iraq Shelter Cluster has not received any funds in 2020. This is a critical gap as several partners are reconsidering their presence in Iraq.
- The ongoing pushed camp consolidation and camp closure process is quiet challenging and does not allow to better plan for a Q&I area in camps.

COVERAGE AGAINST TARGETS (Individuals)





Sample layout for Quarantine and Isolation areas

KEY FACTS

COVID-19 was first detected in Iraq on 24 February 2020. Early cases were linked to arrivals from neighbouring Iran, with community transmission quickly following. Authorities quickly closed borders, schools, public areas, and airports. Movement restrictions were loosened in late April, which - along with an increased testing regime - has resulted in an acute surge in the numbers of confirmed cases. In June-July positive cases were identified in camps in Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah and Dohuk and camps were put on lockdown, hampering humanitarian activities.

KEY DOCUMENTS

- Global HRP for COVID-19
- COVID-19 Outbreak Preparedness and Response Operations in IDP Camps
- Construction Site Safety Protocol for COVID-19 Contexts

KEY LINKS

- WHO COVID-19 dynamic dashboard for Iraq
- Global dashboard tracking COVID-19 cases
- COVID-19 and Shelter Global Shelter Cluster
- COVID-19 on Iraq Humanitarian Response
 - Funding overview for the COVID-19 GHRP

KEY FIGURES

5 Partners

111,200

Operational Presence

People targeted

FUNDING PROGRESS - 2020 HRP Addendum for COVID19

So far, the Shelter Cluster has not received any funding through the COVID-19 Addendum of the HRP funding mechanism.



COVID-19 funding required:

COVID-19 Addendum funded: