

The Shelter and NFIs Cluster, led by UNHCR and co-led by Global Communities, coordinates the efforts of 75 member organizations. The Cluster addresses the coordination of emergency Shelter and NFI needs and promotes household and community resilience. The Cluster supports people in need within displaced, hosting and non-displaced populations by ensuring that the different modalities of interventions (in-kind, non-conditional/conditional cash or voucher) abide by the do-not-harm principle.

## Highlights

### Cluster Info

- The SNFI Cluster Coordinator provided OCHA with the SNFI Sector inputs to the Preparedness plan for displacement to northwest Syria.
- The Cluster Coordination Team attended the WoS Workshop in Amman and took the opportunity to meet with INGOs based in Amman supporting North Syria remotely.
- The SNFI Cluster Coordinator provided WoS with the SNFI Sector inputs (Turkey hub XB specific) to the Inter-Sectoral Preparedness & Response Plan for East Ghouta, as well as to the Cash Based Transfer overview/Way forward paper.
- CCCM and SNFI held a joint emergency response meeting Mar 27. The aim of the discussion was to support the coordination of the ongoing response to the newly arrived IDPs, identify gaps and resources.
- The SNFI Cluster reached out to members to update their stock capacity in terms of individuals. As of March 31, the cluster capacity was: Members reach capacity – 157,992, Contingency Stock – 63,780.

### Forced evacuations from Al Qadam and Harasta (Eastern Ghouta)

- During the 2nd week of March the SNFI Cluster was informed by OCHA of a possible forced evacuation of between 1,500 and 2,000 people from Al Qadam, Eastern Ghouta. In response the SNFI Cluster contacted active members with existing capacity in the location of displacement and coordinated the response: The Cluster members had sufficient resources to cover the needs of all the newly arrived IDPs.
- As of Mar 27, 19,740 IDPs arrived in Idleb from Harasta, Eastern Ghouta with further arrivals expected to continue in the coming days. The SNFI Cluster reached out to the SNFI members requesting them to report any Shelter space available in Idleb. 20,005 IDPs were in the process of being assisted with Shelter (IDP Sites, Collective Shelters, Cash, Shelter Kits, Rapid Shelter Fixing) with IDP sites in preparation to assist a further 15,475 individuals.

### Afrin Emergency

- The SNFI Cluster reached out to all the members to provide information on access and their capacity to respond. 9 organizations confirmed to have access to Afrin with 5 having the capacity to respond mainly with clothing kits, blankets, shelter items and/or requesting HF contingency stock.
- In order to develop a response strategy for Afrin, the SNFI Cluster reached out to active cluster members in Afrin and consolidated recent needs assessments from 3 member organizations.

**Winterization:** The Cluster team continued to work on resolving potential overlaps in winterization plans as winterization comes to a close. Some activities related to fuel distributions have been affected by recent clashes and changes in context in North West Syria have delayed some members' activities.

**Shelter Technical Guidelines:** Drafting of the Shelter Technical Guidelines are in progress.

## Cluster Priorities

- Coordinate the Cluster members' interventions in order to eliminate gaps and overlaps.
- Harmonization of the Shelter and NFI assistance across the Cluster members.
- Respond to ongoing displacements in coordination with Damascus and Jordan hubs.
- Ensure continued assistance to besieged areas.
- Advocate for funding and the centralization and pre-positioning of the SNFI stock.
- Consolidate the emergency SNFI contingency plans and coordinating the SNFIs emergency response.
- Update the NFI guidelines and include PDM tools – Technical Working Group (TWiG) in progress.
- Develop Shelter Rehabilitation Technical Guidelines by June 2018. Technical Working Group (TWiG) in progress.

## Challenges/Gaps

- Continued assistance to besieged areas.
- Depleted shelter capacity (particularly in Idlib Governorate)
- Possible interference of armed groups on the implementation of shelter and NFI activities.
- Challenges on cash transfer from Turkey to North West Syria.

**SNFI Cluster Interactive Dashboard:**  
<https://goo.gl/xLVWCJ>

**Shelter NFI Whole of Syria page:**  
<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/whole-of-syria/shelternfi>

**Shelter NFI Cluster website on GSC:**  
<http://sheltercluster.org/response/x-border-operation-turkey-hub>

**Humanitarian Need Overview 2018:**  
[https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/2018\\_syr\\_hno\\_english.pdf](https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/2018_syr_hno_english.pdf)

**Shelter NFI Cluster public Dropbox link:**  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1z7h79m17han22w/AAAsF1Wcl-rpg8R08c2vCpCna?dl=0>

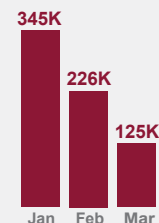
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## Key progress indicators



People reached from Turkey hub in March 2018

73,334 NFI 51,368 Shelter

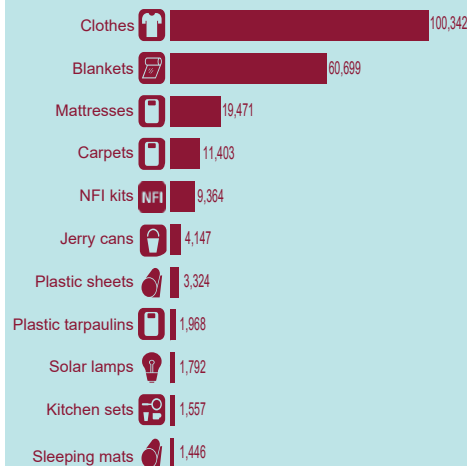
10,578

Beneficiaries reached with cash / voucher in March

42 Members reported activities in March  
37 Members implemented NFI activities  
18 Members implemented Shelter activities

52 Sub-districts reached in March in 8 governorates  
46 Sub-districts reached with NFI activities  
31 Sub-districts reached with Shelter activities

### NFI: Items distributed in March



### NFI: Fuel distributed in March

826,804 Liters (Liquid)  
114,375 KG (Solid)

### Shelter: Items distributed in March

Tents 1,242  
Shelter kits 299

Compared to the previous month, in March the response decreased by 45%.

Compared to the same period of last year (Jan - Mar 2017), in 2018 the response increased by 9%.

\* SNFI Cluster beneficiary counting methodology changed in Jan 2017.