

NEED ANALYSIS

- There are more internally displaced persons in DRC than any other country in Africa. Provinces in eastern, southern, and central DRC are subject to complex episodes of violence and conflict between government forces and different militia groups. Continuous cycles of new acute crises displace hundreds of thousands of families, often leaving them with little access to basic shelter and essential household and personal non-food items (NFI).
- With over 79% of displaced families living with host families, needs for shelter and NFI are often equally acute among some of the host families; in recovering and stabilizing areas, returning families often face significant needs in rebuilding homes and accessing household and personal assets.
- The 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) estimated that 2.2 million people would be in need of some form of NFI and/or shelter assistance this year, but this figure has risen dramatically with the escalation of the conflict in Tanganyika and Sud-Kivu provinces and the new crisis in the central Kasai provinces where OCHA estimates 1.4 million people are displaced.

RESPONSE

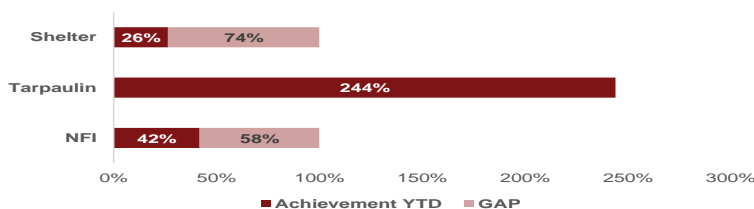
- The DRC response strategy is based on pre-positioned, flexible response capacity; vulnerability-based targeting that also considers needs of vulnerable host families; the use of vouchers and cash-based approaches; and the promotion of innovative shelter solutions based on local building culture.
- From January – December 2017, 26 humanitarian actors (including ICRC and MSF who operates outside of the HRP) provided 700,020 people (129,701 families) with access to essential NFI (42.00% of the HRP target); 56.7% were assisted via voucher fairs; 43.3%, through direct distributions.
- Of the NFI beneficiary families to date, 64.7% were displaced; 21.7%, returnees; 9.5%, host families; 2.4% other vulnerable families; and 1.7% victims of natural disasters.
- 16 organizations reached 393,992 people (42,791 families) with shelter reinforcement materials (tarpaulin) – 244.0% of the HRP target; the cluster strategy is to promote more robust emergency shelter interventions, not just tarpaulin distributions, this is why the target is low and the results exceed the targets.
- 9 organizations reached 65,737 (17,379 families) people with emergency shelter (30,502) and transitional shelter (35,235) – 26.0% of the HRP target. The Shelter working Group has worked on strong advocacy to boost the response and to increase the shelter sector visibility.

GAPS / CHALLENGES

- The gaps in assistance in NFI and Shelter are significantly high and it is one of the underfunded sectors. Based on the 2017 HRP targets, gaps for NFI are at 58%, and emergency and transitional shelter are at 74%
- The major gap in emergency shelters and transitional shelters exists in all affected provinces and few actors and donors are engaged in this critical sector. Crises in Kasai, South Kivu and Tanganyika add needs in the sector.

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KEY DATES

In 2006, DRC was chosen as one of the first countries for piloting the Cluster Leadership Approach. As the majority of activities and coordination needs were in NFI and UNICEF had large NFI programmes, UNICEF was asked to lead the Cluster and has continued to do so since that time, leading the NFI and Shelter cluster at national and provincial levels. In 2009, HCR and UNICEF collaborated to create a shelter working group or area of responsibility within the cluster to provide better support to and coordination of shelter actors.
Activation of cluster: January 2006

KEY DOCUMENTS

- [HRP 2017 NFI and Shelter Cluster Strategic guidelines](#)
- [Chart of 18 Core Commitments in NFI and Shelter](#)
- [Commitments on Accountability to Affected Population](#)
- [Commitments on Gender](#)
- [Protection Checklist](#)

KEY LINKS

- <http://www.sheltercluster.org/response/democratic-republic-congo>
- <https://reliefweb.int/country/cod>

KEY FIGURES

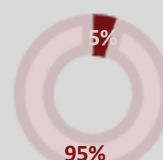
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Cluster partners
(Includes those with no activity yet in 2017)

2.2 M / 1.7 M

People in need / targeted
(not including the Kasais)

FUNDING (source: OCHA Financial Tracking Service) *
Many NFI and Shelter activities are part of multi-sectoral programmes which are not recorded under sectoral FTS categories. The Cluster estimates that funding is over 20%.



Total funding required:

68.4 M