



Displaced families received shelter reinforcement materials which was part of the NFI kits – Bunia, Ituri  
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### NEED ANALYSIS

The humanitarian needs in the DRC have reached alarming proportions. 2017 was one of the most violent years in history. According to the 2017 – 2019 HRP 2017 updated for 2018, 13.1 million people (including 7.7 million children) are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection, nearly 14 percent of the total population of the country projected to 2018. The NFI & Shelter cluster has targeted 30% of people in need for its intervention in 2018. 337,759 (36%) people out of 936,123 people, (new acute NFI/Shelter needs assessed and reported the sub-national cluster coordinators between January to March 2018, had received assistance in the first quarter.

### RESPONSE

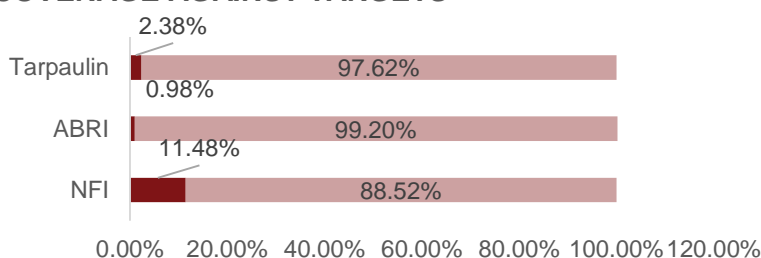
- The DRC response strategy is based on pre-positioned, flexible response capacity; vulnerability-based targeting that also considers needs of vulnerable host families; the use of vouchers and cash-based approaches; and the promotion of innovative shelter solutions based on self-construction and local building practices.
- From January – March 2018, 16 humanitarian actors (including IOM) provided 316,708 people (69,227 families) with access to essential NFI (11.48% of the HRP target); 37% were assisted via voucher fairs; 63%, through direct distributions.
- Of the NFI beneficiary families to date, 93.61% were displaced; 3.71%, returnees; 2.6%, host families.
- Four organizations reached 10,231 (2,046 families) people with shelter reinforcement materials (tarpaulin) – 2.38% of the HRP target; till today the cluster strategy is to promote more robust emergency shelter solutions, not just tarpaulin distributions.
- Five organizations reached 6,230 (1,246 families) people with emergency shelter, 590 (118 families) people with transitional shelter and 4,000 (800 families) people with Emergency shelter reinforcement and repair materials – 0.98% of the HRP target. The Shelter working Group in working on harmonizing technical documents and tools, and on the revision of the Shelter response strategy taking into consideration the specificity and the context of each affected provinces.

### GAPS / CHALLENGES

- The gaps in assistance in NFI and Shelter are significantly high and it is one of the underfunded sectors. Based on new acute needs evaluated and reported by the sub-national NFI/ Shelter coordinators in the first quarter, only 36.20% of needs are covered.
- Despite the sharp needs in all affected provinces, Shelter is one of the least funded sectors for years with very few partners positioned for this critical problematic.

The provision of emergency shelters should be made within the first week of the arrival of IDPs in the displacement areas but since the pre-positioning of building materials is not available, the majority of affected people face protection challenges related to the lack of decent shelter (SGBV, exploitation of all kinds, etc ...) and suffer from the consequences of exposure to the elements.

### COVERAGE AGAINST TARGETS



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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 provide support to and coordination of shelter actors.  
*Activation of cluster: January 2006*  
In October 2017, humanitarian emergency level 3 declaration.

### 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

**16** Cluster partners  
**4.7 M / 3.7 M** People in need / targeted  
*(Not includes those with no Activity yet in 2018)*

**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%.

