

oPt Gaza Shelter/NFI Sector Fact Sheet

Purpose of the Gaza Shelter/NFI sector group

The Gaza Shelter/NFI sector group is a coordination body for UN, international, and local organisations providing non-food items (NFIs) to displaced people, the families hosting the displaced, and to people living in damaged homes. NFIs are items which can be both consumable (e.g. soap, diapers) and non-consumable (e.g. plastic sheeting, blankets), which are needed for life saving or personal dignity purposes (personal hygiene, shelter repair, warmth, preparation of food, etc.). Organisations seeking to provide NFIs such as plastic sheeting to seal windows, blankets, mattresses, clothing, hygiene kits, and other items should coordinate with each other through this sector.

Displaced people residing in UNRWA shelters are supported by UNRWA. The focal point for NFI assistance for UNRWA shelters is Blake Dawgart (b.dawgart@unrwa.org, mobile: 054-232-5574 or 059-941-2089).

Following a joint rapid assessment of needs, the Gaza Shelter/NFI sector group will organise a joint assessment to identify the specific needs for the Shelter/NFI sector.

Organisations with a focus on the water and sanitation sector (WASH), which are planning to distribute hygiene kits must coordinate with the Shelter/NFI sector, even if these kits will be distributed within the context of a wat/san programme. WASH and NFI/Shelter sector leads will exchange information on the

distribution of hygiene items.

All NFIs which will be used under a Child Protection program, such as toys or children's learning material must be coordinated with the Shelter/NFI sector. Child Protection and NFI/Shelter sector leads will exchange information on the distribution of these NFIs.

Organisations are discouraged from preparing combined food/NFI parcels (both food and non-food items in the same box). Keeping NFIs separate from food items increases the flexibility of distribution and storage. Organisations which plan to distribute both food and NFI must coordinate separately with both sectors.

A GMail email account has been established for the dissemination of information related to Shelter/NFI and displacement. The email address for this account is dwg.forum@gmail.com. To ensure that your email program's spam filter does not block email coming from this account, you should add this address to your email program's address book.

Prioritization of Non-Food Items for Delivery to Gaza

Priority 1:

- Plastic Sheeting (including tape)
- Tarpaulin with rope to secure
- Blankets/ sleeping bags
- Mattresses

Candles, matches, flashlights, batteries
 Hygiene kits
 Diapers (both baby and adult)
 Feminine hygiene (sanitary napkins)
 Clothing: undergarments, scarf/hat, baby/infant clothes
 First aid kits

Priority 2:

Clothing: coats/jackets, socks
 Electric heating coils for boiling water
 Thermoses to keep infant formula warm
 Hand crank radios

Priority 3:

Clothing: other winter clothing

Shoes
 Heating elements/ portable cooking stoves (kerosene or other)
 Kitchen kits
 Jerrycans

Priority 4:

Tents
 Nails, screws
 Work gloves
 Tool kits (hammer, saw, screwdriver, etc)
 Wheelbarrows, shovels, etc

Priority 5:

Construction materials: cement, concrete blocks, tiles, etc

Current members of the Gaza NFI/Shelter sector are:

ACF - E	Handicap Int'l	Premiere Urgence
ACS	ICHR	Relief International
ACTED	Islamic Relief	Save the Children
AI Mezan Center for Human Rights	MA'AN Dev Center	Solidaridad Internacional
ARD	MAP UK	Terre des Hommes
Austcare	Mercy Corps	UNFPA
CARE	Merlin	UNICEF
CHF	MSF-SPAIN	UNRWA
Civic Coalition for Jerusalem	OCHA	UNSCO
COOPI	OHCHR	US Consulate
CRS	Oxfam GB	USAID
ECHO	PHO	WFP

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