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**NEED ANALYSIS**

The NFI / Shelter Cluster in DRC responds to the need of population victim of two type of crisis: forced displacement and natural disasters. The response strategy is based on identification of population’s vulnerability according to the Cluster’s standards. Responses modalities include in-kind distributions and vouchers and cash-based approaches. Additionally the Shelter Sector promotes innovative solutions based on owner and community driven construction and local building practices.

**RESPONSE**

- From January to September 2018, 17 humanitarian actors provided 936,955 persons (186,983 households) with NFI (34% of the HRP target); 44% were assisted via voucher and fairs; 56%, through direct distributions.
- Of the NFI beneficiaries to date, 60% were displaced; 31% returnees; 9% host families.
- Four organizations assisted 38,405 persons (7,681 households) with distribution of tarpaulins (9% of the HRP target). However, the Shelter Sector ardently promotes local construction techniques (in lieu of tarpaulins) and market-based approaches to achieve more diversified shelter assistance modalities with communities at the heart of the response.
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

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**GAPS / CHALLENGES**

- According to various humanitarian multi-sectorial assessments, the Shelter / NFI sector is in the top three needs of returnees.
- In relation to the Government led closing of IDP sites in Tanganyika province, an additional 80,000 persons are in need of shelter assistance in potential return areas.
- According to various humanitarian multi-sectorial assessments, the Shelter / NFI sector is in the top three of the humanitarian needs - namely in the Province of Tanganyika in context of massive returns. Despite a greater presence of Shelter partner in Tanganyika, lack of funding remains an issue.
- The restricted access to certain provinces such as Haut-Katanga, Haut-Lomami, Ituri and Kasai and limited financial resources have a negative bearing on the Cluster’s response capacity.