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**response**

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.

- From January to June 2019, 22 humanitarian actors provided 547,161 persons (100,970 households) with NFI (24.8% of the HRP target); 54.5% were assisted via voucher and fairs; 45.5%, through direct distributions.

- The Shelter Working Group has effectively achieved 4.1% (62,010 persons, 12,835 HH) of its set target for 2019. The population served, partners and
coverage has increased at least two fold compared to 2018. The SWG has 16 active partners and 8 donors at present. The midyear overview (achieved and planned) is available here.

GAPS / CHALLENGES

The new cycle of violence in Ituri has left at least 356,000 displaced persons in need of Shelter. Thanks to past efforts, 8 Shelter partners are currently present in the area to respond. Additional and flexible funding is required to meet all Shelter needs in the area.