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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 September 2019, 27 humanitarian actors provided 1,035,644 persons (192,382 households) with NFI (47% of the HRP target); 39.7% were assisted via voucher and fairs; 60.3%, through direct distributions.
- According to the Integrated Reporting System for Shelter and Housing (SIRAL), 147,015 people (27,084 households) have been reached by thirteen partners of the Shelter Working Group representing 9.8% of the HRP target. The
response is mainly based on emergency shelter and local construction techniques on which trainings have been delivered for partners. People with disabilities represent 0.33% of the response and 33% of the response is cash, voucher or mixte.

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.
- If reporting continues at this pace with planned and ongoing projects, more than 25% of the HRP target in shelter will be covered by the end of December 2019.