HIGHLIGHTS

- **352,486** IDPs in and out of camp have been assisted with winter support during the 2019 – 2020 season. 95% of the assistance was done through the distribution of winter cash to cover people’s needs in the most effective and efficient way.

- As part of HRP 2020, for the first two months of the year, eleven Shelter Cluster partners have reached **26%** of the NFI target and **1%** of the shelter target in prioritized districts. Slower implementation and delays are due toJanuary events related to US/Iran tensions, administrative delays of access letters, further restriction of access to field locations country wide.

- During February 2020, Shelter Cluster Iraq conducted four ActivityInfo trainings in Erbil, Baghdad and Dohuk reaching **74** partner staff members and continues to instruct bilaterally more partners on their reporting responsibilities and the new version of the platform.

- In January 2020, ACTED finalized a cluster-facilitated project, reaching **22,495** IDPs in Shariya and Bersive 1 camp with new tent covers in order to improve protection from climatic conditions.

COVERAGE AGAINST TARGETS

As per the IOM-led DTM report, **1.41 million IDPs** and **4.4 million Returnees** have been identified across the country, from January 2014 to 31st December 2019.

The number of IDPs continues to decrease (from 2.6 million as of Dec.2017 to 1.41 million as of Dec.2019); while the numbers of returnees has increased (from 3.2 million, end of Dec.2017 to 4.46 million, end of Dec.2019).

- **24%** of the 1.41 million IDPs are in camps, while **68%** are currently in private settings (in rented accommodation or with host families); **8%** remain in critical shelter arrangements (unfinished/abandoned building; school/religious buildings and informal settlements).

- **95%** of the returnees are in their habitual residence, **2%** in Private Settings while **3%** live in critical shelter arrangement such as informal settlements, unfinished and abandoned buildings, schools, religious structures.

RESPONSE

Out of the overall SNFI Cluster target of 524,750 individuals, **44,302** have been assisted with **NFI kits**; **4,727** have benefited from shelter interventions. The coverage for NFI kits stands at **8%** of the target; and the coverage for shelter stands at **1%** of the target. From the total number of beneficiaries reached:

- **34,305** people living in camps and informal settlements have been reached with NFI kits; **1,278 people** have been provided with emergency shelter interventions.

- **199** returnees have been reached with NFI kits; **1,025 people** were assisted
with either emergency repairs of War Damaged Shelter (WDS) or provided with Sealing-off Kits.

- **352,489 individuals** have been assisted with **winter support** during the 2019 - 2020 season. **95%** of the assistance was done through the distribution of **winter cash** to cover people's needs in the most effective and efficient way.
- **8 cluster partners had covered seasonal needs** with winter items and children's clothing. Additionally, humanitarian and government partners have replaced **21,000 tents** from Nov 2019 until Feb 2020.

**GAPS / CHALLENGES**

- The introduction of restrictive measures against public gatherings and the spread of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, many partners are facing difficulties in moving staff and materials across governorate checkpoints and general bans on movement. The situation impacts severely operational capacity and has caused **significant delays on all ongoing and planned projects**.
- As part of the efforts to prepare IDPs in camps for the winter season, Shelter Cluster monitored **kerosene distribution** by MoMD. **33 out of the 44 formal camps** in Iraq have received kerosene even though volumes per family vary greatly and in many camps were seen as insufficient.