**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 to January 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 **4.6 million Returnees** have been identified across the country, from Jan 2014 to Feb 2020.

The number of IDPs continues to decrease (from 2.6 million as of Dec 2017 to 1.41 million as of Feb 2020); while the numbers of returnees has increased (from 3.2 million, end of Dec 2017 to 4.6 million, end of Feb 2020).

- **24%** of those 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, **49,895 (29%)** have been assisted with **NFI kits**; **8,664 (2%)** have benefited from **shelter interventions**:

- **36,156** people living in camps and informal settlements have been reached with NFI kits; **3,243 people** have been provided with emergency shelter interventions.

- **3,878** returnees have been reached with NFI kits; **2,314 people** were assisted with either emergency repairs of War Damaged Shelter (WDS) or provided with Sealing-off Kits.
Under HRP 2019, **352,486 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.

**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**.
- **Shelter Cluster** is working closely with Health Cluster and other humanitarian partners on contingency planning for possible COVID-19 cases in camps.
- **Capacity building**: in Feb-March 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.