HIGHLIGHTS

- During **January and February 2020**, the Shelter Cluster partners reached a total of **14,578** individuals with a coverage of five states (Táchira, Apure, Zulia, Distrito Capital and Miranda). At the national level, the Shelter Cluster monitors achievements closely and provides updates on remaining gaps and constraints reported by United Nations (UN) agencies, international and national organisations, and other relevant stakeholders.
- Most of the individuals reached (92%), benefited from the access to a secure shelter. 7% benefited from NFI distributions and the remaining 1% benefited from a better access to energy/electricity.
- The state that registered the highest figures in terms of beneficiaries was Táchira, with a total of **6,330** individuals (43%) who benefited from January to February 2020, followed by Apure, registering a total of **5,292** individuals (36%), and Zulia, with 2,896 beneficiaries (19%).
- Only in January 2020, the Shelter Cluster partners reached **8,438** individuals. The remaining **6,140** individuals were benefited through February 2020.

NEED ANALYSIS

According to the ACTED-led multisectorial needs assessment conducted between December 2019 and January 2020 in four areas in Caracas:

- Poor housing conditions represent a very important risk for the families who live under these conditions, as they do not respect construction regulations and are below humanitarian standards.
- Deterioration of public services translates into recurrent electricity cuts and the lack of public lighting in the streets.

RESPONSE

- A total of **14,578** individuals were reached by the Shelter Cluster partners during January and February 2020, with most of the aid (92%) being channelled towards **improving and equipping temporary shelter arrangements**, with **13,427** individuals reached. Most of the people who benefited were in Táchira (47%) and Apure (31%). The remaining 22% benefited in Zulia.
- **194** individuals received assistance to improve their access to energy/electricity, with all activities implemented in Apure.
- **957** individuals received material assistance through **NFI distributions**, including solar lamps and portable kitchens, in Apure (94%), Miranda (4%) and Distrito Capital (2%).

GAPS / CHALLENGES

- Due to a significant lack of country-level representative multisectorial data, it is unclear how humanitarian needs vary across the states and the severity of needs in rural and urban areas.
- There is an expected influx of Venezuelan returnees during 2020 that may lead to a corresponding escalation in humanitarian needs, which has not been taken into consideration yet.
- Both the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for 2020 have not been yet published, which is delaying the approval of partner HRP-funded projects and thus, slowing down the implementation of activities due to potential budget shortages.

KEY FIGURES

- **20** Cluster partners

Funding

- **Total funding required:** $36.0 M
- **Funded:** 0%
- **Source:** Projects submitted to HPC.tools by partners

KEY DATES

- **1 July 2019:** Activation of the Shelter Cluster in Venezuela.
- **6 February 2020:** Monthly meeting with partners, focusing on HNO/HRP 2020 publication.

KEY DOCUMENTS

- Términos de Referencia Grupo Consultivo Estratégico (SAG)
- Presentación reunión clúster HNO/HRP 2020
- Minuta reunión HNO/HRP 2020
- Carta Principios Operativos Conjuntos
- Plantilla módulo proyectos HPC.tools ciclo 2020