SYRIA SHELTER WORKING GROUP

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Current Situation

Around 2.5 million IDPs inside Syria:

- 80% with host families or renting
- 8% in official collective centres
- 8% in unofficial collective centres
- 4% in very basic self-made shelters and largely in the open
Shelter/NFI Working Group

• Lead: Ministry of Local Administration (MOLA) and Co-lead: UNHCR
• Divided into Shelter WG and NFIs WG
• Functioning well since mid-2012. Meetings regularly held and well attended
• 6-7 partners
• 20 % of UNHCR budget going through MOLA and 80 % through partner NGOs, int’l and national
• www.sheltercluster.org/MENA/Syria
Achievements and Plans

• **NFIs:**
  – Distributed to 90,000 (450,000 people) of 100,000 targeted households in 2012.
  – It is expected to double this number in 2013.
  – There is an agreed list of NFIs to be distributed.

• **Collective Centres:**
  – 41 of the 693 are being repaired and 167 more are expected in the first six months of 2013.
  – Main repairs include: partitioning, windows, wind proofing and carpets.
  – Guidelines on repairing have been issued by MOLA
  – Agreement with MOLA ensuring civilian nature of centres.
2012 384 ‘Collective Shelters’ in Syria

Main Locations

393 official ‘collective shelters’ hosting 117,900 people (23,580 families).

Locations approximate. For graphical representation only. Not for detailed planning.

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2012 UNHCR Support Communal Shelter Rehab

Hassakeh 3 large shelters (Governorate)

Aleppo 7 shelters (NGO)

Damascus and Rif 20 shelters (NGOs)

Rif Damascus & Sweida 10 shelters (MOLA)

Implementing Partners:
- ▲ MOLA
- ▲ GOV
- ▼ NGOs

SHELTERS
40 with direct UNHCR support
Numerous with indirect support

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Assumptions / Guidelines

• Shelter rehab will target protection of IDPs from elements, and provide safety and dignity.

• Where necessary WASH interventions will be implemented in coordination with UNICEF/ICRC/NGOs.

• Working figure is average of 60 families per shelter, and 5 persons per family.

• Cost of rehab per family average at US$ 400

• Assistance includes provision of communal water heaters, carpet piece per family, and sanitation kit
Shelter Rehabilitation Needs

Minimum standard of shelter rehab established with MOLA:

- Light rehabilitation: Doors (with locks), windows, partitions
- Plastering and water / wind proofing
- Repairs of water supply and electrical installations
- Hand rails and making child / elderly safe
- Communal kitchens and washing areas
- Communal heating and carpet pieces in room
- Sanitation and waste management - WASH interventions in coordination with UNICEF/ICRC/NGOs.
Needs for the future

- Need to step up funding efforts and more partners to participate
- Important to build upon local capacity and integrate local partners. Syrians are well prepared.
- No-camp, no-tent solutions: support host families and other alternatives.
- Interventions in areas where government has access but there are needs in other areas.
Homs
Islamic Institute

UNHCR support: provision of shelter materials through SARC to local NGO

UNHCR Photos: 29 Nov. 2012
Shower Units

40 on order now
(UNHCR / DRC partnership)

DRC Photos: Nov. 2012
Sweida youth camp

Currently hosting 366 IDP families

UNHCR Photos: Nov. 2012
Homs

Communal Kitchen

UNHCR Protection monitoring

UNHCR Photos: 29 Nov. 2012
Thank you

Any questions?