

Orientation Guide: Shelter Chapter of the Refugees and Migrants Needs Assessment (RMNA) for 2023/24

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Joint Needs Assessment (JNA)

The following are identified as key questions to understand the shelter situation in each country. It is considered relevant to obtain this information from the Joint Needs Assessments, in their absence, Secondary Sources Review.

TYPE OF SHELTER		
What type of shelter does your household live in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared house - House - Shared apartment - Apartment - Daily pay - Tenancy - Hotel/Hostel - Shelters and/or Temporary Collective Shelters - Collective centers (shelter in community centers, schools, sports centers, etc.) - Cambuches or improvised shelter - On the street (parks, bridges, etc.) - Other - Does not know - Prefer not to answer 	Example source: MSNA - Colombia
HABITABILITY		
How would you rate the condition of your home?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I live in an area of natural hazards (floods, landslides) - Missing furniture (kitchen, beds, fridge, etc.) - Illegal neighborhood, invasion (Informal settlement) - Lack of basic services (water, electricity, toilets, etc.) - Overcrowding (shared rooms, high number of people, etc.) - I feel insecure (troubled neighbourhood, poor relationship with landlord, threats, and abuse, etc.) 	Example source: JNA - Ecuador

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The shelter is in poor condition (walls and floor deterioration, broken windows, and doors, open electrical system, etc.) - Other (Specify) 	
What is the maximum number of people sleeping in a room in this household?	Number of individuals	Example source: Adequate Shelter Score Tool (Unpublished)
AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES, MATERIALS, FACILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you consider that the bathroom/shower in your shelter/dwelling is safe? • The bathroom has a lock, lock, or other type of device to close it completely 	OTHERWISE	Example source: JNA-Ecuador
AFFORDABILITY		
Next month, are you and your family guaranteed a place to live?	OTHERWISE	Example source: JNA-Brazil
Have you had to do things that harm your protection or dignity (borrow, sell/pawn objects, beg, etc.) in order to complete the rent payment in the last month?	OTHERWISE	Example source: Adequate Shelter Score Tool (Unpublished)
SECURITY OF TENURE		
In the last 3 months, has your household been at risk of being evicted, have you had to sleep on the street or in a shelter?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have never perceived the risk, or we have not slept in the last 3 months on the street or shelter - We had the risk of being evicted, of sleeping on the street or in a shelter, but it did not happen - We have been evicted, or we have had to sleep on the street or in a shelter 	Example source: MSNA - Colombia
LOCATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the shelter close to a public transport option (less than 30 min on foot or by transport)? • Is the shelter of a health center close (less than 30 min on foot or by transport)? • Is the shelter of an educational center close (less than 30 minutes on foot or by transport)? • Is the shelter close (less than 30 min on foot or by transport) to markets, shops or wineries? • Is the shelter close to (less than 30 min walking time or transport) livelihood or income-generating options? 	OTHERWISE	Example source: Adequate Shelter Score Tool (Unpublished)
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS		
Do you have the essential elements for your home (utensils for food preparation and consumption, beds, mattresses, furniture,	OTHERWISE	Example source: Adequate

appliances) sufficient to carry out basic domestic activities?	Shelter Score Tool (Unpublished)
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Narrative RMNA National/Subregional Shelter Chapters

It is suggested in the narrative of the chapter to take into account the following aspects regarding the shelter in which the refugee and migrant population finds itself in the different countries. This will allow a simpler regional reading, as well as a harmonious one, which allows comparison between countries by having narratives with similar themes, adapted to each context.

- Identify needs by macro population group: with a vocation for permanence (destination) and in transit
 - Include the specifics for vulnerability profiles if any
- Mention separately the four main thematic areas, focusing on the needs in them linked to the macro population groups.
 - Collective Shelter Solutions
 - Individual Shelter Solutions (Support for Rent, Support in hotel rooms, Support in access to shelter and/or security of tenure, Distribution of shelter kits, among others)
 - Community actions and infrastructure/services in Settlements
 - Essential household items distribution
- Try to reflect the findings linked to the previous section of the document: “Joint Needs Assessment (JNA)”
 - Types of shelter
 - Habitability conditions and shelter services (water and sanitation, electricity...)
 - Ability to access shelter in a sustainable way – Affordability
 - Security of tenure
 - Location of the population with respect to the urban area in which they are inserted, including access to basic services
 - Access/Disposal of essential household/domestic items

Calculation of the PIN

It is suggested that for the calculation of the PiN the sectors consider the Venezuelan refugee and migrant population under the following conditions.

OVERALL CONDITION	EXAMPLES
Refugees and migrants in street situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and migrants in an irregular situation - Refugees and migrants without financial means, unemployed - Refugees and migrants evicted
Refugees and migrants at risk of eviction or evicted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and migrants in an irregular situation – Informal rental contracts

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and migrants without financial means in the coming months, informal work situations, or unemployment - Refugees and migrants evicted
Refugees and migrants in transit to a third country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and migrants in need of collective temporary shelter for short periods of time - Refugees and migrants in an irregular situation
Refugees and migrants living in informal settlements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and migrants in an irregular situation - Refugees and migrants without financial means, informal work situation or unemployment - Refugees and migrants evicted
Refugees and migrants sharing shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and migrants hosted by relatives or friends - Refugees and migrants sharing shelter with people with whom they have no previous family or friendship relationship - Refugees and migrants without financial means in the coming months, informal work situation or unemployment
Refugees and migrants in substandard shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and migrants staying in shelter with low habitability levels (not adequate)

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