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### Shelter

Shelter is the top concern of the affected population (85% of families) in all sites, with Kurbin municipality (94%) having the highest reports. 75% of affected population living in tents do not meet basic heating needs. Households currently Not At All able to meet basic needs for the following items:

- 25.4% heating equipment (mainly in tents)
- 23.1% soap, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, other personal care items
- 20.9% clothing and footwear
- 20.4% sleeping mats or mattresses
- 19.2% blankets
- 17.8% buckets, jerry cans or other water storage containers

### Health

Distress and trauma symptoms are more prevalent in population living in:

- 88.4% in tents
- 85.2% in damaged houses
- 61.1% accommodated in hotels

59% Physical illness symptoms are more prevalent in tents and damaged houses (fever, cough, headache, etc.) compared to those accommodated in hotels.

Almost half of surveyed households described unsafe and damaged school buildings as the main obstacle for children to access schools. Insecurity, transportation/ distance and loss of school kits and books are among the other issues experienced by respondents.

### Education

41% of households respondents who primarily described three key problems:

- 37% not working, cannot pay for food
- 30% people are hungry
- 28% insufficient food distributions
- 38% Insufficient water for all household needs was reported by
- 38% of households as one of the problems they face.

### Food/Water

Food is the seventh problem prioritized by households respondents who primarily described three key problems:

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### Information/Protection

44.2% of affected population from the rural remote areas have not received sufficient information or support on earthquake response. Kamza is the municipality who reports lower access to information (58%).

51% of children are identified as the most vulnerable group within the affected population, 74% of them show signs of distress after trauma as reported by parents.

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### Who we are

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Every year, World Vision Albania and Kosovo works with about 50 thousand children through programs in 25 municipalities.

World Vision is recognized in communities as their mobilizer and liaison with institutions and organizations on issues that affect children’s lives. Together we have supported families, informed, raised awareness and advocated for the most vulnerable children. During 20 years of work, we have cooperated with 56 organizations 18 churches and faith-based organizations.

* This assessment aims to voice the needs of the affected population as prioritized by them. Furthermore, the interviews households suggested the most appropriate solutions to their needs.

** The audiences of this report are free to consider and explore recommendations for action beyond the ones listed below.