Shelter Centre Current Activities

Shelter Centre is an NGO that shares and generates knowledge about shelter, settlement and reconstruction. Shelter Centre supports a global community of practice, working to support recovery from conflicts and disasters.

1. Humanitarian Library
2. Humanitarian Training
3. Humanitarian Meeting
4. Policy Development
1. Library

Problem Statement

- Locating this document if you do not know its exact title
- Challenges in locating and sharing local documents
- General knowledge is spread over thousands of websites
- Moderation often reflects the priorities of library managers rather than users
- Moderation is costly to administer and slows uploading
1. Library

Current Activity – Shelter & Settlement Library

- Development of Shelter & Settlement Library, building on Shelter Centre’s current Shelter Library

- Current Library contains 1457 documents from more than 250 organisations

- Shelter & Settlement Library will:
  - Contain at least an additional 900 documents
  - Showcase improved functionalities, innovative approach to crowd sourcing and user moderation
1. Library

Future Plans – Humanitarian Library

- Development of the Shelter & Settlement Library will allow us to build strong foundations for the Humanitarian Library.

- User-upload approach: Local and regional knowledge is directly uploaded in native languages.

- Community moderation: Users will be able to upload, rate resources and create and share booklists.

- Will support cross-sector knowledge management and sharing.

- Open-source software for global sharing and integration.
2. Training

Problem Statement

– 80-90% of people working in disaster responses have little or no prior experience and little or no training

– The cost of delivery of conventional humanitarian training to the required number of people is unaffordable and prohibitive

– Most humanitarian training only has content available in Western languages

– In house agency-specific training programmes lack commonly agreed standards
2. Training

Current Activity – CORE Training

– Training of Trainers (ToT) and Workshops Training

– Naturally sustainable and scalable structure

– Designed to build on and enhance existing in-country training capacity through open source training material, TOT's and a franchise based delivery model

– Cost-effective, adjustable to specific audiences and delivered in local languages

– Delivers key messages of 5 IASC Clusters and cross-sector standard training
2. Training

Scalable and Sustainable System

- Scalability achieved through sustainable training capacity
- Each trainer trained through ToT can conduct CORE Workshops
- Highly skilled participants can become Core Trainers
- Up-scaling allows high-quality training and sustainable system
2. Training

Future Plans

– Continuing the cascade effect of CORE scalable structure to reach the 80-90% of people working in disaster responses have little or no prior experience and little or no training

– In 2013, to deliver at least 3 TOT and workshop programmes, provisionally in Indonesia, Myanmar & Timor

– Expand delivery to key messages of the 11 IASC Clusters
3. Meeting

Problem Statement

Limited access to open forums to:

– Build consensus between the wide range of humanitarian actors

– Share good practice and lessons learned

– Involve the wider community in projects and developments
3. Meeting

Current Activity – Shelter Meeting

- **Consultation**: Inform, agree and prioritise new projects
- **Review**: testing and assessing of existing projects and strategies
- **Consensus**: Generating agreement on policy and operating procedures
- **Publications**: Launching authoritative and collaborative publications
- **Knowledge Management**: sharing project activities, programmatic and technical good practice

- In the last 5 years only, more than 1000 attendees from 200 organisations
3. Meeting

Future Plans – Humanitarian Meeting

- **Problem:** Initiatives out of Clusters’ work plans are currently not recognised
- **Problem:** No common space for the review and dissemination of innovations or projects worldwide
- **Solution:** Humanitarian Meeting will combine strategic and technical dimensions of humanitarian work
- **Solution:** Act as a global incubator for innovation within the humanitarian sector
- **Solution:** Hosted on a website that allows humanitarian stakeholders worldwide to share, follow, review and disseminate projects
4. Policy Development

**Problem Statement**

Existing guidelines are often developed without sector consultation to:

- Build consensus
- Develop commonly owned guidelines
- Analyse and integrate good practice and lessons learned
- Expand use of final documents to multilateral, regional and local humanitarian actors
4. Policy Development

Current Activity

SC’s approach to Policy Development:
– Brings together specialist expertise
– Acts upon collaborative efforts with humanitarian actors
– Produces authoritative policy and technical guidance documents
– Generates consensus and good practices
– Focuses on operational activities and organisations
4. Policy Development

Future Plans

- Consult on and develop Cluster Approach Guidelines
- Explore other opportunities to tackle humanitarian sector problems
- Continue to develop a collaborative approach to policy development