

# Shelter, Recovery, and Reconstruction

Global Shelter Cluster

Shelter and Recovery Working Group

*'The objective of this priority area is to improve the way the shelter cluster engages in longer-term sheltering and reconstruction activities.*

*The GSC acknowledges the need to better understand reconstruction processes, stakeholders and technical issues in the early stages of a response to allow for comprehensive and relevant strategy development, planning and implementation of sheltering options.'*

*‘The objective of the working group is to address the key challenges of interconnectedness through different phases of the disaster management cycle. By drawing on past experiences, where early activities of coordination, policy development, technical guidance and support for interventions has led to promote successful shelter recovery and reconstruction, the working group will produce practical / user friendly resources for use by shelter cluster coordination teams and partners.’*

# A series of Outputs...

- Define 'Shelter Recovery and Reconstruction' to provide scope and clarity to the working group.
- Literature review and case studies of shelter recovery to map out existing resources/guidelines/policy documents
- Policy note to provide guidance to shelter actors on effective shelter programming
- TORs will be developed for transferring the leadership of the cluster beyond emergency. The TOR will at minimum include the two most frequent scenarios: a handover between humanitarian organizations and a handover to national governments.

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- Shelter Recovery Advisors role description review, and development of a checklist of sheltering and shelter advocacy activities
- Make a register of agencies supporting with shelter recovery coordinators and joint deployment mechanisms will be strengthened
- Advocacy paper on longer term funding needs that allow for better programming and implementing of shelter recovery

# “Phases”

“Shelter is the process of providing a ‘habitable covered living space, providing a secure, healthy living environment with privacy and dignity to those within it’. It is an essential step towards recovery.”

*Transitional Settlements: Displaced Populations.*  
2005

# “Phases, cont.”

‘Early recovery

is a multidimensional process of recovery that begins in a humanitarian setting. It is guided by development principles that seek to build on humanitarian programmes and catalyze sustainable development opportunities. It aims to generate self sustaining, nationally owned, resilient processes for post crisis recovery. It encompasses the restoration of basic services, livelihoods, shelter, governance, security and rule of law, environment and social dimensions, including the reintegration of displaced populations.’

*OCHA Guidance Notes on Early Recovery 2013*

# “Mandates”

## **Shelter Recovery Advisor Role**

- Identifying and Building Partnerships
- Assessment
- Coordination
- Shelter Recovery Strategy
- Application of Standards and Technical Working Groups
- Monitoring
- Training and Capacity Building
- Handover



# “Handover”

- There will be some activities from the original Shelter Cluster ToR which have been completed, and which can be removed from the list
- There will be some activities which are still ongoing at the date of drafting the ToR for handover, but where it is anticipated that they too will be completed in the near future, by the time of the final exit of the organisation which is doing the handing-over
- There will be some activities which can be effectively and properly handed over to the successor organisation (or government office, etc) immediately, before the final formal date of handover
- There will be some activities which can be properly devolved to regional or local coordination actors, and away from national or central coordination
- There will be some activities which will not have been completed by the date of the final formal handover, and which form one part of the ToR for the successor organisation
- There will be some activities which were not included in the ToR for the original Shelter Cluster, but which are needed to be included anew, as the needs of the disaster-affected populations evolve, and which form another part of the ToR for the successor organisation.

**Thank you!**