India National Shelter Conference

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Key outcomes

The role of NGOs needs to be more focused on ensuring equitable delivery to the most vulnerable and less about the delivery of infrastructure and housing at a large scale.

There is a need to promote increased use of cash vouchers in shelter projects as it is faster and more flexible in meeting the needs of the affected population. This has other benefits too such as increased accountability, contributing to the local economy, and community livelihoods.
Key outcomes

Since housing reconstruction is an important component in any disaster recovery programme disaster, institutions involved in disaster management and shelter construction at the national level should take a leading role to access global knowledge and learnings.

Community participation and addressing the differential needs of women is an important priority in shelter programming. It is also must to bring in the community in the purview of the shelter construction process to give them complete ownership and accountability of their shelters.