

UK Shelter forum 20

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Feedback and Discussion on Shelter Projects 2015-2016

Group 1

Where should shelter projects go next?

Agreement that opinion pieces were valuable and expand them, perhaps for people outside the sector and they should lead to a debate,

Is physical output best to make discussion happen? Maybe workshops or web based discussion

Discussion about scope, where do people go to find more information

Longitudinal studies to pick top studies to go back to.
(Look for people still there, GCRF funding bid)

It is a useful document outside the sector? Give to people outside sector?

Group 2

What evidence should we be collecting for shelter programmes?

Used to be technical details, but now more on process. The section of wider impact on projects is interesting and an opportunity to look at wider impacts, but it depends on agency capacity to do this.

It could be a suggestion that key agencies become key producers who focus on gathering data for this project. They would have to be prepared to do this before starting a project.

Opinion pieces could look at aspects of the project in more detail

Group 3

How shelter projects could be used as capacity building in the field, and how training can be produced?

For dissemination to a wider group, raising profile of web based information using key word highlighting.

Other sectors using the information, are they interested?

Having a wider web archive of more information from the projects, and connection to authors or implementing agencies.

Active promotion of training, and how to use educational techniques to make formal training tools.

Data gathering voices from the field.

Translation to other countries

Group 4

Strategies for Donor Advocacy to fund better evidence production

Shelter projects reads as a collection of projects and does not communicate about the understanding of emerging shelter response and programming, which would be good to communicate to donors. For example timeframe for emergency phase, or coordination (how long and how much) what do the shelter projects case studies conclude on these issues?

It would be useful to distill key advocacy messages from the shelter projects case studies, for example as a 10 year overview.

Perhaps the first part of the book could be more of a synthesis of the issues coming out of the case studies. These could be pulled out as a one pager to support advocacy initiatives.

However the sector needs to be involved in determining what questions need to be answered. Information only becomes evidence when it is used to answer a specific question.

Question: what do we want donors to do? Is it money for evidence gathering, or changes to programming, or more money for programmes? This decision needs to be made by the shelter community of practice.

There is evidence from conflict/ protection programmes about how investment in shelter leads to broad based multi sector outcomes. Therefore funding shelter as a core intervention could be beneficial but more evidence is needed to demonstrate this.

The per capita cost of shelter is expensive compared to other sectors. Therefore see it as an investment.

Donors (esp world bank) want to know about money so more analysis of value for money issues and more evidence on what went wrong with the money.

More evidence on multi purpose cash and what percentage is spent on shelter.

More dissemination of key themes from book, eg YouTube videos

Is this what the shelter sector wants to say about shelter?