Defining ‘better’ better; understanding safer.

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What is a good house?
a community is made of people; a house is a structure but a home is much more. The distinctions are not trivial, nor are they sentimental or romantic: they are fundamental to the understanding of the difference between the provision of shelter which serves to protect and the creation of domestic environments that express the deep structures of society.

Paul Oliver (1978) - The Cultural Context of Shelter Provision
Why safer is better than safe
From safe to ‘safer’

A small amount of need met with a few well built houses that are code compliant

Greater need met with houses that are ‘safer’ OR ‘safe enough’

Percentage of shelter needs met

“safe”

Safer

Unsafe pre-disaster

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