



Updates from USAID/BHA

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A man in traditional white clothing and a turban is working on a stone wall. He is leaning forward, using a tool to shape the stones. The background is a blurred view of a city or town.

Update on the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance

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After 56 Years, No More OFDA

- USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) is the USG lead coordinator for international disaster assistance
- Created in 2020, merging USAID's Offices of Food for Peace (FFP) and U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- Only USAID bureau that provides humanitarian aid while facilitating longer-term recovery.

New, Expanded Team



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Ghana-based

And more are arriving “soon”

New Guidelines

- Now “Emergency Application Guidelines,” replacing “Proposal Guidelines”
- BHA initiated use of application guidelines on October 1, 2020
- Applicable to fiscal years 2021 and 2022.
- Link to new guidelines
<https://www.usaid.gov/bha-guidelines>



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**BUREAU FOR HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE**

**EMERGENCY
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

APPLICABLE TO FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022

Last Updated September 23, 2020

(Not so) New Top-line Issues

COVERAGE:

- Maximizing coverage of identified needs with available resources. Less interested in funding boutique-level activity with limited potential for impact

PLASTIC SHEETING IS A SHELTER INPUT, AND NOT NFI:

- Proposal Guidelines revised in 2018 to reflect this, yet some proposals still reflect old thinking. Requests to reflect current guidance often time-consuming, and an indicator that other portions of proposal may also require significant revision, further delaying assistance to affected populations

DEFINING HUMANITARIAN CONSTRUCTION:

- BHA will focus on humanitarian emergency and transitional S&S assistance, and not reconstruction or permanent construction

(Not so) New “Common Comments” on Proposals

- Update of 2017 “Comments”
- Application of Sphere Guidelines
- BOQs and Diagrams
- Paint and cosmetic work
- Project Guidance and Monitoring
- Assistance to Vulnerable Groups
- “Structures” *Keyword*
- Reconstruction
- Addressing HLP Issues

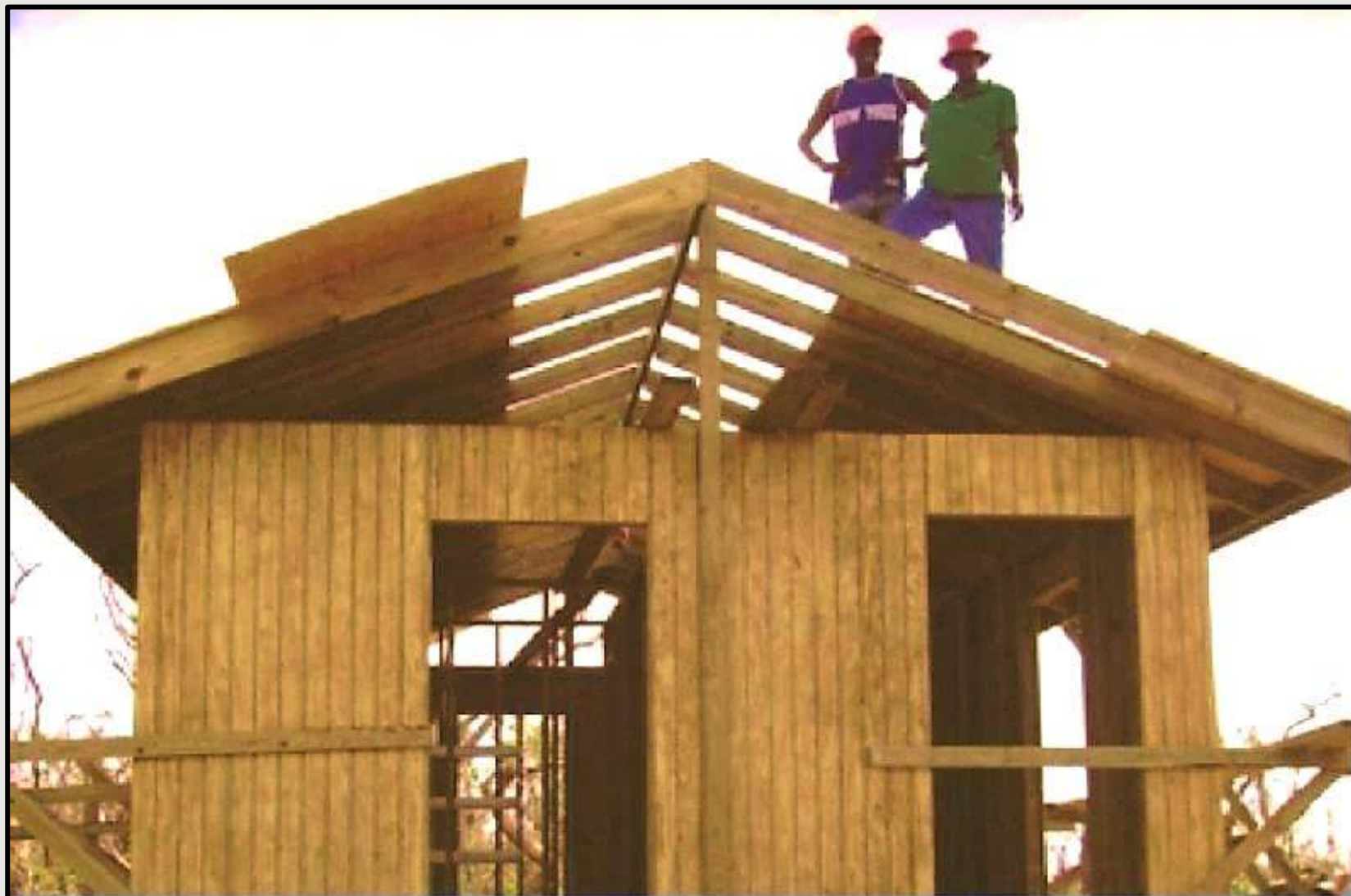


(Not Quite) New: S&S Guidance Notes

- Coverage of Identified Needs
- Minimally Habitable Covered Living Space (MHCLS)
- Settlements
- Settlements Approach
- Neighborhood Approach
- Shelter Opportunity Surveys (SOS)
- Humanitarian Construction
- Others (e.g., Cash-based Assistance, NFIs, DRR and S&S)

Recent Work of Note

- Completed “ten years on” review of project in Haiti featuring confirmation of the “Neighborhood Approach”
- Completed Settlements Approach Guidance Note project with the GSC Urban Settlements WG
- Initiated two-year engagement with GSC
- Requested rejuvenation of GSC Donor Consultative Group (DCG)
- Initiated project on IEC with GSC
- Continuing work with Diaspora communities on DRR
- Continuing support of InterAction SSWG
- Continuing support of S&S Grad Student Fellowship program.



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