
CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN SHELTER RESPONSE

The GSC Green Team



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How did we get here?

- Increased concerns about the environment and climate
- Organizational shifts to incorporating environment and climate into policies and actions
- Sphere Standard on sustainability
- Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations
- EU Green Deal and ECHO Greening Initiative

Where should we go?

Entry Points

- Global Shelter Cluster Strategy Update
- Cluster Strategies and Updates
- Humanitarian Response Plans
- Operational procedures

What we want: Be Strategically Green in the Humanitarian World

*Not just “green” but addressing the challenges faced by the affected populations: **Practical, Real and Having an Impact***

Starting with the Global Shelter Cluster Strategy

In your table groups, we want you to do three tasks:

Mentimeter Exercise

1. First question to plenary (all to respond)
2. Second question to be answered only by table/group elected lead
3. Third question to plenary (all to respond)

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First Task:

➤ Answer a question:

How important do you feel greening humanitarian operations is in addressing the impact of climate and the environment on crisis-affected populations?

1 = Not important

to 5 = critical



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Second Task:

➤ Write some words:

What should the Global Shelter Cluster strategy say about environment and climate as part of assisting affected populations?

A ten word statement, if you can, starting with:

“The GSC should



Third Task:

➤ Give some advice

The GSC deals with a lot of recurring disasters associated with climate and environmental conditions. Should the GSC give increased attention to preparedness and reducing risk to reduce the need to respond to recurring disasters?

Your answer can be:

Yes = 1,

No = 2,

I don't know = 3,

Never really thought about it = 4.



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What we'll do with your input

- Summarize the work you've just done
- Provide as a report to the SAG via IFRC and UNHCR



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Thank you 😊

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