

GSC RESEARCH BASELINE AND NEXT STEPS



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GSC Research Baseline Findings

- 1. Key Baseline Questions.**
- 2. Understanding of Research.**
- 3. Barriers to Research**
- 4. Priority Themes.**
- 5. Expertise.**
- 6. Next steps.**



GSC Research Baseline Findings : Purpose

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Purpose:

To describe the research priorities of humanitarian practitioners engaged in coordination of humanitarian response.



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GSC Research Baseline Findings : Scope

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Scope of Geography and Participants:

42 Countries

20 Cluster Coordinators

24 Academic Partners

11 SAG members



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GSC Research Baseline Findings : Questions

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Key Questions:

How is Research **understood and used** by Shelter Clusters?

What are the **Research Priorities** of Shelter Clusters?

What are the **Research Capabilities** available to Shelter Clusters?



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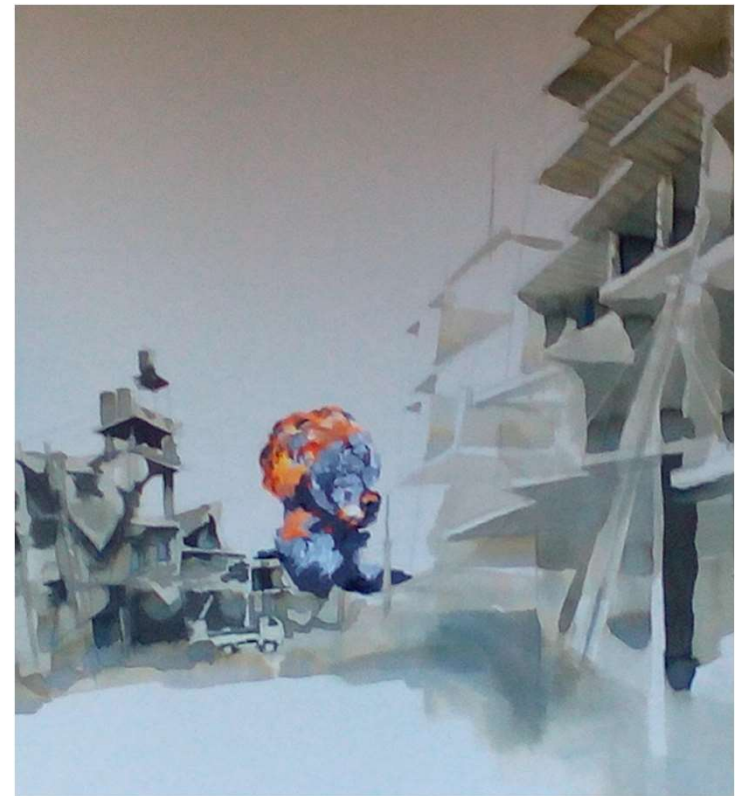
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Widespread appreciation of the link between **research, quality and accountability**.

Causal research questions and **comparative research** questions were mentioned as the most useful types of questions for **strategic planning and advocacy**.

Descriptive questions which are useful in the **early stages of a response**.



GSC Research Baseline Findings : Barriers

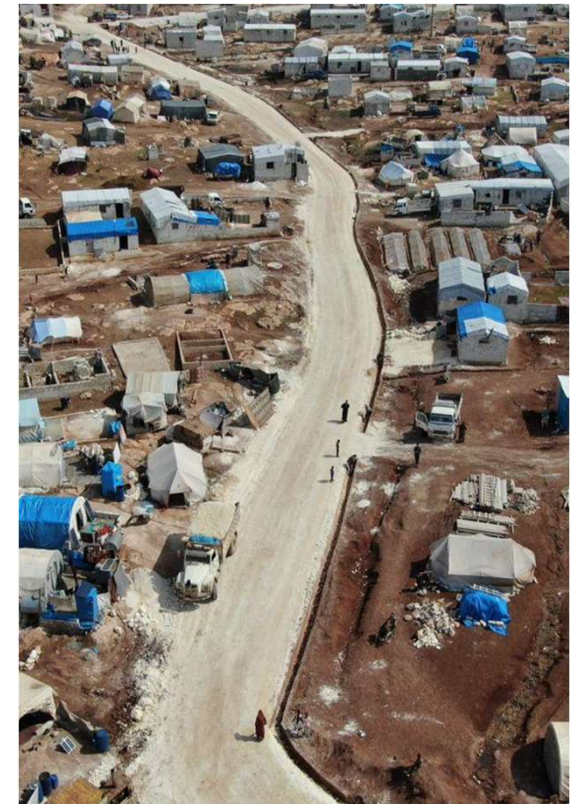
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Systematic barriers:

Related to the **culture, values and expectations** regarding research within the humanitarian system.

Practical barriers:

Related to the steps involved in **finding evidence** or **implementing research**.



GSC Research Baseline Findings: Themes

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The following areas were mentioned most often by participants:

The Longer Term, including Recovery – What are the barriers?

Cash and Markets Approaches – When are they appropriate?

The Wider Impact – How can we demonstrate this?



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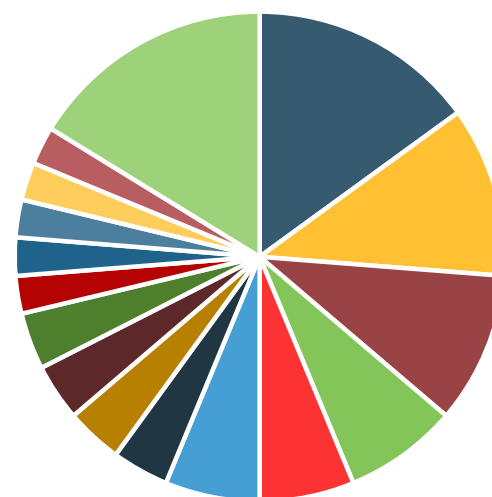
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SAG Research Priorities



- Wider Impacts
- Cash and Markets
- Conflict
- Space Standards
- Self-Recovery
- HLP
- Longer Term Impact and Recovery

Cluster Coordinator Research Priorities



- Longer Term
- Wider Impacts
- HLP
- Local Partners
- Local Materials
- Underfunding
- Non Camp Approaches
- Communicating with Households
- Cash and Markets
- GBV
- Climate Change
- Emergency Shelter
- Inclusion
- Winterisation
- Conflict
- Other

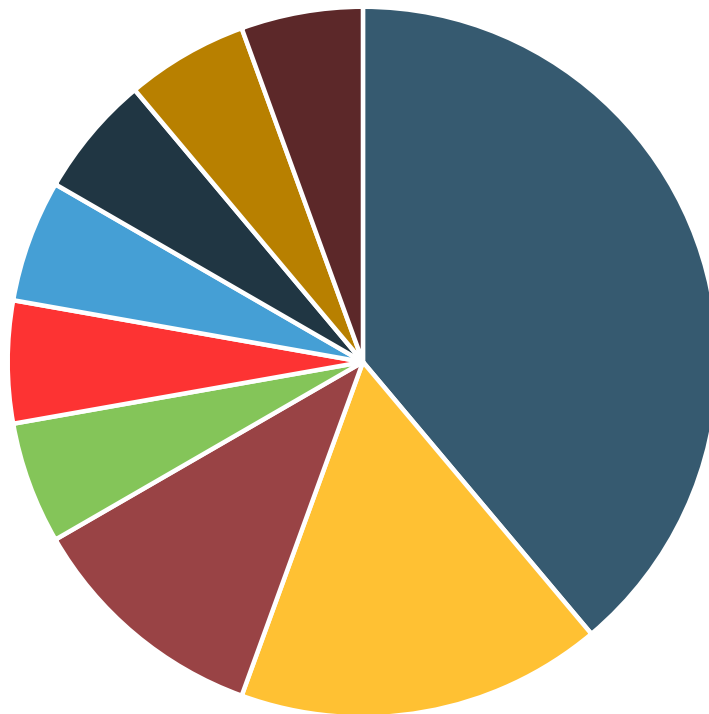


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GSC Research Baseline Findings : Expertise

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Research Partner Disciplines



- Architecture 14
- Engineering 6
- Multidisciplinary 4
- Health 2
- Humanities 2
- International Development 2
- Planning 2
- Politics 2
- Urbanism 2



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GSC Research Inception Report: Expertise

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There is a **significant amount of enthusiasm and activity** around research in the GSC Working Groups:

The Recovery Working Group – Contributed to and planning research.

Cash and Markets Working Group – Planning research.

The Shelter Projects Working Group – Planning research.

The Disability and Inclusion Working Group – Participated in research.

The Environment Working Groups - Contributed to research.

The Construction Working Group – Planning a research network.

GSC Research Baseline Findings : Next Steps

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Next Steps

1. Focus research work on **improving the evidence base** in the priority thematic areas of Longer-Term Recovery and Cash and Markets.
2. Ensure that the **value of research and evidence** and the harmonisation of response and research processes are supported by the new GSC strategy.
3. Review research priorities and research partners **on a regular basis** to ensure the continuing relevance of GSC research work.

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Research Questions: Cash and/or Markets approaches

What are the criteria for deciding when and where
Cash and/or Markets approaches are appropriate in support
of those who have lost their shelter and settlements
in humanitarian crises?

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Research Questions: Connecting Relief to Recovery

Why are there barriers to connecting the relief and recovery for those who have lost their shelter and settlements in humanitarian crises?



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