

Contributions / synergies

How can your organization's plans contribute or synergize with the GSC plans?

By sharing the annual project plan for shelter coordination
Regular reporting on progress

Capacity building, country-level training on existing guidance for coordinators, implementing partners and local actors

HLP AoR is very willing to engage with GSC membership. Opportunities exist to co-develop guidance, without undue concerns over mission-creep/siloed ownership.

Save the Children: 1. Internal roll out of the Construction Standards; 2. 2022-2024 Construction Strategy, incl. Shelter response, will align with GSC; 3. Sustainability in SCI

Ensure agency based Shelter/NFI strategy is aligned to the GSC strategy.

way of estimating the embodied energy (in MJ) or embodied carbon (in kg of CO2 equivalent) of any shelter. The unique element of the tool is that the answer will be automatically compared to the results for a large

We have constructed a series of tools (freely available) aimed at enabling early-stage design thinking in the shelter sector. However, it is not easy to approach the relevant aid agencies.

Our almost launched "DRC Strategy 2022" would be a great opportunity for us to synergize.

Shared leadership to boost regional and national coordination capacity during response and PREPAREDNESS (Australian Red Cross). This is a current contribution.

Cross sectoral collaboration in research, training and practice on Humanitarian Logistics and Shelter. HUMLOG Institute

Need to link ECHO Grant Activity 1 to other projects. See Environment and Humanitarian Assistance - What, Who, Where-to-Find-Out-More Matrix. Lots of opportunities out there!

CRATERRE is working on a tool that is measuring social and environmental impact according to architectural choice (Life cycle analysis, normal context, not related specifically to disaster). We are happy to join and share expertise

Concerns / overlaps

that the GSC plans may have with other initiatives you are involved in.

Too many Working Groups, and some that should be discontinued

Lack of implementation of the knowledge exchanged (i.e. through WG)

Not overlaps but in COVID case shelter cluster coordination has been in dim light, health cluster issues are more emphasizing by agencies...

Overlap in coordination with others agencies (ai OCHA).

Lack of coordination between sectors but need for more integrated responses

Non-practical distinction between humanitarian and stabilization actors.

Articulating how are we going to maintain Shelter / sectoral technical expertise as we continue advancing Settlement Based or Area Based Approaches.

No overlapping but national level cluster coordination structure may differ one context to another country wise ! some of the actions taken from country wise context may need to analyze for localization !

Turn-over of staff (govt. and humanitarian)

Sometimes response for NFIs, Energy and Shelter is not linked. Partners implementing for each area are even different.

Need to link ECHO Grant Activity 1 to other projects. See Environment and Humanitarian Assistance - What, Who, Where-to-Find-Out-More Matrix

Opportunities

that the GSC has to maximize the impact of its plans

About being greener: Achieving the sustainability of some programs through carbon offsets that some partners are already counting towards removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and selling on some global carbon market.

More research!

develop the advocacy strategy

Donor interest, global recognition of sectoral necessities etc.

COVID-19 = accelerated localisation!

Training in different energy products for partners

Make Working Groups and CoP learning spaces for GSC members and practitioners, including field staff

Emphasis on quality, including capacity development of colleagues.

Continue to provide guidance that acknowledges the wider impact of shelter assistance (across the different components of Adequate Housing).

Two more country profile to be produced in 2021-2022. Interested active working group or open shelter cluster are invited to contact Pablo / CRATERRE

In terms of energy, continue strengthening capacity to include solar energy, housing insulation materials - passive cooling systems and verandas, fuel efficient stoves, communal cooking where appropriate...

Market interventions... help include activities that accompanying lessor <> tenant relationships as a critical aspect to access and retain Housing (e.g. addressing discrimination, or assisting in conflict

Challenges

that you foresee for the GSC plans

COVID-19!!

regional, national cluster physically due to COVID; Meeting, training, workshop, simulation that national cluster needs is interrupting, Working modality and address the interest and national cluster planning and

Differing opinions on what the scope of the GSC should be.

Social impact study - Shelter interventions

Lack of connection between academia and the humanitarian agencies

Cases of Planning in recovery and reconstruction after disaster !!

Being in an organisation that continues to exist within a framework that is not appropriate or flexible for these times

Closed-door policies are still active in most of the aid agencies. Not open to adopt changes or embrace innovative ideas

Lack of implementation of the knowledge exchanged (i.e. through WG)

banned the use of asbestos !

Separate funding for Gs activities in emergency and recovery, operations

Bringing national/local actor participated during GSC Events

Lack of fund for country shelter cluster

Capacity to effectively support in-country clusters.

Lack of funding

wide gap by continents / regions. Are we providing full shelter solutions in some humanitarian responses, and no much more than emergency shelter (tents, NFIs, etc) for others? We need to reflect on unit costs.