The Humanitarian Reform
The Federation's Shelter Commitment

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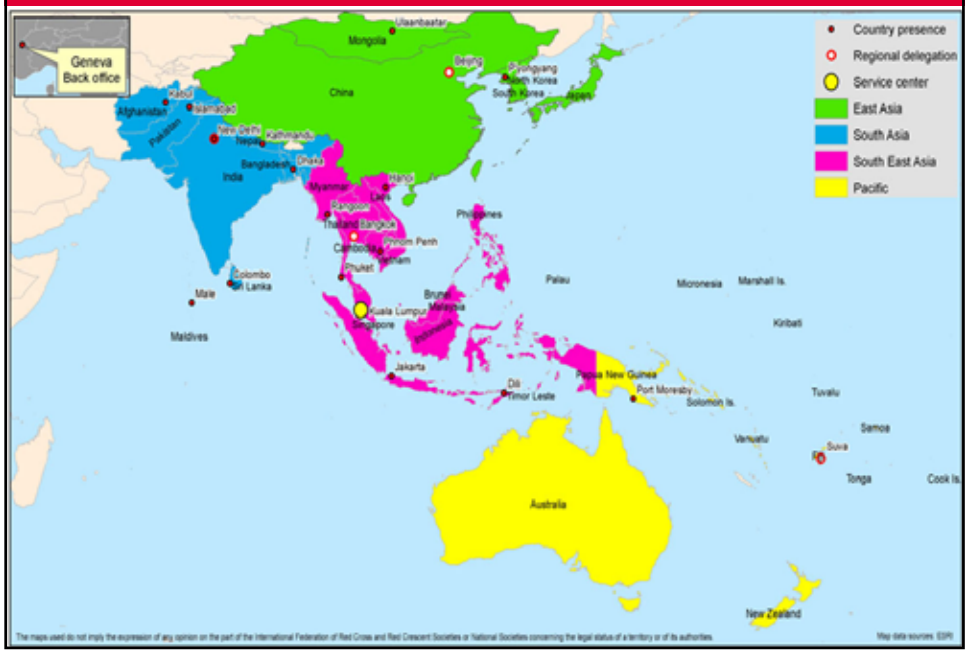
The International Federation is a membership organisation of 186 National Societies.

Each National Society is auxiliary to the Government and has been given a specific mandate.

The International Federation is decentralised: secretariat in Geneva, 5 Zone's, regional offices and in-country delegations.



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The Seoul 2005 General Assembly Decision on Emergency Shelter

The International Federation's Global Shelter Programme

The role of IFRC as the global lead for emergency shelter in natural disasters

Global Programme

Shelter

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A road map for shelter….

A collaborative process with National Societies, Delegations, Region / Zone and Geneva Secretariat

Building on Red Cross Red Crescent mandate, experiences & capacities

Delivering on the General Assembly decision on shelter

5 expected results....

Internal - Building Federation capacity

1. WHAT – Best practices and policy
2. WHO - Capacities and preparedness
3. HOW - Operational support

External – Support for shelter sector

4. COORDINATION - preparedness & coordination
5. NETWORKING – Interagency collaboration

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Context....

Shelter should be seen as a process: “sheltering”

The International Federation is one of the largest humanitarian shelter providers – National Societies implement a wide range of emergency, transitional and permanent housing

Definition of Shelter *(MoU UNOCHA)*

"the provision of basic and immediate shelter needs necessary to ensure the survival of disaster affected persons, including "rapid response" solutions such as tents, insulation materials, other temporary emergency shelter solutions, and shelter related non-food items."

Adequate shelter should provide safety, privacy, protection from the climate, reduce risks and vulnerabilities and support for livelihood opportunities.

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Cluster name	Global Cluster Lead	
	Natural Disaster	Conflict
1. Agriculture	FAO	
2. Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)	IOM	UNHCR
3. Early Recovery	UNDP	
4. Education	UNICEF / Save the Children	
5. Health	WHO	
6. Logistics	WFP	
7. Nutrition	UNICEF	
8. Protection	UNICEF/ UNHCR	UNHCR
9. Shelter	IFRC (convenor)	UNHCR
10. Telecommunications	OCHA / UNICEF / WFP	
11. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	UNICEF	

Commitment of the International Federation to UN OCHA under the Memorandum of Understanding?

The International Federation has made a commitment to:
a) supporting enhanced preparedness in emergency shelter at a global level

b) scaling up the operational capacity of the International Federation in emergency shelter

c) coordinating the provision of emergency shelter assistance at country level after natural disasters.

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What this means at Zone/Regional level

Convening the cluster and the coordination of an *International* response is a **Secretariat** responsibility

Support deployment of shelter cluster coordination team: Coordinator, Information Manager, Technical coord. Optional; early recovery, environmental

Cluster-based country level contingency planning

Awareness raising: workshops, trainings etc.

The International Federation is the "convener" of the emergency shelter cluster

In accordance with the IASC Guidance Note on the Use of the Cluster Approach, the definition of "Lead Agency" includes conditions (provider of last resort) which are not in accordance with the 7 principle's of the RCRC movement.

In practice, the term "convener" also reflects the role of the International Federation Shelter Coordination Team in facilitating interagency collaboration by the cluster partners to address shelter-related issues in the emergency response.

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Activation of the cluster approach, according the IASC Guidance Note

The Humanitarian Coordinator /Resident Coordinator should consult all relevant partners at country level and propose cluster/sector leads.

Following consultation with the HC/RC, the Emergency Relief Coordinator consults global cluster leads on the designation of country-level cluster leads for the emergency.

This should include consideration of the need for the cluster approach and the specific sectors.