

through an effective and well-functioning Global Shelter Cluster.



Expected outcomes of the project include:

- Global Focal Points as standby/surge capacity
- Regional Focal Points to support preparedness, planning & awareness raising
- Enhanced Assessment, Reporting and Evaluation capacity
- Independent reviews of country level shelter clusters
- Guidance and policy provided by the global level
- Dedicated and improved website
- Shelter Cluster Self-learning online tool
- Global coordination workshop

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More information on this ECHO contribution to the Global Shelter Cluster, including the complete text of the project, can be found here:

www.sheltercluster.org/Global/Pages/ECHO.aspx



Girl in front of a transitional Shelter in the Philippines. Photo: IOM



Enhancing coordination of humanitarian shelter response

A DG ECHO contribution to the Global Shelter Cluster



Photo: J.Ose/UNHCR



Displaced women in Mali cook for their families in front of their shelters. Photo: H. Caux/UNHCR

The Global Shelter Cluster (GSC) is an open platform with around 30 partners participating consistently at the global level. Country level shelter clusters are currently active in 24 countries, with an additional number of countries with active shelter working groups supported by the cluster co-leads.

The GSC started the year 2013 implementing a five-year strategy. The **goal** of this strategy is to meet more effectively the sheltering needs of population affected by humanitarian crises, by strengthening the shelter response of humanitarian actors through leadership, coordination and

accountability in the humanitarian shelter sector. To achieve this goal, the GSC **Strategy 2013-2017** has **three strategic aims**:

1. Responsive and flexible support to **country-level** shelter coordination mechanisms
2. An effective and well-functioning **Global Shelter Cluster**.
3. **Increased recognition of the shelter and settlements** sector as an essential component of the humanitarian response, through enhanced advocacy and communication.

DG ECHO Contribution to the GSC

DG ECHO, as the main donor, together with other Cluster partners, allowed the GSC to set the foundation to operationalize the Strategy 2013-2017 through a project aiming to **Enhance the Coordination of Humanitarian Shelter Response**. The project time frame is **21 months starting on April 1st 2013**. It is **implemented by eight cluster partners** (ACTED, Australian Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, IOM, NRC and UN-Habitat, IFRC, and UNHCR) and led by UNHCR.

The specific objective of the project is to strengthen the shelter response of humanitarian actors by improving the GSC surge capacity and global preparedness. In order to meet this objective the following **results** will be achieved:

1. Global and regional shelter cluster capacity and resources are strengthened to provide responsive and flexible surge and preparedness support to country level coordination mechanisms.
2. The preparedness, predictability of shelter coordination and responses is enhanced



Emergency shelter next to home in Pakistan. Photo: J.Zarins/NRC