Co-led by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the GSC is a platform of shelter and settlement partners. Its mission is to support crisis-affected people to live in safe, dignified and appropriate shelter and settlements. The GSC and country Shelter Clusters work collectively with national response actors to support people affected by natural disasters and conflict with timely, effective and predictable shelter and settlement responses.

Since the Cluster Approach was rolled out in 2006 the GSC has worked with an ever-growing range of partners. There is growing recognition that shelter and settlement responses not only provide physical dwellings but also stable foundations to rebuild lives and support a range of multi-sectoral outcomes. Building on its commitment to partnership, the GSC – under the guidance of its Strategic Advisory Group and the Global Shelter Cluster lead agencies – formulated its new 2018-2022 strategy collaboratively with many other actors. This strategy has been informed by findings from a formal evaluation of the 2013-2017 strategy.

During the first half of 2019 GSC partners supported 5.9 million persons with shelter and NFI assistance. These efforts including support to the GSC governing structures, working groups, communities of practice, the GSC website as well as introducing innovative approaches and capacities as part of the Grand Bargain and HABITAT III commitments were possible thanks to the support of ACTED, Canadian Government, Canadian RedCross, Catholic Relief Services, DG ECHO, IFRC, Habitat for Humanity, Impact Initiatives/REACH, IOM, NORCAP, NRC, Save the Children, SDC, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, USAID/OFDA and all partners whose contribution have made GSC activities more sustainable.
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AIM

STRENGTHENED SHELTER AND SETTLEMENTS RESPONSES THAT BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

1. COORDINATION

Coordination contributes to a localised, predictable, effective and timely response

1.1 PREDICTABLE, TIMELY, EFFECTIVE
Support and services for Shelter Clusters

1.2 LOCALISED AND AREA-BASED
Strengthening area-based coordination and promoting settlement approaches

1.3 TRANSITION TO RECOVERY
Facilitating transition to recovery coordination, enhancing engagement with governments and development actors

1.4 INTEGRATED RESPONSE
Effective inter-cluster coordination and joint response planning approaches

2. ADVOCACY

Increased recognition of shelter and settlement in humanitarian response and recovery

2.1 IMPORTANCE OF SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT
Strengthened understanding of shelter and settlement’s critical multi-sector impact

2.2 ENGAGEMENT
Increased donor and agency engagement and support for shelter and settlements sector

2.3 RESPONSE FUNDING
Critical funding and response gaps are monitored, communicated and supported

2.4 INFLUENCING
Engaging others: appropriate urban assistance, cash and markets-based programming, area-based approaches

3. EVIDENCE-BASED RESPONSE

Shelter response informed by evidence, best practice and learning

3.1 AVAILABLE AND USED
Evidence available and used to inform planning, coordination and decision-making

3.2 EVIDENCE GAPS FILLED
Key shelter and settlement evidence gaps filled

3.3 CAPITALISATION
Knowledge management systems in place to capitalise on lessons learned as well as best practice in order to bring about change in sector policy and practice

4. CAPACITY

Shelter sector capacity to address ongoing and emerging challenges

4.1 SKILLS
Increased and localised shelter response capacity

4.2 PREPAREDNESS
Country workshops and HLP

4.3 UTILISING CASH AND MARKETS
Shelter responders apply cash and markets modalities appropriately

4.4 FUTURE OF SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT
Analysis of sector future response needs and capacity

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29 ACTIVE CLUSTERS

$140M FUNDING RECEIVED

$1.4B FUNDING REQUIRED

5.9 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED**

90% FUNDING GAP

26M

534M

20M / 112M

12M / 24M

9M / 44M

8M / 8M

8M / 83M

6M / 30M

5M / 60M

5M / 22M

4M / 143M

4M / 14M

3M / 64M

2M / 13M

1M / 8M

4M

FUNDING RECEIVED / FUNDING REQUIRED

YEMEN

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

ETHIOPIA

MOZAMBIQUE

AFGHANISTAN

VENEZUELA

IRAQ

SOUTH SUDAN

NIGERIA

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO

STATE OF PALESTINE

SOMALIA

CHAD

CAMEROON

MALI

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** The number of cluster partners is based on the number reported by the cluster in its factsheet. This number does not include clusters in preparedness mode.

*** Based on factsheets submitted by clusters and OCHA’s Financial Tracking Service, all amounts are in USD. Funding is received by cluster partners.
GLOBAL SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITIES

Data includes information received to date from members of the GSC Support Team, except for the Global Cluster Coordinators.

946
TOTAL # OF DAYS

**BY COUNTRY**

- Dem. Rep. of the Congo: 96 (21%)
- Mozambique: 62 (14%)
- Venezuela: 55 (12%)
- Chad: 43 (9%)
- Cameroon: 42 (9%)
- Indonesia: 37 (8%)
- Mongolia: 25 (6%)
- Ethiopia: 15 (3%)
- Afghanistan: 15 (3%)
- Syrian Arab Republic: 13 (3%)
- Central African Republic: 13 (3%)
- Mali: 10 (2%)
- Nigeria: 9 (2%)
- Yemen: 9 (2%)
- Sudan: 7 (1%)
- Myanmar: 5 (1%)

*Only countries with more than 5 days of support are shown

**BY ORGANISATION**

- UNHCR: 678 (70%)
- IFRC: 250 (24%)
- IOM: 15 (2%)
- REACH / IMPACT: 4 (0.5%)

*Includes contributions from CanRC to IFRC, and from SDC to UNHCR

**BY TYPE**

- Remote Country Support: 378 (40%)
- Field Mission: 139 (15%)
- Global Regional Support: 429 (45%)

**BY REGION**

- Asia-Pacific: 89 (19%)
- Africa: 307 (64%)
- Americas: 56 (12%)
- MENA: 26 (5%)

**BY FUNCTION**

- Coordination: 557 (59%)
- Technical: 144 (15%)
- Information Management: 245 (26%)

**FIELD MISSIONS**

- Coordination: 153
- Information Management: 70
- Technical: 240

**KEY EVENTS**

- Coordination support to HLP issues in Ethiopia
- Coordination and IM support to Indonesia
- Coordination support to Mongolia contingency planning and simulation exercise
- Coordination and IM support to Mozambique
- Coordination support to Venezuela

**GLOBAL SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITIES**

Based on the number of days worked

107
JAN
220
MAR
20
APR
20
MAY
50
JUN
85
JUL

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Communities of Practice (CoPs) are voluntary bodies consisting of individuals with expertise and interest in a thematic area related to humanitarian shelter response, shelter practices or shelter coordination. The Environment CoP has been particularly active this year, below is an update of their activities:

► Support to the Democratic Republic of Congo Shelter Working Group (from December 2018 to June 2019)
Provided advice and networking support to the DRC Shelter Working Group on environmental issues related to IDP displacement as well as terms of reference for a 2 months temporary deployment to support the integration of environmental considerations into shelter responses.

► Development of a Strategic Advisory Group policy statement on single use plastic (from November 2018 to June 2019)
Based on a request from ShelterBox, relative to the banning of single use plastic in shelter/NFI kits. Options were defined and brought up to the GSC Strategic Advisory Group. A policy statement on single use plastic was approved by the GSC Strategic Advisory Group.

► Sphere Shelter Standard 7 Review Note (from January to February 2019)
Developed a Reference Note on the use of the Sphere Shelter Standard 7 for Environmental Sustainability for the presentation at the February Humanitarian Partnership meeting which was shared with the Environment Community of Practice.

► Use of bamboo for the construction of shelters in Ethiopia (February 2019)
Shared construction and preservation guidance on the use of bamboo for the construction of shelters following the request by the shelter cluster coordinator for the Gedeo and West Guji zones.

► Environmental issues related to Cyclone Idai (March to June 2019)
Developed a rapid assessment of possible environmental issues related to Cyclone Idai that was then conducted by the World Wide Fund (WWF) and provided advice to the Mozambique Shelter Cluster during the early phase of the response.

► Environmental issues related to Cyclone Idai (March to June 2019)
Conducted a rapid assessment covering single use plastics and other environmental issues in Vanuatu and focused on the integration of environmental concerns into pre-disaster planning (e.g reduction of single use plastics and removal/disposal of plastic waste after disasters).

► Plastic sheeting options and asbestos in Indonesia (May and June 2019)
Responded to a query from the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) on plastic sheeting and alternatives not based on petroleum sources and exchanged with the Indonesian National Shelter Sub-Cluster on the specific challenges related to the management of large volume of asbestos and asbestos debris.

► Nigeria (June 2019)
Provided support on a USAID-standard Initial Environmental Assessment and a review on the use of pesticides for treating wood used for IDP shelters in Nigeria.
CLUSTER LEAD AGENCIES

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

2018-2019 SAG MEMBERS

DONOR CONSULTATION GROUP MEMBERS

OTHER PARTNERS