



Global Shelter Cluster

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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

Contextualisation of NFIs



Humanitarian Aid
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Priorities for Shelter related NFI

- SPHERE:

Shelter is a critical determinant for survival in the initial stages of a disaster. **Beyond survival, shelter is necessary to provide security, personal safety and protection from the climate** and to promote resistance to ill health and disease.

- ECHO:

Shelter is a basic human need and a critical for survival in most disasters. Beyond survival, shelter is necessary to provide security, personal safety and protection from the climate and to promote resistance to ill health and disease. It is much more than a roof and four walls. **It is crucial for human dignity, to sustain family and community life, and to enable affected populations to recover from the impact of disaster.** Shelter and settlements also play an essential role in reducing vulnerability and building communities' resilience.

What does Contextualisation mean for life saving?

- Protect from life threatening cold
 - Beneficiaries need warmer or larger quantities of blankets & clothes, thicker mattress (foam).
 - Stoves & fuel are critical
 - Insulation and sealing off materials can make a life saving difference
- Protect from other life or health threatening climate
 - Cover from rain and/or strong sun
- Minimize fire risk

Shelter NFI for a secure, safe and healthy living space with privacy and dignity

Security is more related to the site rather than the distributed items whereas safety concerns:

- Safe from intrusion or theft, e.g. locks, safe boxes for valuables, **light**
- Safe/healthy to use, no harmful substances (especially for materials of water & food containers, clothing etc. but also construction materials)
- Fire safety of shelter materials (tarpaulin with specs for fire retardency!)
- “Safe” construction

Dignity:

- Cultural adequacy, such as specific cooking & eating utensils, clothes, construction techniques shelter models
- Possibility of privacy for gender or age specific groups
- Gender, age, disability: Accommodate for specific items for special needs

Other deciding factors can be:

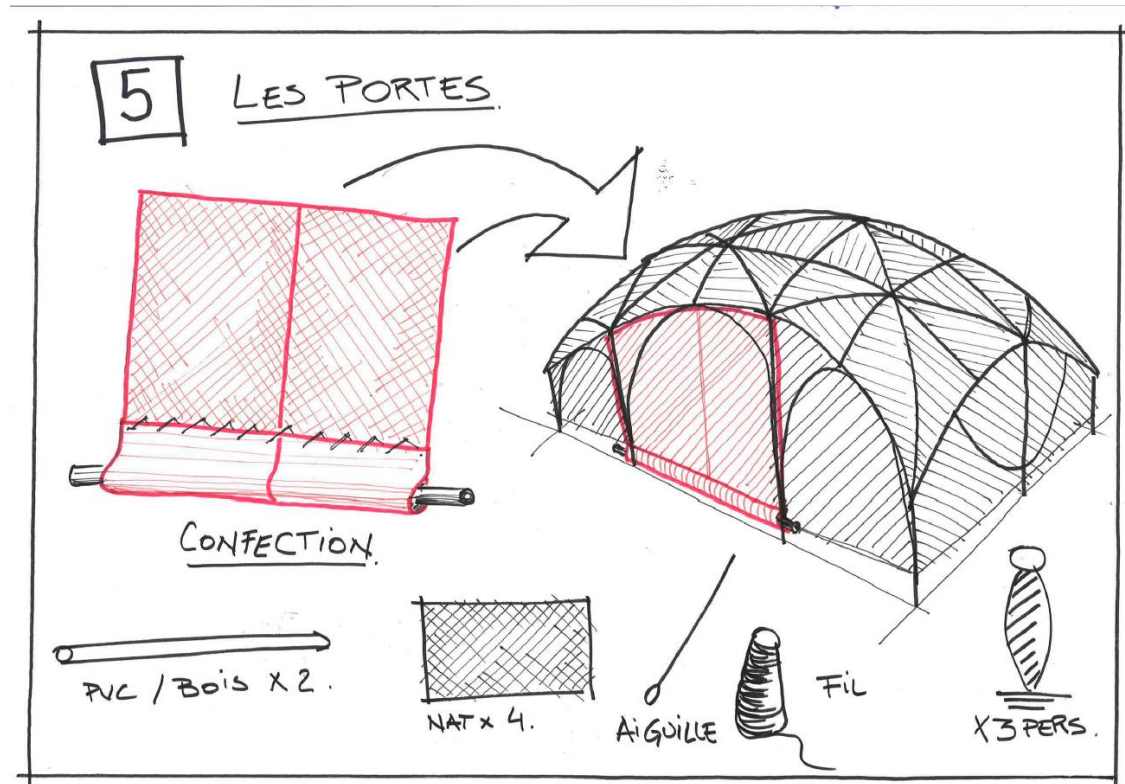
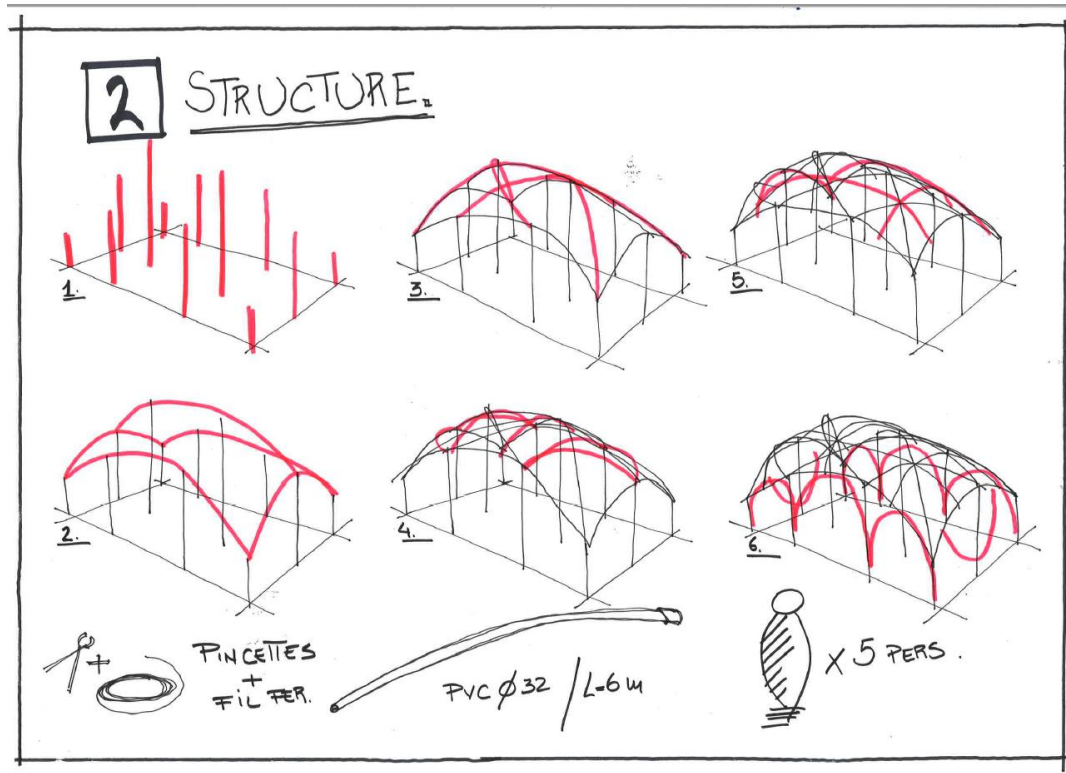
- Availability of materials to promote local procurement; cost efficiency & speed of procurement
- Different needs in urban or rural environments
- Environmental Impact of items (especially when considering local resources!)



Example



Example Context-specific Shelter Kit





Dome – diagonals and reinforcements



U-shape bracing with PVC tubes!



Doors with plastic carpets + ropes tensioned



Variation with woven mats from local materials and upgraded with shade net

QUESTIONS for POLL contextualisation



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