

GSC Annual Event 2024 - Session Notes - Day 2 - 2

Date: 13 June 2024

Time: 10:00-10:30

Thematic area: Responding to the challenges of our time, GSC 2024-2028 Strategy Focus, “Extending Impact and Optimal Reach”

Facilitator: Seki Hirano & Pablo Medin

Co-facilitator/Note taker: Alexandre (Angel may have additional notes)

Number of participants & countries represented (if relevant):

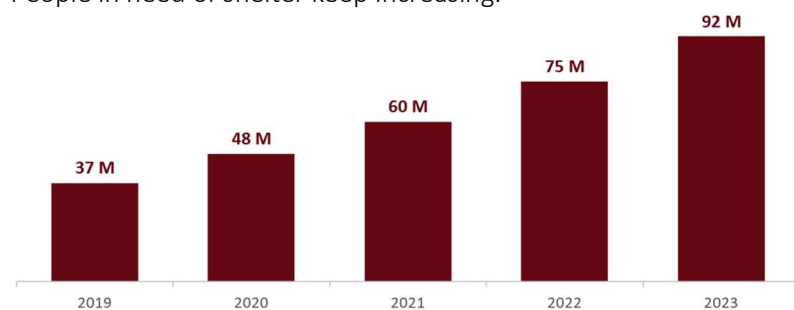
Summary of the discussion

Pablo started the session by saying that we are often asked to do more with less, but this is not what we want. We want to do more with more. The assembly stood up for being part of the solution. The people who participated in the strategy joined the presenters.

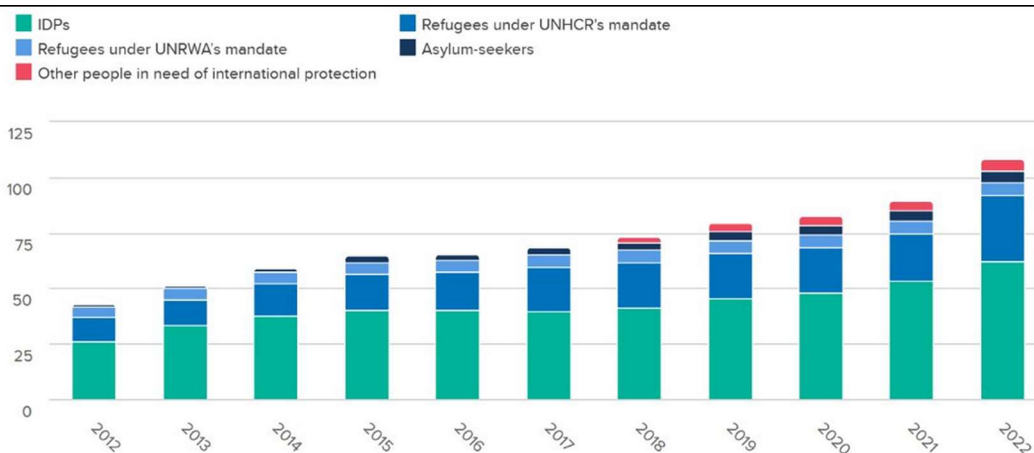
Seki presented the key figures :

- 20M people supported (7.3M people supported with shelter intervention and 15.4M with NFI).
- 92M people in need
- 32M people targeted

People in need of shelter keep increasing.



The number of people forced to flee has also increased during the last few years.

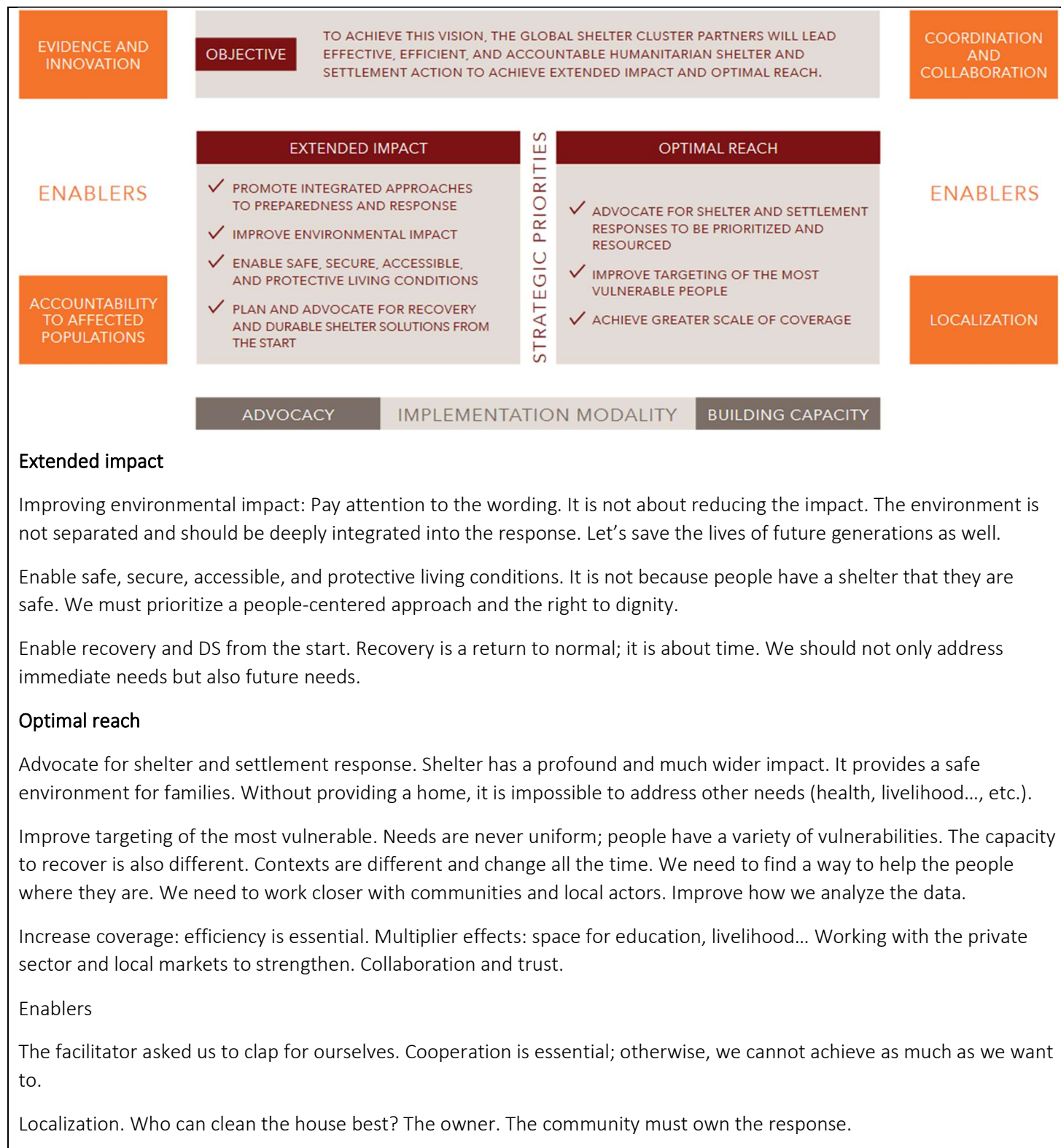


75.9M IDPS, including 68.3 by conflict and 7.7 by disasters.

- Increasing frequency of disasters (climate change, urbanization, socio-economic pressures)
- Dominance of climate-related risks (higher incidence of extreme weather events – hurricanes, floods, heatwaves)
- Greater economic and social impacts
- Misinformation and disinformation (influence on public perception and governmental policies)
- Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction (advances in disaster modeling and EA systems)
- Complex emergencies; conflict + disaster
- More frequent and increased intensity of disasters
- Competition for natural resources fuels conflict, and tensions lead to displacement, which affects living conditions
- Mixed populations responses; Migrants, Refugees, IDPs; Colombia, Sudan
- Recurring messages from flagship initiative and IDP review
- Community-centered Accountability to Affected Populations
- Localization
- Area-based coordination
- PROTRACTED HUMANITARIAN situations become the norm esp. in conflict contexts – need for durable solutions
- Humanitarians are asked to or strive to do more with less

The vision :

The Global Shelter Cluster envisions a world where all people affected by humanitarian crises have timely access to safe, dignified, and appropriate shelter and settlement solutions, in accordance with the humanitarian principles and the right to adequate housing.



Extended impact

Improving environmental impact: Pay attention to the wording. It is not about reducing the impact. The environment is not separated and should be deeply integrated into the response. Let's save the lives of future generations as well.

Enable safe, secure, accessible, and protective living conditions. It is not because people have a shelter that they are safe. We must prioritize a people-centered approach and the right to dignity.

Enable recovery and DS from the start. Recovery is a return to normal; it is about time. We should not only address immediate needs but also future needs.

Optimal reach

Advocate for shelter and settlement response. Shelter has a profound and much wider impact. It provides a safe environment for families. Without providing a home, it is impossible to address other needs (health, livelihood..., etc.).

Improve targeting of the most vulnerable. Needs are never uniform; people have a variety of vulnerabilities. The capacity to recover is also different. Contexts are different and change all the time. We need to find a way to help the people where they are. We need to work closer with communities and local actors. Improve how we analyze the data.

Increase coverage: efficiency is essential. Multiplier effects: space for education, livelihood... Working with the private sector and local markets to strengthen. Collaboration and trust.

Enablers

The facilitator asked us to clap for ourselves. Cooperation is essential; otherwise, we cannot achieve as much as we want to.

Localization. Who can clean the house best? The owner. The community must own the response.

AAP: people need to be at the center of our actions. Shift from affected population to affected people. Engage with those who are more at risk and those who are more difficult to find, the vulnerable.

Evidence: evidence makes humanitarian action more accountable and effective...

Evidence is needed to support quality, it is essential to avoid repeating mistakes, it helps adapt to the local context, and it is extremely powerful, the fuel for what to do.

Advocacy: at the heart of what we do. It is an enabler. Vital to share our message. It helps with resource mobilization

Capacity: Why? because we do care. Because we believe in coordination

How: sustainability, to talk about standards, do no harm principles

What? The cluster is working on information capacity. We need to believe in sustainability. We are responding in a better way. We need to reinforce those in the ground. Mentoring and coaching.

3 Priority Recommendations or 3 Key Takeaways

Seki concluded that it is a soft launch of the strategy and ask the assembly to feed it with comments, inputs, and remarks.