



Shelter Technical Working Group (meeting 1 | minutes)

Wednesday September 12, 2018

Participants: AORD, UPO, IOM, SAG, OCHA, UNHCR (Chair).

- Introduction:

It was noted that the objective is to plan for homogeneous shelter designs amongst ES/NFI partners for different locations and beneficiary groups. Lastly, basic shelter criteria.

- Beneficiary groups / scenarios for shelter assistance;

1. IDPs (Emergency/ Temporary Shelter)
2. Returnees (Permanent Shelter)
3. Refugees (Emergency/ Temporary Shelter)

- Shelter design criteria

1. Safe; The design should include disaster risk reduction measures e.g the shelter should be made with raised platform so that rain water does not enter into it. Fire resistance
2. Adequate; The shelter must provide enough space, ventilation, privacy, security, etc.
3. Appropriate; The shelter design must be culturally acceptable, by respecting tradition and cultural identity; environment friendly, by minimizing the impact on the local habitat; and climatically by ensuring thermal comfort in local climate conditions
4. Connected; The shelter shall be within easy access to water, sanitation, livelihoods and community services. In case of returnees and the design should also be extendable
5. Affordable; The design shall offer low-cost, offering value for money and allowing humanitarian agencies to reach out to the bigger number of beneficiaries
6. Replicable; The design must offer the beneficiaries with the resources and knowhow to expand or replicate the shelter construction
7. Sustainable; The design must be made with owner driven approach from the construction and later on maintenance of their shelter

- It was agreed to schedule the next meeting on the 25 September 2018 in UNHCR Blue Nile Conference Room at 9 AM. Partners will present the designs to the forum for comments.