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Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements
Coordinando el Alojamiento y los Asentamientos Humanitarios

The regional Shelter Cluster in Latin America and the Caribbean

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Shelter partners' operational presence

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14 Count of Organizations

Disaster response/reduction authority

+ ShelterBox is present virtually in all countries

Partners						
Count of Countries	Subtotal (Number)	ICM	ICC	Red Cross (National Level)	IFP	UNICEF
CR	ARC	CR-IP	South HCR	Save The Children	UNOCHA	UN Women
22	100%	17	77.27%	5	22.73%	0

Shelter operations

Experience in shelter operations

22 (100%)

● Yes ● No

Quality controls per recognized international and/or national standards

17 (77.27%)

● Yes ● No

Damage assessments

14 (63.64%)

● Yes ● No

Site planning

22 (100%)

● Yes

Build back better and safer

16 (72.73%)

● Yes ● No

Participatory processes involving affected communities

18 (81.82%)

● Yes ● No

Project management

12 (54.55%)

● Yes ● No

Market-based interventions in the shelter sector

18 (81.82%)

● Yes ● No

Shelter coordination

Presence of a humanitarian Country team in the country

17 (77.27%)

● Yes ● No

The agency is a key formal/informal partner of the national government

13 (59.09%)

● Yes ● No

Experience in shelter inter-agency coordination

13 (59.09%)

● Yes ● No

Information management

The maps used do not imply the expression of any opinion on the part of the Shelter Cluster concerning the legal status of a territory or its

As of January 2023



Regional Group on risks,
Emergencies & Disasters for Latin
America and the Caribbean since
2003

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Coordination with shelter and settlement actors to address immediate and long-term needs of people affected by disasters.

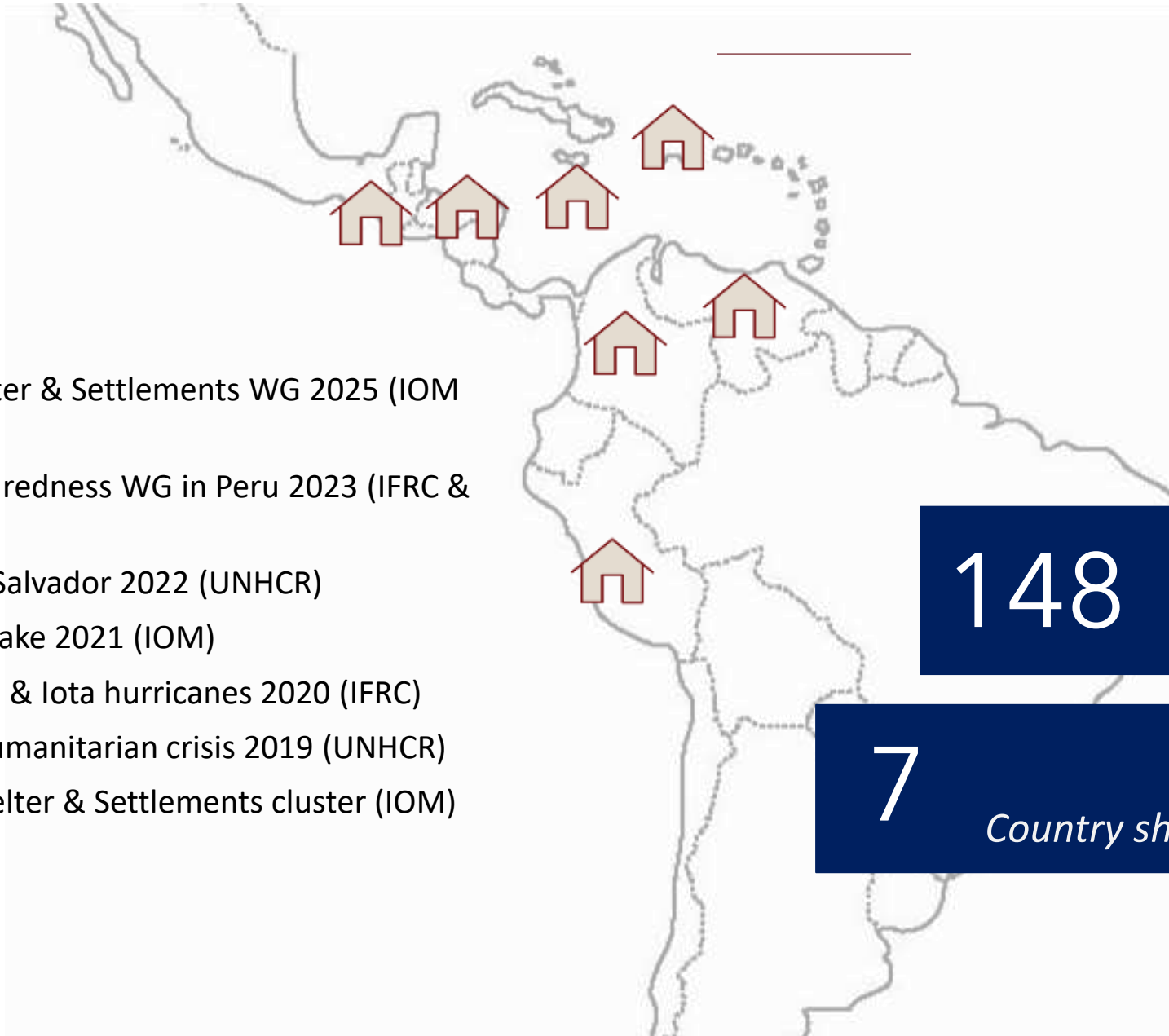
Coordinate the planning and implementation of appropriate and timely shelter responses

Lead preparedness activities and support contingency planning

Integration of disaster risk reduction and environmental priorities

REDLAC—Shelter geographical presence





1. Jamaica Shelter & Settlements WG 2025 (IOM & IFRC)
2. El Niño preparedness WG in Peru 2023 (IFRC & UNHCR)
3. TS Julia In El Salvador 2022 (UNHCR)
4. Haiti Earthquake 2021 (IOM)
5. Honduras Eta & Iota hurricanes 2020 (IFRC)
6. Venezuela Humanitarian crisis 2019 (UNHCR)
7. Colombia Shelter & Settlements cluster (IOM)

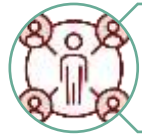
21 *Partners*

148 *Partners' country offices*

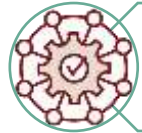
7 *Country shelter coordination teams*

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Activities



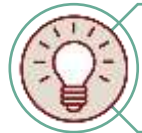
Mapping of partners and coordination mechanisms



Capacity assessments and capacity development



Inputs to regional contingency plans

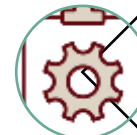


Inputs to shelter policies

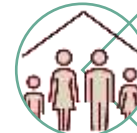


Advocacy for shelter & inclusion

PREPAREDNESS



Shelter strategies



Support to country-based coordination



DREF, EA & HPC inputs



Advocacy for shelter & inclusion

RESPONSE

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Products

Inputs to Shelter policies

ToR for coordination focal points, country-level coordinators and IMO, preparedness WGs, etc.



COVID-19 Shelter & settlements guideline



IFRC Shelter & Settlements roadmap

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SESSIONS		REDLAC - SHELTER
11:00 to 12:30 (EDT)		
13/05		Background information Urban and environmental risk in the region Mapping and DMA for damage assessment Building codes in the Caribbean and Latin America
10/06		Immediate response Structural assessment / Utility management Customer housing damage Shelter relief activities
08/07		Recovery and rebuilding Planning, land and property Disaster risk management Build Back Better and Durable
12/08		Long-term programming and funding Humanitarian funding in 2021 Humanitarian and development issues Urban planning for comprehensive risk reduction
09/09		Resilient settlements Accessibility to the affected population Capacity of architects High-tech and greenwood for community resilience Nature-based solutions

Hurricane preparedness resources



Directory of vendors of construction materials

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Training & Knowledge exchange



Neat + for shelter

Centrality of protection

Mainstreaming gender in shelter and
& settlements operations

Shelter & Settlements Fora (Online 2021, Colombia 2022)

Rental support



World Urban Forum 11 & 12



Regional shelter coordination
trainings (Colombia 2022,
Honduras 2023)



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Collaboration with other coordination mechanisms



- ✓ Sharing resources
- ✓ Inputs to CDEMA Shelter policy
- ✓ Support in contingency planning
- ✓ Support to regional and country-level WGs, e.g. Hurricane Beryl response



- ✓ Joint trainings
- ✓ Webinars

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Combined sectors meeting (Shelter, CCCM, HLP)

COORDINACIÓN DE ALOJAMIENTO, TIERRA Y ASENTAMIENTOS

1. ¿Qué nombre traduce mejor "Shelter, Land and Site Coordination" en el contexto de América Latina y el Caribe?

- 1 Coordinación de alojamiento, tierra y asentamientos
- 2 Alojamiento, tierra y coordinación de asentamientos
- 3 Alojamiento, tierra y coordinación de emplazamientos
- 4 Alojamiento, Tierra y coordinación de Sitios



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Housing, Land and Property AoR



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Supporting displaced communities



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