



## Highlights

1. El Salvador did not have an active HCT and the response was focused in CCCM activities. Starting in Oct 2011, the Shelter Cluster was activated and keeps working until now.
2. HCT started working with 7 organizations and now we count on 17 Shelter Cluster members and Government involvement, including the National Civil Protection agency.
3. There is a real and urgent need to train leaders from the government, NGOs and Shelter Cluster as well.

## Cluster strategy and objectives

### OBJECTIVE:

- Prepare Shelter Cluster members for an efficient response in case of humanitarian emergencies.

### STRATEGIES

- Design tools and define action mechanisms.
- Position the Shelter Cluster in the country through aligned capacities in “non-emergency” times.
- Train Shelter Cluster members on planning and implementation of shelter assistance mechanisms.

## Context and Response

- UNDAC qualifies El Salvador as one of the most vulnerable countries around the world in regards to social, economical, political, cultural and environmental sustainability aspects.
- 88.5% of the national territory is vulnerable to one or multiple hazards.
- 95% of the total population in El Salvador is located in vulnerable areas and has been affected by past disasters.

## Challenges

- Lack of understanding of Shelter Cluster and HCT roles by Government and other partners
- Shelter Cluster members have a very basic knowledge and little background about the Cluster System and humanitarian architecture
- Limited resources and funds

## Cluster Members

1. CESAL Association
2. Cooperative Housing Foundation
3. Fundación Salvadoreña de Desarrollo y Vivienda Mínima- FUNDASAL
4. Habitat for Humanity
5. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - IFRC
6. International Organization for Migration - IOM
7. Lutheran World Federation
8. OXFAM
9. Plan International El Salvador
10. The Salvadorean Red Cross
11. Shelter Box
12. Techo El Salvador
13. UN-Habitat El Salvador
14. United Nations Development Program UNDP
15. UNICEF
16. United States Agency for International Development (USAID/OFDA)
17. World Vision El Salvador

## Key Dates

Activation of Cluster : **October 2011**

Handover : **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Handover Cluster Lead: **Habitat for Humanity El Salvador**

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## Shelter Cluster Capacities

1. Technical Support
2. Volunteers mobilization
3. Implementation of Projects: Emergency Response, Reconstruction and Recovery
4. Non Food Items Provision and Distribution
5. Adaptative technologies in house designs
6. Micro-finance availability for affected populations
7. Construction materials production (limited)

## Shelter Cluster Tools defined at this time

- Activation Protocol of the Shelter Cluster
- Definition of Terms of Reference of the Shelter Cluster in El Salvador
- Mapping of capabilities of Shelter Cluster Members
- Draft of the Emergency Response Plan for The Shelter Cluster
- Physical location Map of attention areas of Shelter Cluster Members
- Shelter Cluster contact list (periodically updated)
- Calling Tree

### Cluster lead:



### Partners of the Shelter Cluster:



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