

## **SOMALIA SHELTER & NFI CLUSTER SUSTAINABLE SHELTER SOLUTION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TERM OF REFERENCE**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Technical Working Groups (TWGs) are created as needed to tackle specific issues. The Sustainable Shelter Solution (SSS) TWG is co-lead by IOM and UNHCR. Both agencies will assign a designated technical focal points to support the group's activities. The proposed thematic technical solutions group, shall operate for a limited time until the goals outlined in the Terms of Reference hereunder are accomplished within a maximum of eighteen (18) months and subject to revisions responsive to scale-ups or disengagements as maybe necessary.

Given Somalia's ongoing and multifaceted crisis, which includes a complex protracted crisis, drought, famine, and flooding disasters. Therefore, addressing sustainable shelter solutions remains an integral aspect of the shelter cluster response coordination and critical contributions to the recovery of affected population, national capacity enhancement and response transitioning to development assistances on exit.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

The primary objective of the SSS-TWG is to establish a consultative technical forum, that is consensus-driven, and impartial platform for harmonization of sustainable shelter assistances. The thematic purpose is to reinforce and operationalize transitioning technical advisories by the SAG or as maybe advised by the HC/HCT transitioning and sustainability mainstreaming. The WG shall support the relevant action design(s), costings, spatial placements and consolidate technical contributions, harmonize technical standards, and ensure that contextualized technical guidelines are formulated and tailored to address the needs of the affected populations. The WG in rolling out its coordinated and agreed sustainable shelter solutions, shall endeavor to foster sustainable and high-quality interventions, contributing to the desired Shelter implementation outcomes for IDPs in Somalia.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

The members of the TWG will be guided by the fundamental principles of impartiality, neutrality, commitment, confidentiality, and independence. Any technical guidance or decisions formulated by the TWG must be submitted to the Strategic Advisory Group for endorsement before being shared and implemented by the Shelter focused partner members. The WG shall equally endeavor to incorporate technical coordination input from and by partners of significant technical expertise and with experience for the Somalia humanitarian context.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP**

The key responsibilities of the Sustainable Shelter Solutions TWG are as below:

1. Develop technical design contributions to sustainable shelter assistance implementation, for the Somalia response building upon the emergency shelter provisions for the populations we serve.
2. Support the mainstreaming of protection solutions transitioning emergency response actions towards recovery and sustainability outcomes for displaced persons.
3. Promote and advocate for the use of internationally recognized shelter response standards and guidelines like the Sphere Handbook and other best practice relevant resources.
4. Undertake research studies, assessments, value chain analysis and technical evaluations of market place and system factors to advise shelter participatory designs, prototyping, field testing, and eventual adoptions of locally available materials usage in built environments, advising on market accessibility, determination of in-kind assistance, advise opportunities for cash-based interventions, etc. in supporting delivery of appropriate housing and implementation of the choice shelter typologies.
5. Enhance and advise members on considerations to Incorporate climate change and climate adaptation actions in shelter and settlement developments, undertake environmental impact assessments and evaluations of the shelter action, advise and incorporate cultural sensitivity lens to sustainable shelter delivery.
6. The technical compliment of the focal group designate, shall also promote the mainstreaming and innovative approaches to harnessing opportunities for housing, Land, and Property (HLP) rights and in application of established continuum guidelines on rights enjoyment by the shelter recipients.
7. The WG is to incorporate considerations of the shelter delivery impact on the environment, especially considering increasing deforestation in Somalia and recommend and or implement remedial restoration measures.
8. Promote and work towards adoption of area-based design approaches, nuancing and leveraging locally resourced materials.
9. Encode in the design articulations for shelter and the settlements developments thereto to allow for accessibility and disability inclusion.
10. Promote partnership and practice of consultations with the Somalia government, strengthen the collaboration with line ministries such as Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction & Housing, SoDMA, Lands, Planning among others.
11. Promote the collaboration with and participation of INGO's/LNGOs, and especially thus with national NGOs in ensuring technology and capacity transfer, whilst gaining on their significant local knowledge and provision of timely information from the field, as well as drawing upon expertise from regional hubs.
12. Always take into consideration Accountability for the Affected Population

#### **THEMATIC SHELTER TASKS/ OUTCOMES:**

1. Undertake appropriate Shelter solutions desk reviews of existing appropriate standards (national and international), including reviews and reinforcement Somalia's building codes in the shelter and settlements developments.
2. Develop technical guidance criteria for shelter designs and implementation of sustainable housing solutions in Somalia tailored to specific contexts and in alignment to the international

- standards and available building codes and guidelines including contextual best practice and lesson learning.
3. Review and assess the technical design elaborations and the Bills of Quantities (BoQ) and Bills of materials (BOM) specific to the appropriate transitional and sustainable shelter typologies.
  4. Based on regional, climatic, local context, HLP rights requirements, Cultural appropriateness, lifestyle, aspirations, and perceptions etc. the WG will develop a coordinated design selection criteria and provide recommendations to improve the existing designs.
  5. Develop a national Somalia Shelter Profile compendium, analyzing the vernacular design elements, architectural logics, modular construction articulation and make available to the cluster members as a repository of typologies and optimized design detailing including BoQ, and construction detail Drawings etc.
  6. Collect, and document methodologies, good practices and lessons learned in the context of Somalia and share them with the cluster members.
  7. Develop the Technical tools as per needs (IEC materials, monitoring tools, assessment tools, guidelines etc.) for the Sustainable shelter interventions in Somalia.
  8. Conduct a comprehensive analysis of strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement, drawing from the expertise of partners and feedback from beneficiaries.
  9. Develop a realistic and achievable action plan for the Sustainable shelter Solution TWG and contribute to the Somalia Shelter Cluster Strategy.

## **COMPOSITION AND MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP**

1. The WG shall be a cluster technical contributor and a participatory forum, that includes UN agencies, and international and national non-governmental organizations working on humanitarian shelter and settlements development across the country.
2. Technical participants are expected to allocate time and effort in order to fulfill the TWG objectives within the planned timeline. Mainly they should be committed to the following:
3. Relevant expertise and experience in the shelter programming. Each member agency should nominate one regular representative that will attend the meetings. These representatives should be the focal points for the agency. By participating in the TWG, each representative commits to work towards the realization of its objectives to make time and human resources available to carry out tasks agreed by the TWG.

The Sustainable Shelter Solution Technical Working Group will be composed of technical personnel from the below shelter cluster members:

- Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction, & Housing
- Shelter Cluster
- UNHCR
- IOM
- NRC
- HAPPEN
- Juba Foundation

The TWG may at any point invite ad hoc participation of any entity or individual, as determined relevant, on specific issues or themes. It is the responsibility of the TWG leading agencies (IOM and UNHCR) to ensure that outputs from TWG meetings are brought to the attention of SAG, followed up, and endorsed by SAG.

### **PROCEDURE OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

The TWG will meet at least monthly, and on the request of the recommendations issued from the cluster meeting or based on the request of lead agencies or TWG members to address urgent ad hoc issues. The SAG will further deliberate on how to adopt common position if no consensus is possible. Positions/advice will be recorded in minutes. Meetings should be held according to 'Chatham House Rules' i.e., comments are incorporated but are not attributable to any particular organization.

Agendas, minutes, and action points of TWG meetings/teleconferences will be published on the cluster website and circulated through the cluster address.