

Evidence, Research and Advocacy - GROUP 1

Key Actions

How do you see evidence, research and advocacy as being linked?

What role can cluster members play?

Need to think about who we are advocating to and for what reason e.g. research to help to improve impact is v different to research to build an evidence base so as to advocate to donors for more funding

without evidence it is difficult to advocate and to have evidence we need research :)

Integrating MHPSS into Shelter activities can help to identify how shelter can contribute to wellbeing.

GSC can work more closely with other clusters so this evidence is understood by all and more widely disseminated and promoted by other clusters for better impact and integration

What the cluster measures during a response creates evidence, ensuring that there is some indicators on the wider impact of S&S during responses, evidence can be captured

Cluster members share stakeholder/power mapping and access to stakeholders for collective advocacy actions

Support from Agency leads(as logistics transport to remote areas) (for analysis and data)

Regular recording the evidence , analyzing the event based research and dissemination of messages time to time !

humanitarian agencies could work with researchers to set up assessment and M&E mechanisms that also provide robust data for more overarching analysis. If different agencies use the same frameworks, a sizeable amount of

Carry on new contacts with MHPSS Reference Group to learn about adopting a MHPSS approach in Shelter

Some research is beginning to focus on demonstrating the wider impacts of S+S interventions (but much more needed)... more focus needed on how to increase/improve/maximize/build on those wider impacts

play an important role in collecting data or facilitating research to collect evidence. Shelter Clusters could coordinate such efforts to ensure that data collected in assessments and evaluations is coherent and can be

Joint advocacy key messages developed with other clusters

'stuck' in evidence gap... in order to build evidence, we can start to tweak evaluations immediately. Wider indicators (which can be identified by affected population themselves) can start to 'measure' the wider impacts of shelter. E.g. on psychosocial

It would be great to be able to go back 1 year, 5 year and maybe even 10 years after a shelter project. This would really be able to provide great information for shelter impacts across sectors

--> projects documented in "shelter projects" could be revisited to assess long term impacts!

Develop Joint Operational Frameworks e.g between Shelter, WaSH and Health

look at what FS cluster have done on comparative analysis

Should there be a GSC WG or CoP to focus on measuring impact and linking S+S and MEAL colleagues?

Agree. This seems to be an area where S&S can struggle to develop MEAL tools. More participatory tools are available - training needed

great idea!

Shelter and Protection - GROUP 2

Key Actions

Key links between shelter and protection



The shelter should consider the protection profile of the family, family composition, background, needs, etc.

Should be taken into account the minimum living standards that are internationally recognized.

CARE Lebanon PRM model is Protection programming with Shelter outputs

Examples from projects you have been involved in

How do we integrate in local efforts and promote and not replace local leadership?

Ensuring that response coordination happens in local language

Change attitude and have more humility when working with communities

Use local leadership structures

Make it clear to local counterparts that we are there to support and mentor, not dictate.

By standing a good communication with local community and establishing public relation unit

Utilize the principles of the settlements approach to support existing political and leadership structures in coordinating action at the local level = bottom up decision making

Invest in preparedness and spend time to understand context before hand, local cultures and local construction. local stakeholders and communities, building partnerships etc

Identify local capacities and needs to scale up local response

Listen to local communities. We just don't do that enough!

Investigate why people do things the way they do

To promote local participation and promote local knowledge rather than less the outside skills and capacity

Check the Country level profiles for existing building techniques and designs.

Assess local capacities, not only needs => to strengthen existing structures

Invest in local coordination - local organisations so they can support local authorities to coordinate shelter responses - ie investing more in Red Cross National Societies

How do we make use of evidence of multisectoral impacts of shelter to increase local awareness of S&S?

Increase donor awareness of these multisector impacts

Provide the historical multi sectoral evidence time to time and increase dissemination

Promote programming that uses multi-sectoral approach in responding to shocks

