

SHELTER CLUSTER

SUPPORT TO SELF RECOVERY STRATEGY

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Overview:

On 12 February 2018 Tropical Cyclone Gita, with wind speeds above 200 kilometres per hour, landfall on 'Eua and Tongapapu in the Kingdom of Tonga. TC Gita is the strongest recorded cyclone to have made landfall, causing significant damage to the housing sector:

- **819 houses destroyed.**
- **3,889 houses damaged.**¹

The TC Gita response was led during the emergency phase by National Emergency Management Office (NEMO). During this phase, relief agencies distributed c. 6,500 tarpaulins and 1,288 tool kits. This means that most households have received tarpaulins and tools are accessible to one in every four families with damaged houses. The emergency shelter phase has been quick and comprehensive and provides a strong basis for early recovery. The Ministry of Infrastructure, taking over from NEMO, is now responsible for recovery coordination.

Coordination:

Cluster Lead (Emergency)	NEMO
Cluster Lead (Recovery)	MoI
Coordination Support (Emergency/Early Recovery)	IFRC
Partners:	Tonga Red Cross, MORDI, Caritas Tonga/Caritas NZ, CARE, Live & Learn, Habitat for Humanity NZ.

Goals:

- **Support** owner/occupier driven self-recovery.
- **Invest** in preparedness, build back safer messages, technical support, training, and awareness.
- **Prioritise** vulnerable households and those with the least capacity to recover themselves.

Objectives:

- **Support** families to repair and rebuild their homes by investing in ongoing processes of self-recovery, prioritising vulnerable households;
- **Empower** community decision-making and recovery, supported by an appropriate package of assistance;
- **Enable** communities to make informed decisions to reduce future risk and towards supporting individual families rebuilding their destroyed or damaged houses;
- **Invest** in preparedness with build back safer messages, technical support, training, and awareness; and
- **Promote** household and community resilience and knowledge and awareness of the built environment.

¹NEMO Situation Report 11, 5/03/2018.

Shelter Recovery Actions:

- Provision of recovery items, including nails, strapping & banding, roofing materials, tools or - where appropriate.
- Development of training materials to ensure families are able to build back safer.
- Provision of technical support through community-mobilisation, and recruitment of builders, carpenters, mobile construction teams to provide support and assistance.
- Targeting of vulnerable households, including people with disabilities, single-headed households, the elderly. Additional materials, technical support, and social mobilisation may be provided in cases where houses have been destroyed and where the family has limited or no ability to self-recover.

Collaboration:

Shelter Cluster agencies will work closely with the following sectors to ensure an effective and holistic response. Shelter agencies will work in collaboration with MoI and NEMO in the supply and distribution of relief items in order to complement reach and maximise impact.




- Emergency (NEMO)
- Recovery (MOI)
- WASH
- Safety & Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Economic & Social Recovery

Principles:

A coordinated response will ensure:

Common approach	All agencies implement according to a common approach, assistance values, and technical standards.
Equity	Households will appropriate support to promote self-recovery and adequate shelter, recognising that different households have different needs.
Protection	Vulnerable people, families and communities who have the least ability to fully recover on their own are prioritised for assistance
Gender	The specific needs of women and men, boys and girls are integrated into the response.
Community ownership	Households and communities are at the centre of decision-making in recovery programs.
DRR	Implementing agencies will ensure build back safer messages, training and information are at the core of their recovery programs.

Technical Annex 1

Damage	Caseload (HH)	Target #HH*	Intervention*	Value (TOP)*	Assumptions
Minor damage 	2,889	578	-Fixing kits -Strapping -Flashband -BBS messages	<500	-Many HH have already self-recovered -20% of HH need assistance
Major damage 	1000	250	-Fixing kits -Strapping -Nails -CGI -Construction materials -BBS messages -Technical support	<1500	-Many HH have already self-recovered -20% of HH need assistance
Destroyed 	819	655	-Fixing kits -Strapping -Nails -CGI -Construction materials -BBS messages -Technical support -Labour	< 3000	-20% of HH have recovered by themselves. -80% in need of assistance.
TOTAL	4,708	1,483	*This is a guide only. Communities should be consulted on their specific needs to ensure an appropriate response.	*Indicative values	

***Will be revised as up to date assessment information.**