

Strategic Advisory Group (SAG). Websites and minutes [here](#)

The Global Shelter cluster SAG has been addressing multiple issues including; financing of the cluster (resulting in a 2015-2016 ECHO grant and forthcoming plans for a Donor roadshow) coordinating global cluster meetings and retreats, reviewing working groups plans and outputs, and providing common comments on the DG ECHO shelter and settlements guidelines. Specific documentary outputs of the SAG include: a Shelter Cluster [Endorsement framework](#), and documents on [Resourcing the Global Shelter Cluster](#) and a [GSC donor roadshow](#).

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Working group updates:

[Accountability](#) - [Workplan](#) (click for link)

The accountability working group has been working on multiple issues relating to improved accountability of decision making and in response, primarily through enhancing systems on monitoring and evaluation of clusters and shelter responses. These systems include those including assessment, evaluation, indicators and measuring impact. The group has also been working on compiling a library of samples of tools used by information managers. Additional outputs include: a feasibility study on a [Shelter Information Portal](#), an evaluation of the [Shelter and NFI cluster in Pakistan, 2010 to 2014](#), common shelter [indicators](#), and a revised two page document highlighting shelter cluster issues in relation to [Accountability to Affected Populations](#).

[Shelter in Recovery](#)

Given the breadth of relevant ongoing initiatives across the sector, the efforts and resources of Working Group are best employed in linking with and supporting such processes both as individuals/organisations but on behalf of the cluster. Additionally Advocacy and Linkage activities have been identified as a potential task and priority of the WG.

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[Technical and Innovation](#) – [workplan](#) (click for link)

The technical and innovation working group was established in 2014, and has been working on [template technical guidelines](#) with accompanying [Technical guidance note](#) and [library list](#). These have already been adapted for use in Nepal. The group also supported the shelter meeting as a technical meeting in the last quarter of 2014, proceedings can be downloaded here: <http://www.sheltercentre.org/node/40344>. For 2015, the group is planning to work on local procurement guidance, support on shelter case study compilation, map technical activities in the sector and ensure ongoing global fora in shelter continue.

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[Outreach and Capacity Building](#)

The Outreach and Capacity Building working group is developing a number of products to improve engagement with the shelter sector at local, national, and international levels with the ultimate goal of improving the capacity of the shelter sector to deliver upon coordination and operational responsibilities. In particular, this working group has delivered an online self-learning distance learning module entitled [“More than just a Roof”](#), provisionally located in the resources section of the [Shelter Cluster website](#). The Shelter Cluster website has also been migrated to a new platform,

aligning its technology with other key partners such as the OCHA-led HumanitarianResponse.info and providing a more sustainable, cost-effective modality for supporting sharing of cluster information. Finally, a mapping of regional fora where shelter-related outreach should be encouraged and supported has been identified.

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Regulatory Barriers in the Provision of Shelter

There is no longer a working group on regulatory barriers. However this will continue as Community of Practice as time and resources allow.

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