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**Objective:** to raise the profile and provide a better understanding of the humanitarian shelter and settlements sector

**Audience:** humanitarian policy makers, donors, governments, academics and senior managers of humanitarian agencies and institutions

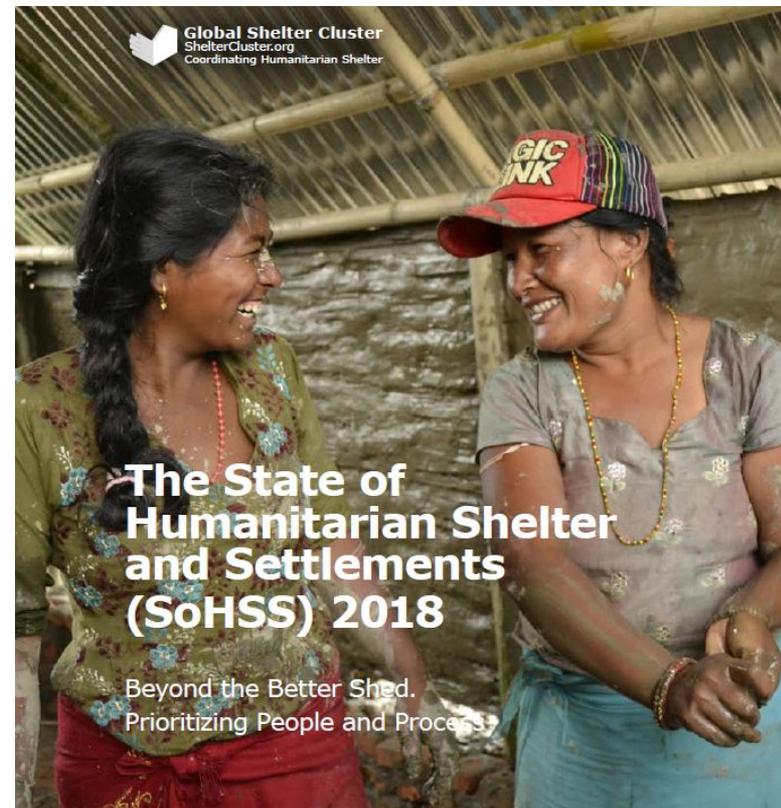
Part I:

- Challenges and Opportunities
- Tools and Understandings

Part II:

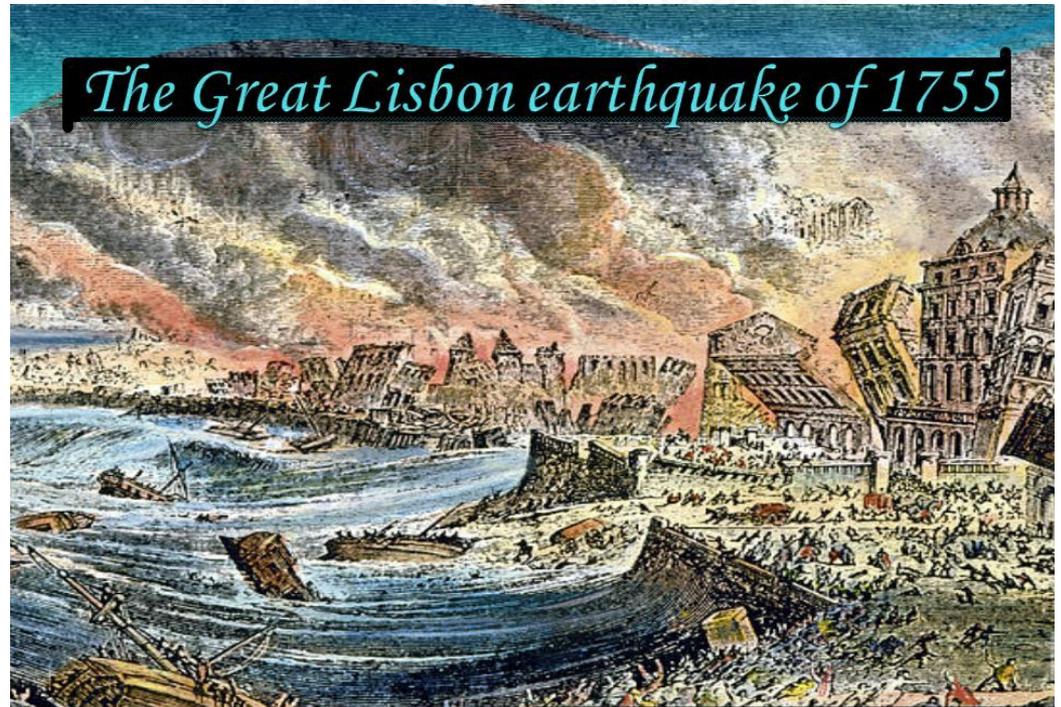
- Statistical Analysis
- Technical Annexes

19 Chapters - 13 Text Boxes - 51 Authors



## The Long View Charles Parrack, Ian Davis

- A separation still exists between emergency shelter response and permanent housing
- The responses to some of the most significant disasters in history led to changes and developments that continue to influence housing and city design



## Preventing dispossession Why HLP rights cannot be ignored

**Kirstie Farmer (NRC), Victoria Stodart (IFRC), Leanne Marshall (AusRC), Neil Brighton (NRC)**

- HLP chapter captures years of sector-leading and collaborative work and outlines the importance of considering HLP issues in shelter response
- Complements the fact that Sphere will now have a security of tenure minimum standard
- Practical advice, including preparedness work being done
- Recognised as a priority area, in the GSC strategy and more widely, so read it and be a champion for HLP!



## Following Local Building Cultures      Towards long-term community-based DRR

**Eugénie Crété (AECC / ENSAG), Olivier Moles (CRAterre)**

- An extensive collaboration of 25 diverse organizations over 8 years: (re)construction and repair programmes, educational activities, fundamental research, and development of new standards
- Supporting self-recovery through LBC is being increasingly valued. Still, questions on how to implement it more systematically require further consideration.
- Raise awareness and encourage academic research into understanding and retro-engineering local building practices



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## Shelter in Cities: intrinsically linked to how cities are built and governed

Aynur Kadihasanoglu (American Red Cross) Sandra D'Urzo (IFRC)

- A multi-faceted, multi-layered and highly complex process
- Requires thorough understanding of the relationships between the physical patterns of urban spaces.
- A continuing dialogue among all concerned parties, and a cross-disciplinary cooperation.
- Collecting and analyzing urban-specific data.
- A new type of humanitarian, working as convener and facilitator, rather than as service provider.

## People First: Agency, choice and empowerment in support to self-recovery

Holly Schofield and Bill Flinn (CARE International, UK)

- **Self-recovery after disaster:** Why supporting self-recovery is so important and what are *some* of the practical steps that we can take to support it more effectively.
- **Self-recovery is not the exception it is the norm.** How do we extend the impact of interventions to reach the majority of disaster affected people who do not receive formal assistance?
- **Key message:** *‘The primary resource in the provision of post-disaster shelter is the grassroots motivations of survivors, their friends and families. Assisting groups can help but they must avoid duplicating anything best undertaken by survivors themselves’.*



## Leading by example - looking to the future and implications for the shelter and settlements sector

### Jake Zarins (Habitat For Humanity)

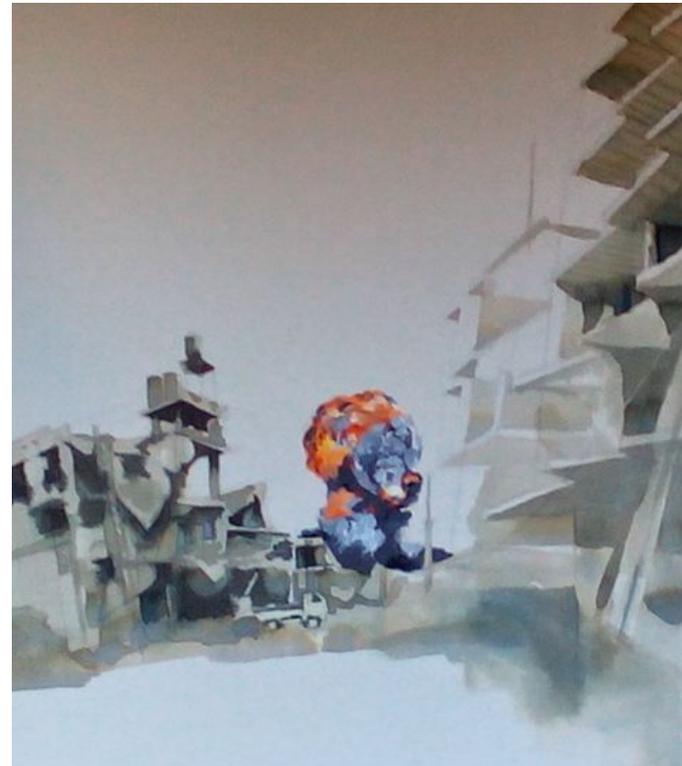
- We might all be doomed! Or at least working much harder in years to come as a result of climate change, population growth, unsustainable exploitation of resources etc unless some things start to change.
- Acknowledgement of these realities is broadly absent in our sector - as it is from society generally. But we see the evidence and should be saying more and saying it louder.
- As a sector and as part of the humanitarian community we could, and should be doing much more to **lead by example** and embed 'sustainability' more systematically into our work - and forcing a change to a more holistic view of addressing causal issues rather than endless, expensive and low impact firefighting.



# The Grand Bargain: Challenge or Opportunity?

Lizzie Babister (Independent)

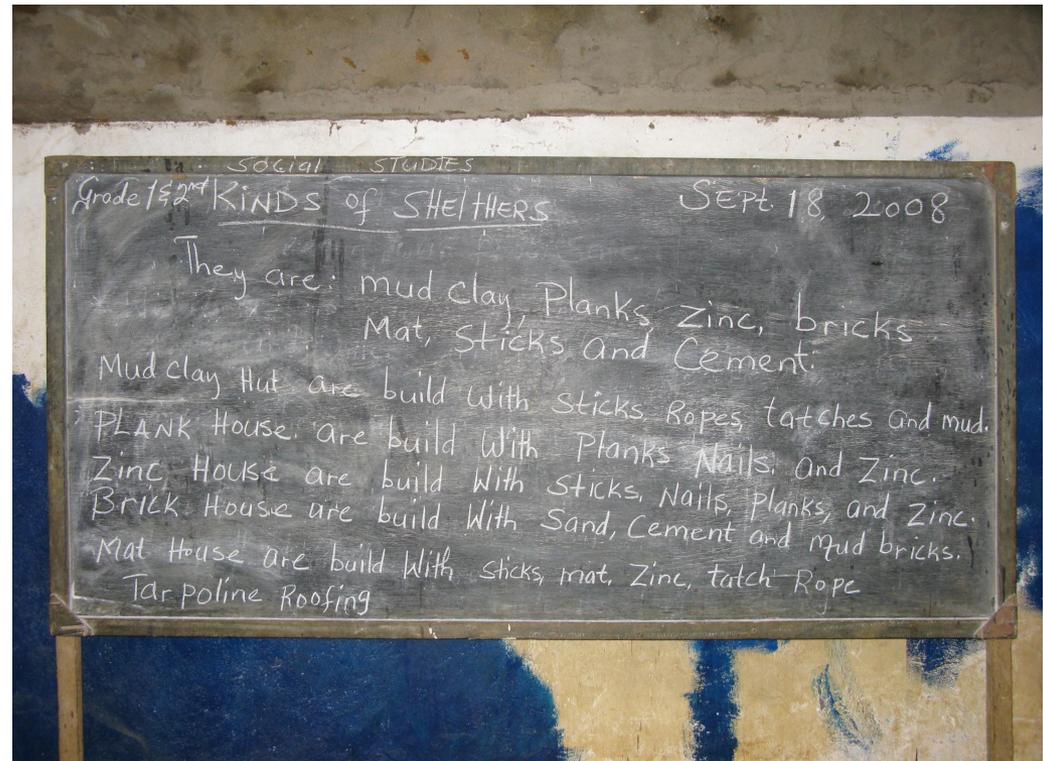
- The Grand Bargain provides a platform for the shelter and settlements sector from which to advocate for system-level change.
- How can we ensure that the Grand Bargain's overarching aim of efficiency is balanced against the needs of the most vulnerable recovering their shelter and settlements?



## Building with cash: Choice, quality and the importance of technical assistance

### Jake Zarins (Habitat For Humanity) and Tom Bamforth (IFRC)

- Multi Purpose/Unconditional cash is a reality the shelter sector needs to embrace, and a tool we will need to learn how to programme with.
- The primary concern of the shelter and settlements sector is – and should be – to ensure that families affected by emergencies have a safe, adequate, and dignified place to live.
- The key to ensure we can meet this objective in a world of cash is to drastically increase focus, expertise and efforts around the technical assistance we provide to affected communities by making use of technology and different skill sets - and convincing donors of its value and importance.



# The weight of a standard

by Seki Hirano, Christine Knudsen and Ela Serdaroglu

- Standards are distilled wisdom. Helpful humanitarian standards are developed through consensus, informed by the most current technical knowledge and practice, drawing upon global experience and are refined to be locally applicable.
- Not about global standardisation of metrics but more about adapting the standard itself to the context of a specific situation: **reference point** and **contextualization**
- The weight of a standard is due to the fact that they translate fundamental rights and principles into action to save lives, promote dignity and recovery.



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# Divided we fall: coordination/collaboration

Tom Bamforth (IFRC), Miguel Urquia (UNHCR)

- **Under pressure!**

There is a spectrum of coordination: exchange of information, **communication, alignment**, merging of programs and organisations. Humanitarian coordination faces numerous challenges

- **Challenges:**

Coordination systems remain international focussed: how to engage effectively with private sector, local civil society, government counterparts or regional response platforms (eg. ASEAN/AHA Centre)?

How to maintain interest in protracted emergencies?

Transition to recovery suffers from lack of agency/institutional continuity and relatively short term funding for emergency response.



# Measuring shelter: for a more effective response

Elisabeth Vikman (REACH)

- What do effective sector-wide assessments have in common?
- How can we accurately measure “the gap”?

...and the underlying / causal factors of the gap?



# Transition to recovery

**Maggie Stephenson** (Independent)

Humanitarian shelter actors achieve little in housing and settlement recovery. The gaps are greater than the coverage. We are fragmented, over-ambitious and in a hurry.

what are we trying to achieve?

what is our added value?

- recovery as a process, longer than us
- recovery as an complex ecosystem, with many stakeholders and relationships
- recovery rights, protection, inclusion, accountability, access



## Importance of the Settlements Approach

- Settlements, Where we Live and Work, Provide **CONTEXT**, and are the Multi-sector **PLATFORMS** for promoting Survival, Production, DRR, and Longer-Term Recovery
- The integration of info and action in defined locations enables engagement with **new** audiences, **new** resources, and **new** opportunities, which can lead to **new** options for action
- This approach is particularly useful in urban settings.

