

# DEFINING THE MINIMUM SHELTER ASSET

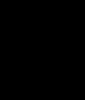
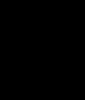
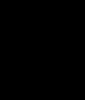
“Have we got what it takes? Meeting shelter capacity”

Shelter and Settlements team at OFDA/USAID

# OFDA's mandate:

*“saving lives, alleviating human suffering, and reducing the social and economic impact of disasters”*

3 basic ideas to get us to understand the minimum standards for a shelter asset ...



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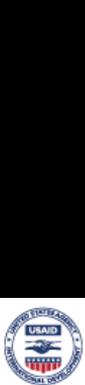
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2. Doing the job of development but not completing it, and not providing the right kind of links to recovery.
3. S = 4 W + R. Takes away intrinsic motivation and replaces it with extrinsic motivation.

1. Karl Dunker, social scientist.
2. Sam Glucksberg, social scientist.
3. Dan Pink, motivation, researcher, author.

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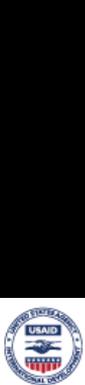


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2. To ask what are we leaving behind other than materials.



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1. Explain to national stakeholders what we can, and cannot do.
2. Ask what are we leaving behind other than materials.
3. Work more with development actors, and see where they start.



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# OFDA's continuing projects

1. Investing in the diaspora community.
2. Information, education, and communication
3. Academic + practitioner, finding evidence for our decisions.
4. USAID/INTERACTION/Habitat for Humanity Student Shelter and Settlements Fellowship.

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