

Developing a common global humanitarian library



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Humanitarian stakeholders currently do not share a humanitarian technical memory.

Lack of a common knowledge base constrains:

- learning from past experience;
- risk reduction;
- preparedness; response and recovery;
- humanitarian innovation.



11a The Shelter Library



user login

community members can participate in discussions, vote and comment upon library content, see and post jobs, and locate other community members worldwide.

Username or e-mail: *

Password: *

create new account
request new password

MapBox | Terms of Service | Data: CDBYSA OSM contract map

featured resource

Shelter after disaster

Shelter after disaster: strategies for transitional settlement and reconstruction offers a framework for integrated shelter, settlement and reconstruction following natural disasters.



The guidelines were revised with the consensus of the Shelter Meeting, and the key approach is also published both in the World Bank Handbook and forthcoming Sphere Project Minimum Standards. The revision is of the 1982 edition, Shelter After Disaster: Guidelines for Assistance.

details download file visit the library

shelter centre news

Shelter Meeting 11a

The next Shelter Meeting will take place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of May 2011 at the Natural History Museum of Geneva. The key note speech will be at 14:00 on May 12, 2011.

Shelter Meeting is a twice-yearly global forum, organised by Shelter Centre, open to all humanitarian stakeholders responding to the shelter needs of populations affected by conflict and natural disasters, from preparedness through to the completion of reconstruction.

Shelter Meeting 11a. register

recent discussions

- Self help housing for indigenous *Replies: 2*
- Shelter Training *Replies: 3*
- Model Building Specifications in French *Replies: 1*
- Shelter Meeting 10b *Replies: 0*

shelter events

APRIL						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 4 APR 2011 Housing Forum Europe and Central Asia
- 13 APR International disaster and emergency

recent library resources

- Transitional Shelter Guidelines consultation document: April 2011
- Design of a post disaster temporary shelter unit
- Truths and myths about community participation in post-disaster housing projects

popular library resources

- Shelter after disaster
- Bamboo Construction Manual (Manual de Construccion con Bambu)
- Transitional Settlement: Displaced Populations (TSDP)

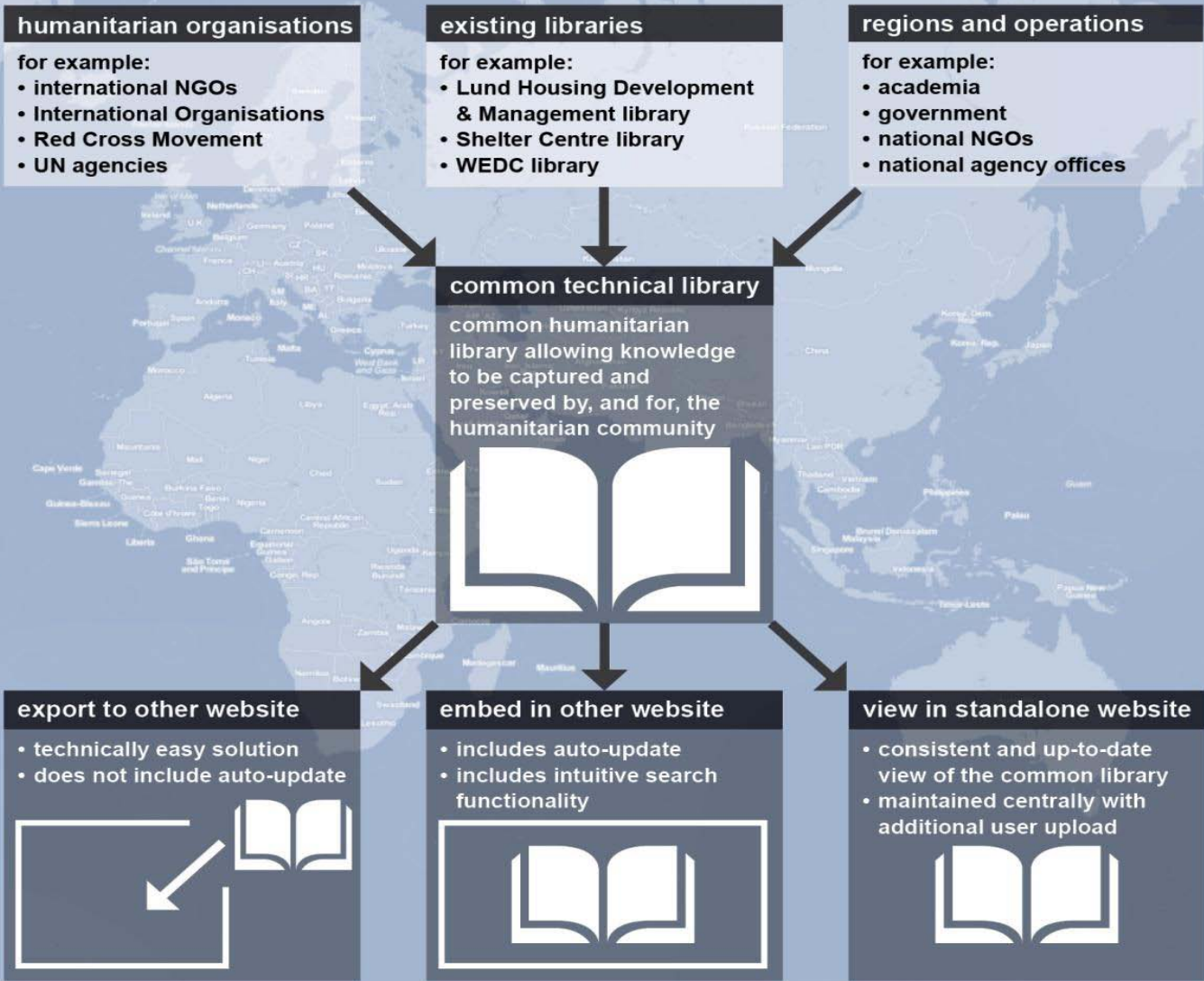
recent members

- Andrew Cursack Shelter Centre
- Charlie Greig (Podpassiv Ltd) Humanitarian Consultant
- giulia Humanitarian Consultant
- Abbas Khan Humanitarian Consultant

This project is the first global open source
common humanitarian technical library

Supported by a global network of
regional knowledge HUBs.

Structure of the common humanitarian technical library





Library content can be **exported** and **downloaded** at any time by anyone

The library can be **embedded** or 'integrated' into the website of a partner or partner resource

The library will be presented through **regional HUBs**

11a HUBs

Structure of HUBs filtered by region

- the common humanitarian library will work by filtering information regionally.
- the library will display events, library items and jobs in the region.
- each HUB will be region specific, while at the same time being underpinned by a central database.



11a Library features

User interface, interaction and a relational database

1. personalised content on Shelter Library

library search results
search found 135 results
Results per page 10 25 50

From Shelter Relief into Permanent Housing in Haiti: how do we get there?
★★★★☆ ICM, UNHCR, Danish Refugee Council, Shelter Centre 2010

Collective Centre Guidelines
★★★★☆ ICM, UNHCR, Danish Refugee Council

Urban Shelter Guidelines
★★★★☆ NRC, Shelter Centre, 2010

amazon.co.uk example

Your browsing history

Your recently viewed items

Medical Geography: World - Accounts, Notes, Stats and Locality
By Dr Carl Pfen (14 Feb 2006)
ASIN: B000454000
Price: £23.34
£2.00 off (save from £25.34)

An Extraordinary Geography of the Global South
By Jonathan Rogg (14 Jun 2007)
ASIN: B000454000
Price: £22.64
£2.00 off (save from £24.64)

2. user rating on Shelter Library

review library resource

downloaded: 432 times
read: 603 times
reviews: 125
average readers' rating:
★★★★☆
rate this resource here
★★★★☆

amazon.co.uk example

amazon.co.uk

Click to LOOK INSIDE!

The Companion to Development Studies
By S. A. Khan (14 Jun 2006)
ASIN: B000454000
Price: £24.11
£2.00 off (save from £26.11)

from and sold by Amazon.co.uk
shipped delivery by Tuesday, 7
£12.99 used from £23.95

3. popularity of content on the Shelter Library

5. content filter on the Shelter Library

filter current search
enter keywords

filter your current search by selecting one or more of the following criteria

select by

- relevancy
- title
- type
- author
- date

select further or search

select by author

- Ashmore, Joseph (1)
- Baldrige, Steven (1)
- Carmen, Ferrer (1)
- Cuny, Frederick C. (1)
- Eberhard, Marc O. (1)

ebay.co.uk example

ebay.co.uk Welcome!

CATEGORIES FASHION

374 results found for risk

Categories

- Books, Comics & Magazines (370)
- Non-Fiction (306)
- Children's & Young Adults (33)
- Fiction (20)
- Others (10)
- Computing (3)
- Photography (1)

more from same type

more from same publisher

Urban Shelter Guidelines
NRC, Shelter Centre, 2010

ebay.co.uk example

ebay.co.uk Welcome! Sign in as a registrant

Your last viewed items

- management
- shelter
- disaster relief
- haiti
- international development
- humanitarian

Your recent searches

- management
- shelter
- disaster relief
- haiti
- international development
- humanitarian

popular library resources

Natural Hazards, Unnatural Disasters: The Economics of Effective Prevention
Aparva Sanghi, S. Ramachandran, Alejandro de la Fuente, Martina Tonizzo, Sebnem Sahin, Bianca Adam
UN Habitat, The World Bank 2010

Quick Facts: Shelter and Human Rights
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

amazon.co.uk example

What Other Customers Are Looking At Right Now

- Practical Disaster Relief
By David Colson (14 Jun 2006)
ASIN: B000454000
Price: £3.00
- High Impact and The Deadly Pathways of Disaster Health Service
By Martin... (14 Jun 2006)
ASIN: B000454000
Price: £5.40
- 7 Years
By... (14 Jun 2006)
ASIN: B000454000
Price: £7.36

4. related content on Shelter Library

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The common library will have:

- vacancies;
- events;
- on-line members forum;
- regional listening devices;
- regional cluster announcement page; and
- partners contribute resources to the library.

Why is this different?

- It's **open source** and everyone can upload and participate;
- it will be **open to anyone**;
- it will have **easy to use features** popular amongst commercial sites;
- we already have '**buy in**' from agencies willing to collaborate; and
- it will be **constantly updated** with relevant information.

The library will:

- make **individual upload** possible;
- improve the **transfer of information**
- create a **collective memory**;
- increase **engagement**
- foster **communities of practice**;
- preserve more **local information**;
- **improve access** to technical resources.

This will result in:

- improved technical capacity;
- agencies responding quicker and more appropriately; and
- beneficiaries receiving **faster and more adequate assistance.**

We are currently developing the a beta version of the website.

Do you want to have access to the **website address** to view and comment on the library?

We want your feedback!

The partners on the project are:

- Habitat for Humanity,
- Norwegian Refugee Council,
- International Organisation for Migration,
- Oxfam GB, and
- University of Cambridge.





Do you want to have access to the **website address** to view and comment on this library?



Please **tick** the box in the feedback form.

Please fill in your feedback sheets!

The image displays several overlapping feedback forms from the '11a Shelter Centre' meeting. The forms are titled 'FEEDBACK FORM' and include the following sections:

- Personal Information:** Fields for Name, Organisation, and Email.
- Introduction:** A paragraph explaining the purpose of the feedback form to understand organisational priorities and requirements.
- 2. Topics-Day 2:** A section for selecting topics of interest, including 'CORE regional technical training'.
- 2.7 CORE regional technical training:** A detailed section asking if training would be useful, if the organisation is interested in sending representatives, and what methods of support are available.
- 2.8 CORE regional technical training:** A section asking about interest in implementation of a further regional hub, including fields for Region and Country.
- 2.9 CORE regional technical training:** A section asking about interest in updating information on the regional learning platform.
- 2.10.3:** A section asking if the respondent is willing to participate in future discussion on the development of tools and resources to support inter-sector collaboration.

Each form includes a footer with the meeting details: '11a Meeting in UN/ODD in Geneva, Dec - 30 Dec 2015' and the Shelter Centre logo.

Thank you for participating!

For more information, questions and comments, contact
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