GSC RESEARCH BASELINE AND NEXT STEPS
GSC Research Baseline Findings

1. Key Baseline Questions.
2. Understanding of Research.
3. Barriers to Research
4. Priority Themes.
5. Expertise.
6. Next steps.
Purpose:

To describe the research priorities of humanitarian practitioners engaged in coordination of humanitarian response.
Scope of Geography and Participants:

42 Countries
20 Cluster Coordinators
24 Academic Partners
11 SAG members
Key Questions:

How is Research understood and used by Shelter Clusters?

What are the Research Priorities of Shelter Clusters?

What are the Research Capabilities available to Shelter Clusters?
GSC Research Baseline Findings: Understanding

Widespread appreciation of the link between research, quality and accountability.

Causal research questions and comparative research questions were mentioned as the most useful types of questions for strategic planning and advocacy.

Descriptive questions which are useful in the early stages of a response.
GSC Research Baseline Findings: Barriers

Systematic barriers:
Related to the *culture, values and expectations* regarding research within the humanitarian system.

Practical barriers:
Related to the steps involved in *finding evidence or implementing research*. 
GSC Research Baseline Findings: Themes

The following areas were mentioned most often by participants:

- The Longer Term, including Recovery – What are the barriers?
- Cash and Markets Approaches – When are they appropriate?
- The Wider Impact – How can we demonstrate this?
GSC Research Baseline Findings: Themes

SAG Research Priorities
- Wider Impacts
- Cash and Markets
- Conflict
- Space Standards
- Self-Recovery
- HLP
- Longer Term Impact and Recovery

Cluster Coordinator Research Priorities
- Longer Term
- Wider Impacts
- HLP
- Local Partners
- Local Materials
- Underfunding
- Non Camp Approaches
- Communicating with Households
- Cash and Markets
- GBV
- Climate Change
- Emergency Shelter
- Inclusion
- Winterisation
- Conflict
- Other
GSC Research Baseline Findings: Expertise

Research Partner Disciplines

- Architecture 14
- Multidisciplinary 4
- Humanities 2
- Planning 2
- Urbanism 2
- Engineering 6
- Health 2
- International Development 2
- Politics 2
There is a **significant amount of enthusiasm and activity** around research in the GSC Working Groups:

**The Recovery Working Group** – Contributed to and planning research.
**Cash and Markets Working Group** – Planning research.
**The Shelter Projects Working Group** – Planning research.
**The Disability and Inclusion Working Group** – Participated in research.
**The Environment Working Groups** - Contributed to research.
**The Construction Working Group** – Planning a research network.
GSC Research Baseline Findings: Next Steps

Next Steps

1. Focus research work on **improving the evidence base** in the priority thematic areas of Longer-Term Recovery and Cash and Markets.

2. Ensure that the **value of research and evidence** and the harmonisation of response and research processes are supported by the new GSC strategy.

3. Review research priorities and research partners **on a regular basis** to ensure the continuing relevance of GSC research work.
Research Questions: Cash and/or Markets approaches

What are the criteria for deciding when and where
Cash and/or Markets approaches are appropriate in support
of those who have lost their shelter and settlements
in humanitarian crises?
Research Questions: Connecting Relief to Recovery

Why are there barriers to connecting the relief and recovery for those who have lost their shelter and settlements in humanitarian crises?
Thank you

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