The Global Shelter Cluster
Research Agenda
“A lack of evidence makes humanitarian action less effective, less ethical and less accountable”.

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The GSC Research Agenda: What is it?

The **Research Agenda** is a guide to the **key areas** where the Global Shelter Cluster is focusing its research efforts.

We welcome **evidence from the research community** in these areas to build the evidence base for supporting shelter and settlements in humanitarian crises.
The GSC Research Agenda: What it is not.

The Research Agenda is not an exhaustive list of the research priorities of all practitioners. It is focussed on the gaps we need to fill.

The Research Agenda does not reflect the research priorities of all stakeholders working on shelter and settlements in humanitarian crises.
The GSC Research Agenda is based on a consultation with Cluster Coordinators who identified priority themes where more evidence is needed.

This agenda is intended to guide the generation of more evidence which can be used in support of humanitarian assistance for shelter and settlements.
The GSC Research Agenda: Three Priority Research Themes

Cash and Markets

The Wider Impacts

The Longer Term
The GSC Research Agenda: Key Research Questions

Cash and Markets Approaches for Shelter and Settlements in Humanitarian Crises

❖ What are the criteria for deciding when and where cash programming approaches are appropriate in support of those who have lost their shelter and settlements in humanitarian crises, and what influences these decisions?

❖ What is the impact of cash programming for households who have lost their shelter and settlements, in comparison with other modalities?
The GSC Research Agenda: Key Research Questions

The Wider Impacts of Shelter and Settlements in Humanitarian Crises

❖ What is the role of shelter and settlements in the health /livelihoods /protection of households who have lost their shelter and settlements?

❖ How do the wider impacts of supporting households who have lost their shelter and settlements indicate how support is best provided?
The GSC Research Agenda: Key Research Questions

The Longer Term of Shelter and Settlements in Humanitarian Crises

❖ How have shelter practitioners navigated barriers to support households recovering from humanitarian crises?

❖ What can humanitarian agencies learn from how households self-recover in the longer term?
The GSC Research Agenda: Next Steps

➢ Donors:
  Consider how you can resource research capacity for evidence-based responses.

➢ Research Partners:
  Consider how you can contribute to answering the research questions and consult practitioners on your research design.

➢ Practitioners:
  Reflect on the questions to refresh and expand the Research Agenda.
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