

Fiji Shelter Handbook

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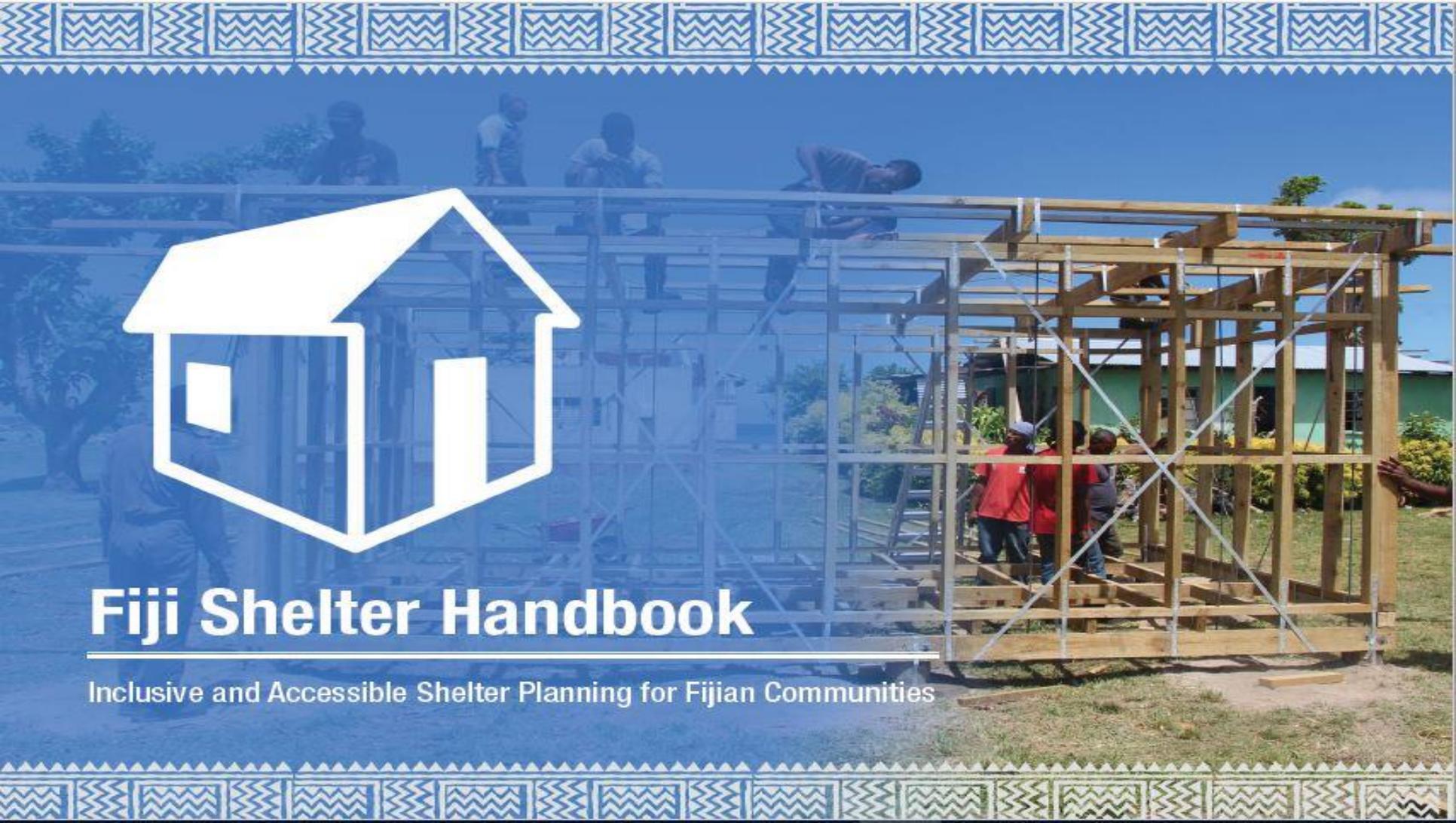
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“Sometimes people are not involved, because we haven’t invited them. The beauty of this project is that it is all about process and that is what shelter is all about”.



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Inclusive and Accessible Shelter Planning for Fijian Communities



Background

- The Fiji Shelter Handbook has been developed to support the shelter sector in Fiji to deliver appropriate, inclusive shelter solutions to urban and rural Fijian communities impacted by hazards.
- Process led by Shelter Cluster Fiji co-lead Habitat for Humanity Fiji (co-lead with IFRC since 2016, post-TC Winston), with the input of cluster partners.
- Supported by the Australian Government's Disaster READY Program which aims to strengthen local humanitarian capability and preparedness in Fiji so that communities are better able to respond to and recover from the impact of natural hazards.
- The handbook was drafted during preparedness times.

Focus of the handbook

- Focusses on shelter coordination, preparedness and response in Fiji.
- Existing mechanisms, networks, organisations and processes in place in Fiji to deliver appropriate and inclusive shelter assistance to various sections of the affected population.
- Shelter solutions for the various response phases (emergency, early recovery etc.), most applicable and acceptable in the Fijian context.
- Target audience = shelter responders

Process

- Desktop research – online and visits to institutions
- Community consultations – 19 communities (377 people - Central, Western, Northern, Maritime Islands)
 - Including also community feedback exercise on the draft handbook
- Stakeholder (sector) consultation – 70 organisations (136 people - Central, Western, Northern)
 - Shelter Handbook Working Group
 - Peer review workshop
- Disability Inclusion in Shelter workshop
 - Technical disability inclusion review
- Gender inclusion in Shelter workshop

Keep a look out for these icons throughout the handbook:



Disability inclusion



Gender inclusion



Community feedback

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National Coordination 1



Home partner builds her home with shelter responders in Vanua Levu

Chapter 1: National Coordination

- Disasters in Fiji
- The Fiji Cluster System and the disaster management structure
- Disaster declaration process
- Emergency contacts
- Shelter agencies and partners
- Land tenure system
- Requirements for construction
- Community dynamics
- Cultural protocols

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2 Preparedness



DISABILITY AND PREPAREDNESS

One size does not fit all

The shelter needs of persons with disabilities (PWD) in Fiji are poorly understood. Building standard pays little attention to the accessibility of private homes and public infrastructure and subsequently so too does the construction industry. Additionally, the lack of locally developed standard operating procedures (SOP) and guidelines around shelter accessibility and Disaster Response (DR) is evident of the fact that the needs of PWD leading up to and following natural disasters are understood even less.

Over recent years the humanitarian shelter sector has worked to better understand the shelter needs of PWD and how these needs can be catered for in shelter products and processes. Intersecting layers of culture, and gender, age, and economic-related vulnerabilities add further levels of complexity. Accessibility should be maintained throughout a response, from prepositioned emergency shelter kits and evacuation centres to transitional and core homes. Intersecting layers of gender, children, poverty and culture add further levels of complexity to meeting the needs of PWDs. The cross-cutting issues listed here must become part of the analysis of disability disaggregated data for shelter recommendations to be sustainable, and to adequately meet the needs of PWD. Every responding

agency has the responsibility to support PWDs during natural disasters and emergency situations (UNCRPD 2006).

Definition: "Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others"

(Source: Fiji's Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2018)



Participants at disability inclusive shelter workshop in Pacific Harbour

Chapter 2: Preparedness

- Key shelter messages
- Media and information
- PASSA
- Prepositioned emergency shelter and essential household item stocks
- Disability and preparedness
- Gender and preparedness

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Emergency Response 3



Shelter responders at work distributing shelter repair and emergency shelter kits

Chapter 3: Emergency Response

- Emergency response options
- Temporary shelter
- Evacuation centres
- Emergency approach for disabilities

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Recovery 4



Women build back safer at Nakorovou Village in Rewa

Chapter 4: Recovery

- Recovery shelter solutions
- Disability inclusion
- Recovery approach for gender

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5 Logistics

Fiji has a small but diverse market for supply of construction materials that is predictable and challenging at the same time. This chapter highlights the supply chain process in place, key stakeholders involved and challenges faced by shelter responders when dealing with logistics.

The goal of the Logistics Cluster is to plan, implement and control the efficient, cost effective flow and storage of goods and materials, as well as advise on the transport of supplies, from point of origin to the point of consumption for the purpose of alleviating the suffering of vulnerable people. The function encompasses a range of activities, including preparedness, planning, procurement, transport, warehousing, tracking and customs clearance.



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What does Logistics do?

Logistics is a SUPPORT service. It requires a service mindset. Logistics needs to be INVOLVED from the beginning to be effective

- ▶ Planning/ Assessment
- ▶ Mobilisation/ procurement
- ▶ Transport Management
- ▶ Warehouse Management
- ▶ Tracking/ Reporting
- ▶ Standardisation
- ▶ Training and capacity building

What does Logistics not do?

- ▶ Predict the needs and the distribution plan
- ▶ Tell you what you need
- ▶ Decide the specifications (though will advise)
- ▶ Goes 'shopping' and has your goods within a few hours

For useful resources, see Appendix E and for more information contact the Pacific Regional Logistic Cluster: Jenna.lusaka@wfp.org

Chapter 5: Logistics

- Logistics agencies
- Ports overview
- Aviation
- Ground handling cargo
- Roads
- Containerisation
- Storage
- General considerations
- Stakeholder voice

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