



FEDERATION SHELTER TECHNICAL TRAINING

Context

The Global Agenda of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies commits it to reducing the impact of disasters, addressing vulnerabilities, enhancing local capacity to respond and promoting respect for diversity and human dignity. The International Federation and its membership will strengthen its capacities, resources and approach to the provision of shelter after disaster. Reflecting the broad understanding of shelter and the range of activities undertaken by Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, this include improving the quality and effectiveness of the initial relief assistance, ensuring that recovery and risk reduction considerations inform the initial response and providing the requires support to transitional and permanent shelter activities.

This event forms part of a learning/training process to build capacities inside the Movement, in order to provide a more consistent level of expertise and approach within the shelter sector.

When/Where

The training will be hosted by Australian Red Cross in Brisbane, Queensland - Australia from the **31st of May to the 4th of June, 2010** in the Urban Hotel in Brisbane (<http://brisbane.hotelurban.com.au/>). More logistical information will be forwarded to the participants that are selected to take part in the training.

Purpose, Objectives, Methodology

The International Federation, through the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, has a long history of responding to emergency shelter needs. It has delivered emergency shelter solutions, transitional and permanent housing.

During the latest major disasters, the Shelter Department has been supporting Field Operations to emergency shelter needs since the emergency phase.

The main purpose of this training is to enhance and expand capacity regarding shelter issues to lead and provide a predictable and high quality emergency shelter response.

This training is focusing in field and technical people that can be deploy some hours after a natural disaster take place.

The objectives are that by the end of the workshop participants will :

1. Have a common understanding of what is shelter, key shelter challenges and the process of sheltering.
2. Be familiar with the International Federation mechanisms for Emergency Operations, through the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
3. Understand the role of the FACT Shelter Delegate, and Relief ERU in Emergency Operations, and their link with the Shelter delegate.
4. Have a good generalist awareness of emergency shelter approaches, options, standards and current thinking relevant to emergency shelter responses.
5. Assessment, monitoring, evaluation techniques for affected and host populations, pertaining to building damage, resources and risk management.
6. Understand the range of possible impacts of settlement and shelter upon local, national and regional security, community relations, natural resource management, and other sectors of response such as relief, logistics, early recovery water and sanitation.
7. Understand the range of transitional settlement options available for support and reconstruction following natural disasters and how these options can be combined into a strategic response.
8. Implementation steps for emergency-transitional settlement and reconstruction programs.
9. Understand the relevant standards (country specific, Sphere etc) and best practice in the use of these standards
10. Gain an overview of safe shelter and appropriate construction technologies in context of disaster response and preparedness.



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Methodology

The course will be in **English**. The facilitators will come from Australian Red Cross and the IFRC Secretariat. The workshop will apply standard workshop methods, including discussions, presentations, best practices examples and exercises, requiring participant contributions and involvement.

Participants

Participants must be nominated by their National Society, who agrees to cover all travel, per diem and accommodation costs. The estimate cost of the training will be around 1,000 CHF (accommodation and per diem), travel expenses are not included in this estimate. These expenses should be paid by the participants according to the agreement they reach with their National Society. The facilitation and venue costs will be covered by Australian Red Cross and the Federation Secretariat.

Any candidates must have the requisite skills and experience (see attached Participant Profile), and be available for deployment as part of a FACT, Relief ERU or as programme Shelter Delegate.

Final selection of the participants will be undertaken by the IFRC Shelter and Settlements Department.

CVs from potential participants should be forwarded to Sarah Davies from Australian Red Cross (sdavies@redcross.org.au see contacts below) latest by the 7th of May 2010. Notification of participation will be confirmed by the 11th of May 2010.

Should this training course be oversubscribed candidates who are not able to participate will be prioritized for the next course delivery.

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Participant profile

Required Preferred

Education/Qualifications		
Self-reliance, and an ability to work in challenging environments.	X	
Degree or similar professional qualification in Structural/Civil Engineering, Architecture, Construction Management or related technical field	X	
Basic Delegates Training Course (BTC), WORC and IMPACT training or equivalent knowledge	X	
Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT), Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) or/and Emergency Response Unit (ERU) or		X
Experience		
Experience of working for the Red Cross/Red Crescent	X	
Experience of working for a humanitarian aid organisation in a developing country	X	
A minimum of three years construction experience, including site supervision and contract management.		X
Experience in developing and implementing shelter or community infrastructure projects on behalf of development organizations.	X	
Experience of and fluency with appropriate construction administration systems and procedures, in particular control of works and financial management.		X
Familiarity with current standards and guidelines for humanitarian emergency response, in particular Sphere.	X	
An awareness of appropriate local construction technologies and materials.		X
Experience of managing and supporting staff	X	
Experience of managing budgets		X
Skills/knowledge		
Self-supporting in computers (Windows, spreadsheets, word-processing, e-mail)	X	
Valid international driving licence (manual gears)	X	
Languages (English)	X	
Skills in training and developing staff		X
Competencies		
Results Focus and Accountability; Teamwork; Communications; Professional standards; Commitment to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.		
Leadership; Managerial effectiveness		