



Location: Nairobi, Dakar and Abuja (TBC)

Dates: Between July 2019 - Nov 2019 as below:

Shelter Decision-Makers Training: 8th-12th July 2019 (French) & 23rd-27th September 2019 (English)

Shelter Technical Training: 2nd to 6th September 2019 (French) & 28th Oct - 1st November 2019 (English)

Applicants for the shelter technical training will be expected to have successfully completed the mandatory online-trainings and required pre-reading. Once an applicant is confirmed by the training selection committee as a participant, and completed the training, they will be expected to complete a final exam to confirm their expected competencies as per the IFRC Shelter Competency Framework.

Background

On the 27th January 2018 Luxembourg Red Cross and IFRC signed a two-year agreement for increasing shelter support to Africa Region.

The overall aim of this two-year collaboration is to support the 49 NS in the Africa Region to ensure that communities are better prepared, have increased resilience and are in a stronger position to address their shelter and settlements needs when affected by natural disasters and conflict or urban risk. The focus of the shelter support is centered on meeting the needs of vulnerable communities, before, during, and after a disaster, and to move forward with the targets set in the IFRC Africa Road Map 2017-2020.

Shelter and Settlements components are common elements in both Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) and Emergency Appeal (EA) Operations. In addition, National Societies are involved in durable shelter programs with Partner National Societies in the Region. Services range from distribution of household relief to emergency shelter in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, to long-term reconstruction afterwards. Shelter and Settlements area of focus also includes planning, location and settlement planning, adequate living space, household items, technical assistance, security of tenure and environmental sustainability.

Shelter Collaboration Objectives

The Shelter Collaboration project is aimed at achieving the following results:

1. To develop a Shelter and Settlements strategy for the Africa Region building upon the Africa Road Map to integrate shelter more deeply into responses and develop a specific program for urban shelter

2. To work with NS to increase capacity in terms of shelter preparedness, response and recovery through trainings and pre-positioning of stocks to meet the needs of the affected population in a timely and quality manner
3. To establish a shelter needs assessment mechanism that will be available to the 49 NS as required, and supporting with resource development by establishing partnerships with global actors and strengthening the capacity for fundraising

Aim of the Trainings

The Africa Region Shelter and Settlements Training is aimed to increase the National Societies shelter and settlements response capacity by; increasing the awareness of senior decision-makers on shelter and settlements programming, as well as increasing the number of technical staff with shelter technical competencies to be able to effectively design and to shelter and settlements needs in the Region.

There are two types of trainings offered to each National Society as described below:

- **Senior Decision-Makers Shelter Training** This training is led by the Africa Region Shelter Team and will focus on shelter awareness, advocacy and strategy development. This training targets senior decision-makers at the National Society including SG, ASG and Head of Programs. The training duration is three days.
- **Shelter Technical Training** This training is led by the IFRC Shelter Research Unit (SRU) and supported by the Africa Region Shelter Team. This training will target technical staff and/volunteers that respond to shelter events and support to design shelter programs and have availability to deploy on missions. The training duration is five days.

Courses Objectives and Training Content

The learning process throughout this training contributes towards the overall objective of increasing the overall quantity and quality of shelter responses in Africa by increasing National Society shelter and settlements capacity in shelter and settlements standards to be able to effectively design and implement shelter and settlements programs in both emergency and recovery contexts. The learning is focused on enhancing participants' understanding of shelter and settlements assistance options, gain awareness on IFRC and other shelter standards and tools, as well as to acquiring an understanding on how apply this learning to the context and specificities in Africa Region.

The specific objectives for the Shelter decision-makers training are:

- Gain awareness of the Africa Regional Shelter Strategy defined by 10 NS in the Region;
- Understand the Shelter and Settlements sector and range of response options;
- Gain knowledge of the role of IFRC in the shelter sector as well as lead for Cluster Coordination;
- Learn how to develop a Shelter Strategy and Action Plan with a Shelter and Settlements component
- Increase the participants knowledge on standards, guidance and tools for Shelter and Settlements programming
- Improve the participants knowledge of IFRC tools, procedures and systems and finance options including DREFs and Appeals

By the end of the course participants should be able to have the necessary knowledge on the Shelter and Settlements Sector, so as to be able to make rapid and informed decisions for designing and implementing a range of response options in Shelter and Settlements, both in emergency contexts as well as for longer terms recovery and resilience programs.

Target Audience

- We would like to invite **two senior decision-makers from each National Society for this training**. This can include the SG, ASG or Senior Programs staff, that have the ability to drive decision-making and strategic vision in their NS.

The specific objectives for the Shelter technical training are:

- Understand the Shelter and Settlements sector and range of response options;
- Learn how to carry out assessments and develop a detailed Plan of Action with a Shelter and Settlements component
- Increase the participants knowledge on standards, guidance and tools for Shelter and Settlements programming
- Gain knowledge on good practices in Shelter and Settlements programs
- Increase knowledge on shelter recovery approaches, urban programming, DRR and shelter resilience and build back safer

Target Audience

- We would like to invite **two shelter focal points from each National Society for this training**. This includes shelter staff or volunteers with relevant previous experience, and interest in Shelter and Settlements work. Priority should be given to individuals aiming to deploy on international missions as surge shelter capacity that have not previously completed the IFRC STT (Shelter Technical Training)

Cost

All travel costs for the participants attending the trainings from African National Societies will be covered by Luxembourg Red Cross and the IFRC Shelter Research Unit. This includes flight tickets, hotel nights before/after the training and per diems, as well as accommodation and food at the training venue.

Language

The trainings will be conducted in both English and French. Please ensure your nominations for the course possess proficient competency of English or French to ensure they can actively follow and participate in the trainings.

National Society Participation

Overall, each National Society is to propose four participants to the above trainings: **Two senior decision-makers and two shelter technical staff**. The same persons are not to attend both trainings as they target a different audience. An application form will shortly follow for proposed candidates for a final selection to be made by the training Selection committee.