

Emergency Shelter Team

Why Shelter?

When people lose their homes, they are deprived of their belongings, security, privacy and dignity. Shelter protects vulnerable people from danger, suffering and exploitation while supporting their self-recovery towards building back better. Shelter is a foundation of humanitarian assistance that directly affects all other elements of emergency response and development making it central to CARE's mission to defeat poverty and achieve social justice.

Who are we?

The Emergency Shelter Team is hosted in London by CARE International UK and comprises staff with backgrounds in engineering and architecture. We also have a research team specialised in emergency shelter and reconstruction. We have decades of experience developing, managing and advising shelter programmes around the world and we are a leading member of the sector's global community of practice.

The core staff are deployable members of CARE's Rapid Response Team (RRT). The Shelter Team also manages a rich roster of experienced shelter specialists who can be called on for deployments, consultancies, evaluations and research projects.

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Technical and strategic interests

What we can offer



Gender and Shelter

Addressing the impacts, risks and opportunities for women and girls and other affected groups is core to our work.

As a global leader in Gender and Shelter, the team has a keen focus on ensuring dignified protection of women and girls and other affected groups in all shelter projects CARE engages in. This begins at the assessment phase by assessing the context through Rapid Gender Analysis, close collaboration with Women Lead in Emergencies work (WLiE) and ultimately putting into practice the [Gender and Shelter Good Programming Guidelines](#) set out in a sector-leading publication developed by the Shelter Team.



Supporting Self-Recovery

The affected population is the first responder and the most important stakeholder.

After conflict and disasters, most people rebuild or repair their homes using their own resources in a process termed self-recovery. The CARE Shelter Team is one of the key actors in a leading [Action Research Programme](#) looking into this approach. We aim to support self-recovery by integrating agency, informed choice and empowerment as fundamental components of any response programme.

The Grand Bargain

Localisation, participation and working within the hum./dev. nexus.

Conflict and Protracted Crises

Shelter's role in protracted displacement settings.

Wider Impacts of Shelter

Linkages between shelter, health, DRR, livelihoods & protection.

Other Thematic areas of interest and research:

CARE's Emergency Shelter Team provides specialised capacity in emergency shelter and reconstruction. We give support to emergency responses and draw on extensive experience in humanitarian shelter, construction and project management. The team works directly with CARE offices to prepare for disasters before they happen, and to plan and implement post-disaster shelter programmes through:

- **Deployment**
- **Remote support**
- **Specialist external consultants**
- **Research**

The Shelter Research Team also offers 'Action Research' that can be carried out as part of a humanitarian response.

[Example shelter research paper developed during the Cyclone Idai Emergency in Mozambique 2019](#)

Examples of support offered:

- **Assessments**
- **Proposal and strategy writing**
- **Programme design**
- **Strategy development**
- **Emergency preparedness plans**
- **Scoping studies**
- **Transition and exit strategies**
- **Recruitment**
- **Programme quality**
- **Representation with local and global shelter organisations**
- **Local and global advocacy**
- **Evaluations and assessments**
- **Training for affected populations and staff**

The team engages with CARE's advisors in other sectors as well as the wider humanitarian sector to ensure that CARE's projects are in line with current best practice. We work with academia and the private sector to develop tools and policies that will allow continual improvement in shelter responses. We are an active member of the Global Shelter Cluster and are part of its Strategic Advisory Group.

Recent achievements



Lebanon
One-neighbourhood approach improving social cohesion through housing upgrades for Syrian refugees



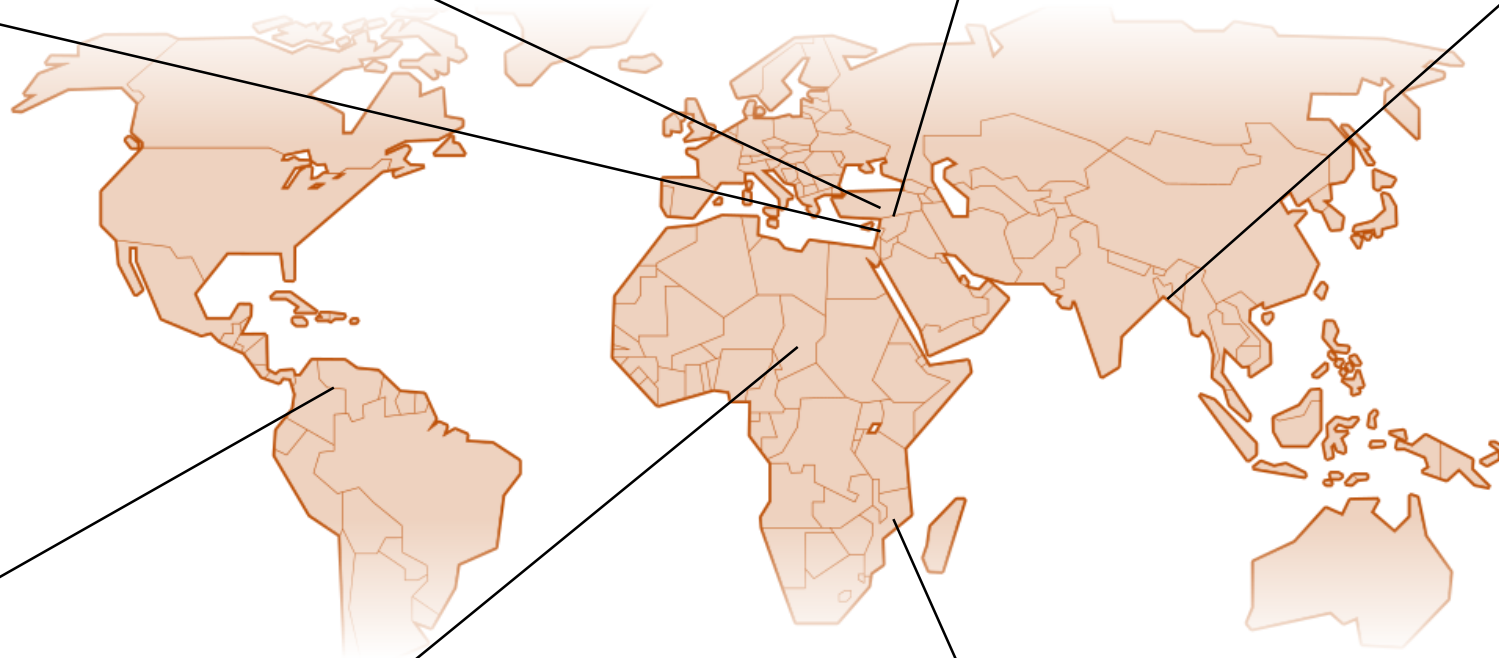
Syria and Turkey
Technical support for Syrian refugees in Turkey and the cross-border response in northwest Syria



Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey
Housing, Land and Property on behalf of the Global Shelter Cluster



Bangladesh
Rohingya refugee crisis and proposal support for multipurpose disaster shelters in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban



Venezuela
Technical support for the CARE International Regional Emergency Response Strategy for the Venezuelan refugee crisis



Chad
Study of semi-durable shelter construction for refugees from CAR and host communities



Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe
Multiple team and roster deployments for the Cyclone Idai Response



Vanuatu
Remote technical support for Cyclone Harold response

Core staff of the Emergency Shelter Team



Step Haiselden

Emergency Shelter Team Leader

As a Chartered Structural Engineer Step moved to CARE in 2017. Step is currently a member of the Humanitarian and International Development Panel of the Institution of Structural Engineers and represents CARE on the Strategic Advisory Group of the Global Shelter Cluster. Step speaks English, French and is learning Spanish.



Bill Flinn

Senior Shelter Advisor

As a qualified architect Bill specializes in Shelter after Disaster. Bill has been a leading proponent of self-recovery, collaborating on research with the ODI, UCL and BGS. He teaches the Shelter after Disaster course at the Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), Oxford Brookes University. Bill speaks English and Spanish.



Beth Simons

Shelter Researcher

Beth has a background in applied geology, working in both academia and industry. Prior to joining CARE she worked for an emergency shelter INGO working across both disaster and conflict settings around the world. She also worked as a shelter sub-cluster coordinator in Ethiopia in response to conflict. Beth speaks English and Spanish.



Amelia Rule

Senior Shelter Advisor

Amelia trained as an architect in London before moving into emergency shelter in 2009. Initially working for the DFID, then the British Red Cross, her work has focused on urban post-disaster recovery and community resilience with a focus on gender equality and GBV mitigation. Amelia speaks English, French and is learning Arabic.



James Morgan

Emergency Shelter Advisor

From a background in architecture James has worked in the shelter sector since 2010 across a variety of contexts around the world including conflict, refugee and disaster settings in emergency, recovery and development. His work has focused on community-led /owner-driven approaches. James speaks English and intermediate Spanish.



Emma Weinstein Sheffield

Shelter Research Assistant

Prior to CARE, Emma worked with a UK-based NGO providing long-term solutions to forced migration for refugees in the UK. She has worked as a researcher with Shelter Centre, Geneva and on development and recovery projects in Nepal. She holds a Masters in Development and Emergency Practice. Emma speaks English and is learning Spanish.

Team Management and Costs

The Emergency Shelter Team is hosted by CARE International UK in cooperation with the CARE International CARE Emergencies Group (CEG). Through CEG, the Emergency Shelter Team works alongside global functions on programme quality, emergency operations and other core sectors, in particular WASH.

Deployments are normally undertaken at a cost recovery rate of about USD 500 per day, with travel expenses and other in-country costs also covered by the requesting country office or member. We currently have access to limited funding that allows for some pro bono technical and research support to underfunded emergencies.

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