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| **Assistance Option** | **Description** | **Recommended Tools and Examples** |
| Shelter kits | Construction material, tools and fixtures needed to create or improve living space. | [**CRS** - IEC picture guide to securing poles and plastic sheeting for a simple A-frame shelter](https://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CRS-Shelter-kit-assembly.pdf) |
| Shelter toolkits | Construction tools and hardware needed to create or improve living space and settlement. | [**IFRC** - Shelter Toolkit Specifications- Extract pg. 54-68 (2009)](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2.2.2_SAO_IFRC-Shelter-Toolkits.pdf) |
| Tents | Premanufactured portable shelters with a cover and a structure.  \*Note: *Where there is an immediate need for basic shelter CRS would typically aim to distribute materials/construct emergency shelters. This is normally more cost effective than the distribution of tents and encourages a greater sense of ownership and self-reliance. The distribution of prefabricated tents would be seen as an exceptional option where material availability for emergency shelters/rate of influx mean emergency shelter construction isn’t feasible.* | [Summary of Different Tent Options & Specifications](https://efom.crs.org/efom/purchasing-introduction/emergency-specifications/shelter-common-specifications/tents-shelter-programming-specifications/)  [Summaries of Different Emergency Tent Options:](https://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/2017.01.07_tent_information_note_v01.docx)  [Shelter Cluster, IRAQ- Tent Information Note, DRAFT v01 (2017)](https://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/2017.01.07_tent_information_note_v01.docx)  [**UN OCHA** - A guide to the use and logistics of family tents in humanitarian relief (2004](https://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/Guide%20to%20the%20Use%20and%20Logistics%20of%20Family%20Tents.pdf)) |
| Return and Transit Support | Support for affected people who choose to return to their place of origin or relocate to a new location. Such support may include a wide range of services such as providing transport, transport fares or vouchers, or items such as tools, materials and seed stocks. |  |
| Repairs | Describes restoring a building from damage or decay to a sound working condition, where it meets the required standards and specifications. Applies to minor damage. | [**CRS** - Technical Guidance for repairs following typhoon Haiyan](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2.2.2_SAO_Repairs_CRS-Philippines.pdf): Details build back better options and tools and templates for implementation |
| Retrofitting | Involves strengthening and/or structural system modification of the buildings’ structure. The goal is to make a building more resistant to future hazards by having safety features installed. | [**BuildChange** - Technical Assistance Program for Retrofit of Small-Scale Masonry Structures. Retrofit Picture Guide*: Visual Aid in the Execution of Seismic Retrofits*](https://www.buildchange.org/resources/retrofitting-guides/) |
| Host assistance | Supporting the host to continue to shelter affected people includes support to expand or adapt an existing host family shelter, or financial and material support for running costs. | [**CRS** - Lessons and Recommendations for a Host Family Approach in Transitional Shelter and Settlements](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CRS-Host-Family-Guidelines.pdf)  **IFRC** - Assisting host families and communities after crises and natural disaster A step-by step guide (2012)  *Coming Soon* |
| Rental assistance | Assistance to affected households to rent accommodation and land can include financial contributions, support to obtain a fair agreement or advice on property standards. Rent is an ongoing expense, thus plan for exit strategies. | [**CRS Case Study** - *Rental Assistance for Syrian Refugees in Jordan*](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/rent-assistance-for-syrian-refugees.pdf) |
| Temporary shelters | Intended to be removed once the next stage of shelter solution is offered. |  |
| Transitional shelters | Rapid shelters designed from materials and techniques that could transition into more permanent structures. The shelter should be upgradeable, reusable, re-saleable or moveable from temporary sites to permanent locations. | [**CRS** - Manual de Construcción De Albergues Respuesta Humanitaria, Manabí – Esmeraldas, Ecuador (2017)](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CRS_Manual-de-construcción_Emergencias-Ecuador-.pdf)  [**CRS** - Transitional shelter design drawing – Philippines (2015)](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/TAKLUB-SHELTER-24sq.m_.pdf)  [**Caritas Antilles** - Transitional shelter design drawing (2017)](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CARITAS-T-shelter-all.pdf) |
| Core housing | Housing units planned, designed and constructed to be eventually part of a permanent house but not completing it. Core housing allows the future process of extension. |  |
| Reconstruction or rebuilding | Structures that cannot be repaired or retrofitted and require to be built anew. | [**Architecture for Humanity, Concern & CRS** - Grand Ravine Diagnostic Report and Community Development Plan Technical and Participatory Report (Draft)- Section 6 (2014)](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/GR_5-6_Housing.pdf) |
| Information centers | Offer advice and guidance to affected people: technical, administrative, legal and accountability. |  |
| Legal and administrative expertise | Helps the affected people to be aware of their rights and to receive the administrative support they need free of charge or at a reduced cost. |  |
| Securing tenure | Guarantees legal protection against forced eviction, harassment and other threats. | [**NRC** - Shelter Tenure Guidance](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/nrc_shelter_tenure_guidance_external-1.pdf)  [**Shelter Cluster** - Housing, Land, Property Section](https://www.sheltercluster.org/hlp) |
| Infrastructure and settlement planning | Improves the services of a community and support the planning of sustainable transitional settlement and reconstruction solutions. | [**Architecture for Humanity, Concern & CRS** - Grand Ravine Diagnostic Report and Community Development Plan Technical and Participatory Report (Draft)- Section 6 (2014)](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/GR_5-7_Basic_Services.pdf) |
| Collective accommodation support | Existing buildings can be used as collective centers or evacuation centers ad to provide rapid shelters. These can be schools, community buildings, religious facilities, etc. |  |
| Managing settlements and collective centers | Implies the management of settlements or centers to ensure dignity, safety and quality. |  |
| Debris removal and management of the deceased | Removal of rubble and similar waste.  For management of deceased, refer to Shelter guidance, Sector WASH. | [**MSB/UNDP** - Debris Management Guidelines (2010)](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Debris-Management-Guidelines-2010.pdf) |
| Rehabilitate and install common infrastructure | Recovers public infrastructure such as water supply and sanitation facilities, bridges, electricity, etc. |  |
| Rehabilitate and construct community facilities | Recovers social infrastructure such as education spaces, health facilities, meeting places, economic centers such as markets, etc. | [**CRS Case Study** - *Partnership to Restore Vital Hospital Facilities in Port-Au-Prince Case Study (2010)*](http://efom.crs.org/efpm/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/case_study_19_haiti.pdf) |
| Urban or community planning and zoning | Involves the conception of areas after a crisis so that regulations and general interests are respected. | Architecture for Humanity, Concern & CRS, Grand Ravine Diagnostic Report and Community Development Plan Technical and Participatory Report (Draft)- Full Report (2014) (French & English):  *Coming Soon* |
| Relocation | Involves rebuilding housing and assets for a family or community in a different location. |  |