Shelter and Settlement Programs Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Community Development	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles and standards of humanitarian shelter and settlement programs.
2. Apply emergency shelter design strategies in diverse contexts.
3. Evaluate community needs and implement participatory settlement planning.
4. Integrate disaster risk reduction measures in shelter programs.
5. Manage resources efficiently for timely shelter delivery.
6. Utilize GIS and digital tools for settlement mapping and monitoring.
7. Develop culturally appropriate and gender-sensitive shelter solutions.
8. Assess the impact of shelter interventions on community resilience.
9. Navigate legal and policy frameworks related to settlements.
10. Strengthen collaboration with government agencies and NGOs.
11. Implement monitoring and evaluation strategies for shelter programs.
12. Analyze lessons learned from past humanitarian operations.
13. Prepare actionable contingency and transition plans for displaced populations.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced operational efficiency in shelter programs
- Improved community trust and engagement
- Stronger compliance with humanitarian standards
- Better preparedness for emergency response
- Optimized resource utilization and cost-effectiveness
- Strengthened partnerships with stakeholders
- Increased staff competency and skills retention
- Evidence-based decision-making capabilities
- Risk mitigation in project planning and implementation
- Sustainable and culturally sensitive shelter solutions

Target Audiences

1. Humanitarian aid workers and field officers
2. Disaster response coordinators
3. Urban and rural planners
4. Non-governmental organization (NGO) staff
5. Government officials in housing and settlement departments
6. Engineers and architects specializing in emergency shelters
7. Community development practitioners
8. Monitoring and evaluation specialists

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Shelter and Settlement Programs

- Overview of humanitarian shelter principles
- Key international standards (Sphere, UNHCR)
- Shelter needs assessment techniques
- Community participation approaches
- Case Study: Post-earthquake shelter planning in Haiti
- Practical exercise on needs assessment

Module 2: Emergency Shelter Design

- Temporary vs. transitional shelter types
- Material selection and sustainability
- Structural safety considerations
- Rapid deployment strategies
- Case Study: Cyclone shelters in Bangladesh
- Hands-on design workshop

Module 3: Settlement Planning and Community Engagement

- Participatory planning frameworks
- Stakeholder mapping and coordination
- Risk-informed settlement layout
- Accessibility and inclusivity in planning
- Case Study: Refugee camp design in Jordan
- Group exercise on participatory mapping

Module 4: Resource Management and Logistics

- Supply chain management for shelter programs
- Efficient allocation of materials and personnel
- Budgeting and financial tracking
- Risk mitigation in logistics
- Case Study: Shelter distribution after floods in Pakistan
- Simulation exercise on resource allocation

Module 5: Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

- Integrating DRR into shelter design
- Early warning systems for settlements
- Climate-resilient construction techniques
- Community preparedness strategies
- Case Study: Typhoon-prone areas in the Philippines
- Workshop on resilience planning

Module 6: GIS and Technology in Settlement Management

- Mapping tools for site selection
- Digital data collection methods
- Remote monitoring of settlements

- Reporting and visualization tools
- Case Study: GIS-based refugee settlement monitoring in Kenya
- Hands-on GIS session

Module 7: Legal, Policy, and Ethical Considerations

- International humanitarian law and shelter rights
- National policies governing settlement programs
- Ethical challenges in shelter provision
- Gender-sensitive and inclusive policies
- Case Study: Land rights and relocation in Uganda
- Policy analysis exercise

Module 8: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

- Indicators for shelter program success
- Data collection and analysis methods
- Reporting templates for donors and agencies
- Continuous improvement strategies
- Case Study: Post-implementation evaluation in Nepal
- Workshop on M&E tools

Module 9: Transition and Recovery Planning

- From emergency shelter to permanent housing
- Phased settlement planning strategies
- Community capacity building for self-reliance
- Exit strategies and sustainability plans
- Case Study: Tsunami recovery in Indonesia
- Group project on recovery planning

Module 10: Cultural Sensitivity and Social Inclusion

- Understanding cultural norms in shelter design
- Gender considerations in settlement planning
- Inclusion of vulnerable groups
- Conflict-sensitive programming
- Case Study: Social inclusion in Syrian refugee camps
- Role-playing exercise

Module 11: Funding and Partnership Strategies

- Donor engagement and proposal writing
- Public-private partnerships in shelter programs
- Resource mobilization strategies
- Multi-agency collaboration
- Case Study: Collaborative shelter programs in West Africa
- Budgeting simulation exercise

Module 12: Innovation in Shelter Solutions

- Emerging materials and construction technologies

- Modular and prefabricated shelters
- Green and sustainable solutions
- Technology integration for efficiency
- Case Study: Innovative housing solutions in South Sudan
- Prototype design workshop

Module 13: Case Study Analysis and Lessons Learned

- Review of global shelter interventions
- Key success factors and challenges
- Lessons for future programming
- Best practices documentation
- Case Study: Multi-disaster response in Central America
- Group discussion and presentation

Module 14: Field Simulation Exercise

- Full-scale shelter setup simulation
- Role assignment and operational planning
- Emergency response workflow
- Coordination and communication drills
- Case Study: Simulation after a hypothetical earthquake
- Debriefing and evaluation

Module 15: Capstone Project and Certification

- Comprehensive shelter program design project
- Team presentations and peer review
- Feedback from instructors and field experts
- Action plan for real-world application
- Case Study: Capstone project based on a simulated humanitarian scenario
- Certification ceremony and course closure

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and presentations
- Hands-on workshops and field exercises
- Case study analysis and group discussions
- Simulation exercises for real-world application
- Peer learning and collaborative projects
- Continuous feedback and mentorship

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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