Training Course on Shelter and Settlements in Disasters

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Development	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Through case studies and practical exercises, participants will explore the global best practices in disaster shelter management, from rapid assessments to implementation and evaluation. The course also covers critical aspects such as gender-sensitive designs, disaster risk reduction, and coordination with humanitarian agencies to ensure effective response strategies.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles and frameworks for shelter and settlement planning in disaster scenarios.
2. Identify and assess shelter needs in emergency contexts.
3. Learn techniques for designing culturally appropriate and sustainable shelter solutions.
4. Explore strategies for integrating disaster risk reduction into settlement planning.
5. Examine the environmental impact of shelter projects and sustainable alternatives.
6. Develop skills to coordinate with stakeholders, including governments and NGOs.
7. Address the needs of vulnerable populations, including women, children, and the elderly.
8. Study global best practices in post-disaster shelter management.
9. Understand the legal and ethical considerations in disaster shelter interventions.
10. Create action plans for transitioning from emergency shelters to long-term settlements.

Organizational Benefits

1. Enhanced capacity to deliver effective and timely shelter solutions in disasters.
2. Strengthened disaster preparedness and response mechanisms.
3. Improved coordination with international and local stakeholders.
4. Reduced environmental impact through sustainable shelter practices.
5. Alignment with global humanitarian standards, including SPHERE guidelines.
6. Increased community trust through culturally appropriate interventions.
7. Minimized risks associated with shelter project mismanagement.
8. Contribution to long-term recovery and resilience in disaster-prone regions.
9. Enhanced organizational reputation as a leader in disaster response.
10. Empowered workforce with specialized skills in shelter and settlement management.

Target Participants

- Disaster response professionals and shelter specialists.
- Humanitarian aid workers in shelter and settlements programs.
- Urban planners and architects focusing on disaster recovery.
- Government officials in disaster management and housing departments.
- Representatives from NGOs and international agencies.
- Engineers and infrastructure development practitioners.
- Academics and researchers in disaster resilience and recovery.

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Module 1: Introduction to Shelter and Settlement in Disasters

1. Key concepts and definitions in shelter and settlement planning.
2. Overview of shelter types: Emergency, transitional, and permanent.
3. Frameworks for shelter interventions (e.g., SPHERE standards).
4. Case study: Emergency shelters in post-earthquake scenarios.
5. Workshop: Identifying shelter priorities in disaster contexts.

Module 2: Shelter Needs Assessment and Planning

1. Conducting rapid assessments in disaster settings.
2. Tools and techniques for data collection and analysis.
3. Mapping affected populations and prioritizing needs.
4. Case study: Needs assessment during flood responses.
5. Practical session: Designing a shelter needs assessment plan.

Module 3: Designing Sustainable Shelter Solutions

1. Principles of culturally appropriate and inclusive designs.
2. Materials selection and local resource utilization.
3. Environmental considerations in shelter planning.
4. Case study: Sustainable shelters in cyclone-affected regions.
5. Activity: Creating a culturally sensitive shelter design.

Module 4: Settlement Planning and Disaster Risk Reduction

1. Principles of disaster-resilient settlement planning.
2. Integrating risk reduction into shelter solutions.
3. Infrastructure planning: Water, sanitation, and energy.
4. Case study: Disaster-resilient settlements in Haiti.
5. Group discussion: Developing risk-informed settlement plans.

Module 5: Stakeholder Coordination and Community Engagement

1. Roles of governments, NGOs, and local communities.
2. Building partnerships for effective shelter management.
3. Community-led shelter initiatives and participatory planning.
4. Case study: Community-driven settlements in refugee camps.

5. Role-playing: Simulating stakeholder coordination in disaster response.

Module 6: Transitioning to Recovery and Reconstruction

1. Moving from emergency shelters to long-term housing solutions.
2. Monitoring and evaluating shelter interventions.
3. Addressing challenges in reconstruction efforts.
4. Case study: Housing reconstruction after the Indian Ocean tsunami.
5. Workshop: Drafting recovery and reconstruction strategies.

Training Methodology

The instructor led trainings are delivered using a blended learning approach and comprises of presentations, guided sessions of practical exercise, web-based tutorials and group work. Our facilitators are seasoned industry experts with years of experience, working as professional and trainers in these fields.

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	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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