



A training by RedR India

"Settlement Planning and Shelter in Emergencies"

Date: 26th to 29th August 2008 (reporting on 25th August evening)

Venue: Auroville Earth Institute, Auroville, Pondicherry, India (Nearest International airport is Chennai)

Introduction:

Shelter or home and settlement are essential to well being and development of communities. "It is a complex asset, with links to livelihood, health, education, security and social and family stability. Housing is also an extremely vulnerable asset, and the destruction of homes or loss through displacement or dispossession is one of the most visible effect of conflict or natural disaster" ... *Prof. Sultan Barakat, Lecturer, University of York, UK*

A number of NGOs venture to respond to the post disaster shelter needs but few claim specialization in this sector. Understanding, Policies and practices in this sector have just crystallizing. A huge opportunity exists in the form of shelter interventions to address post disaster recovery and mitigation.

'Settlement Planning & Shelter in emergencies' is a four-day residential course run by RedR India that helps you understand strategies and practices that are intrinsic to shelter sector and humanitarian sector in general. The course is part of RedR's Training Programme, which aims to improve the effectiveness of specialist and non-specialist in emergency response.

RedR India will run this course with participants predominantly from South Asia, though it is open to participants from other parts of the world. The course is run with up to 30 participants.

Course Outline:

The overall objective of the course is to introduce non-specialist and specialist participants to Settlement Planning and Shelter impacts and options by developing practical skills in the development of appropriate strategies for settling and sheltering populations affected by conflict and natural disasters.

Emergency programmes, ranging from host family support and refugee camps to reconstruction and disaster preparedness; and projects, ranging from support of local health infrastructure to the distribution of shelter will form the back drop of this course.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the range of possible impacts of settlement and shelter upon local, national and regional security, protection, community relations, public health, natural resource management, and other sectors of response such as water supply

- Describe the range of transitional settlement options available for support, including host families, self-settlement, collective centres, camps, and reconstruction following conflict and natural disasters, and how these options can be combined into a strategic response for an affected population and their hosts
- Identify the mechanisms and phases of coordination and response, assuming that non-specialist representatives and country managers often make the most significant decisions for transitional settlement and shelter, and assuming that assessment and participation are key to programme success
- Apply the relevant standards (Country specific, Sphere and UNHCR) and best practice in the use of these standards.
- Describe an overview of how to develop and manage programmes in areas of natural and man-made risk, such as earthquakes and floods, and in hot and cold climatic conditions.
- Describe an overview of basic field survey and appropriate construction techniques, including an understanding of health and safety, direct and contracted labour, project and site management, and the current range of materials.
- Describe an overview of safe shelter and appropriate construction technologies in context of disaster response and preparedness.
- Capacity built to contribute to a transitional settlement or shelter programme planning and implementation , whether in the role of coordinator, manager, settlement and shelter specialist

Trainers:

This training would be conducted by experience trainers from RedR India.

Training Methodology:

Participatory training methods are used, including a number of group exercises, field practical and focused discussions. There will be presentations by key speakers, including a talk by a recently returned relief worker. As with all RedR courses, you will have the opportunity to meet other relief workers, to exchange views and experiences and to find out more about RedR.

Expected Participants

This course is open to GO, INGOs, UN, Red Cross, NGOs development and emergency personnel who have experience of relief, rehabilitation and development work or are likely to be involved in disaster response initiatives. Generalist with programme management background and Shelter and construction specialist may apply for the course

Professional Development

The principal aim of RedR training is to improve your effectiveness in disaster response. In addition, RedR training can enhance your professional development. Many of the skills

developed will be of benefit to you and your employer in other areas of your career. They are particularly valuable for those likely to be involved in a professional capacity in Humanitarian Assistance.

How to Apply?

Please fill out the attached Registration Form and send it to training@redrindia.org. On confirmation of availability of seat please forward your course fee to RedR India. For more details on course fee etc. Please refer the application form

What is RedR?

RedR-India is a humanitarian; non-profit organization, which maintains a Register of, experienced humanitarian professionals who are available to assist governments and external support agencies in the aftermath of disasters. RedR India is a member of the RedR International network. In addition to its primary task as a recruiter of humanitarian workers the RedRs have a global reputation for the development and presentation of high quality training for the humanitarian aid sector. RedR has offices in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, UK and Belgium. For more information please visit www.redr.org