



PROVISIONAL BASIC/BASIC GUIDANCE ON USE OF PLASTIC SHEETING AS PART OF NFI DISTRIBUTIONS

GOAL: The goal of any USAID/OFDA Shelter and Settlements (S&S) activity will be occupancy of covered living space that can serve as minimally adequate shelter for disaster/crisis affected populations in an expeditious and appropriate manner.

SPECIFICS:

Households and Linkage to Sphere Project and OFDA Guidelines: What is the average household size of the affected population and proposed beneficiary group, if different? Is this figure linked to the Sphere Project- and OFDA-identified "minimally adequate" total of 3.5 square meters of "covered living space" per person? In this regard, please refer to S&S Sector Indicators in the USAID/OFDA Proposal Guidelines (http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/resources/pdf/updated_guidelines_unsolicited_proposals_reporting.pdf) to ensure that proposed activities are consistent with OFDA guidelines.

Shelter Design: To ensure cost effectiveness, cost consciousness, and the presence of shelter framing, sketches of proposed shelters are requested, along with a detailed Bill of Materials (BOM) needed to create the proposed shelters. The BOM must include, indeed feature, framing material to support use of the plastic sheeting or other materials in a manner that creates adequate, habitable, safe, private, secure, and appropriate shelter for identified beneficiaries. The BOM may not be what is proposed, but what is likely to be used by affected populations and others when creating shelter that includes sheeting provided as part of an NFI distribution.

Sheltering Process: Describe the process of provision, to include a discussion of who has been selected for assistance, based on what criteria. Who participated in identifying beneficiaries? Who will construct the shelters? Over what time frame? How will proposed implementing partners ensure that those who may be unable to construct shelter are assisted as a priority activity?

Disaster Risk Reduction: Are proposed locations for use of sheeting in hazard-prone areas? If so, what provisions have been made to reduce beneficiary vulnerability to hazards (e.g., identification of hazards, evacuation planning, etc.)?

Shelter Transition and Sustainability: Please discuss proposed locations of shelters, the sustainability of those shelter locations over time, the possible need for risk reduction measures, how shelter and supporting services (e.g., water, sanitation, etc.) are linked to support beneficiary existence over time, i.e., how proposed activities link to longer-term efforts.