

SHELTER TYPOLOGIES



A guide to using the Shelter Typologies

A shelter can be defined according to each of the following criteria:

1. Type
2. Collectivity
3. Communality
4. Management
5. Adequacy
6. Sealing

Clearly, there are further ways to define a shelter – including legality and rural/urban location – which are not within the scope of this typology document.

Inclusion in some categories mean automatic inclusion in others. For instance, if a shelter is *unsealed*, it is also by definition *inadequate*. If the shelter type is *non-residential*, it is highly likely that the shelter is *inadequate*, though it is possible to rehabilitate a non-residential structure to meet minimum standards.

Shelter Type	Sub-sets	Definition	
Residential structure		<i>Structure designed for human residence</i>	
	Apartment/house		

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	Concierge's room in residential building	<i>Single room with likely rudimentary toilet/kitchen facilities</i>	
Non-residential structure		<i>Not designed for human inhabitation</i>	
	Factory		
	Workshop		

Shelter Type	Sub-sets	Definition	
	Farm		
	Active construction site		
	Garage		
	Shop		

Shelter Type	Sub-sets	Definition	
	Agricultural/engine/pump room	<i>Room without toilet and kitchen area</i>	
	Warehouse		
	Hotel room		
	School		
	Other	<i>E.g. a structure built using permanent materials by the refugee family within an IS</i>	
Non-permanent structure		<i>A structure erected in an ad-hoc manner that could be quickly dismantled and moved</i>	
	Tent		
	Prefab unit		

Shelter Type	Sub-sets	Definition	
	Other		
Collectivity	Collective	<i>>=6 HHs living in same structure</i>	
	Non-collective	<i><6 HHs living in same structure</i>	
Communality	Communal	<i>>=6 HHs sharing facilities</i>	
	Non-communal	<i><6 HHs sharing facilities</i>	
Management	Managed	<i>Managed by an agency, charity, committee, etc.</i>	
	Not-managed		
Adequacy	Adequate	<i>According to shelter technical guidelines (shelter and WASH) standards, not taking into account overcrowding. Does not need a technical intervention.</i>	
	Inadequate/substandard	<i>Requires shelter/WASH intervention. Could be a residential, non-residential or non-permanent structure.</i>	

Shelter Type

Sub-sets

Definition

Sealing

Sealed / walls

Unsealed / no walls

Exposed to the elements; absence of most doors/windows

