



The "New" USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance

Shelter and Settlements

Update for

2021 Global CCCM Cluster

MOE-2013

OFDA now BHA

BHA Mission: To save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the impact of disasters by helping people in need become more self-reliant.

Created in 2020, merging USAID's Offices of Food for Peace (FFP) and U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA).

- <https://www.usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance>



New Agency – New S&S Team

Alex Miller -- acting Team Lead

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Issues and Challenges

- Coverage of S&S Needs: Globally, *very low percentage*; need to “Raise the Rate”
- Sphere Guidelines: 3.5 square meters of covered living space: why it’s still important
- Plastic Sheeting is a Shelter Input, and Not an NFI Item (Combine for Distros, Separate for Programming)
- Paint and Plaster: Need to limit, and focus instead on larger issues
- S&S Humanitarian Assistance and USAID’s mandate

AND OPPORTUNITIES!!

- BHA Mandate is Broader
- “Out of Camp” Policies Enables Our Engagement
- Greater Focus on DRR/CC
- Greater Focus on Urban
- Greater Focus on Context, Context, Context
- Greater Focus on the Settlements Approach



Looking Ahead...

- The GSC Donor Consultation Group, Maybe Greater Engagement with CCCM
- Using the “Roadmap for Research” to Improve S&S programming
- IEC, and the improvement of S&S technical assistance
- A growing SSWG under the leadership of INTERACTION
- The power of Diaspora
- Shelter Projects Publication
- Promote the Settlements Approach



Thank you

Questions?

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