

Plan of action

Safe place to stay – Temporary shelters

preplanning is the key

During the Conference and different discussions the preplanning phase came to attention. Key information comes from knowing your population, their needs and most importantly what are your resources and how many are there. The preplanning phase covers fields of Urban Spatial Planning, well trained and equipped rescue teams as well as knowing you population in sense of their needs and knowing your exit strategy – how and when to close emergency temporary shelter.

knowing your population

People are generally willing to participate in rescue efforts and disaster relief (voluntary works and in-kind assistance) so it is very important to have different scenarios and answers on how the officials are going to handle the sudden influx of help. At this point it is vital to give your very best in supporting the people in the shelters – and giving them the right information and support, since prolonged stay in emergency shelter will provide additional stress to the population.

urban spatial planning and prefab housing

After the disaster it is vital to have adequate shelters in form of fields, sports halls etc. to provide a safe place to stay to the disaster stricken population. One way is in working closely with the owners of the areas intended for usage as well as companies that might provide additional logistical and technical support i.e. shipping companies with containers, different international organizations with tents and other technical support.

response

After the disaster the key element is having the well trained and equipped personnel to deal with setting up a temporary shelter. Key notion should be done also on standardized equipment used by different emergency services as much as possible. With well-organized and methodical approach it is possible to avoid future problematical situations. Knowing you short comings is key in requesting additional assistance.

recovery

Recovery starts basically within the first few hours after the disaster. A well-organized paper work may save a lot of lives and issues latter in recovery. A well-documented process of the event and actions taken, may save additional time, stress and financial burden of involved blue light services, local government as well as local population.