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The primary goal of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is to achieve sustainable social, economic and environmental development in Pakistan through reducing risks and vulnerabilities by effectively responding to and recovering from all types of disasters.

Pakistan is among the countries most vulnerable to “naturally induced” disasters – both climate related and geophysical. The country’s acute vulnerability to disasters is due to its geographical locations, topography, hydrological configuration and extended fault-lines. Disasters induced by human actions, alongside natural disasters, have exacerbated the stresses on economy, poverty and the demands of sustainable development in Pakistan. The most vulnerable segments of the population have suffered grievously, most notably women, children, people with disabilities and people with age. Vulnerability to disasters is growing in both urban and rural areas, placing ever more lives and livelihoods at risk. The fact that vulnerabilities have profound implications on several socio-economic sectors, including shelter makes effective provisions of disaster management more significant.

The National Disaster Management Authority and the International organization for Migration have jointly worked on disaster management related projects and the state of emergency response preparedness. The crucial role of IOM as the lead agency, undertaking the comprehensive evaluation of shelter recovery designs implemented between 2010 and 2012 is clearly acknowledged by both Government and members of the Shelter Working Group. The overall aim of this research study is to conduct a scientific study on post-flood shelter projects in Southern Pakistan in order to develop guidance on flood-resistant shelter solutions that can contribute to building the resilience of communities living in flood-prone areas in southern province of Pakistan. The findings of this research have been used to produce this Construction Guide, which can be adapted into a training manual that can be used by operational agencies and highlights best practice in the planning, design and implementation of flood resilient shelter design in Southern Pakistan.

On behalf of the Government of Pakistan, I express my appreciation to IOM and UN partners for their joint programming, technical assistance and their continuous efforts to support Pakistan to strengthen resilience by providing upstream support and demonstrable models for service delivery, knowledge management products and evidence based researches. Collectively, we can contribute in the efforts towards a Resilient Pakistan.

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Pakistan, and specifically the province of Sindh, has historically hosted an eclectic mix of vernacular traditions, cultural practices and people from diverse ethnic backgrounds. A generic practice such as construction of shelters has been enriched by availability of a variety of building materials including mud, loh-kat, bricks, cement and lime, and therefore, the nature of construction has been locally adapted given ground realities. Since 2010, the southern, low-lying areas of Pakistan have experienced large-scale flash flooding leading to inundation of villages, displacement of locals, and wide-scale destruction of locally built shelters. Estimates slate that around 1 million (805,694)families were displaced during 2010-12 and over 1.5 million shelters were damaged and destroyed because of flash flooding.

Given the rich heritage of vernacular building techniques in the Sindh province, it is no surprise that humanitarian organizations prioritized evidence-based modifications of existing techniques over use of industrial materials. As national lead agency for the Shelter in Pakistan, IOM has advocated for provision of resilient, low-cost shelter support to the most vulnerable families through use of vernacular and salvageable materials that minimize adverse environmental impacts. IOM, in coordination with its partners supported the construction of over 77,000 disaster-resilient one room shelters (ORS) in the worst affected areas of Pakistan, with Shelter Cluster partners supporting a further 450,000shelters. Similar humanitarian responses which have prioritized use of vernacular materials, such as in the Philippines with Typhoon Haiyan and in Haiti after the 2010 earthquakes, have also supported construction of varying local typologies without any agreement on a single approach towards reconstruction.

Given the lack of evidence-based research comparing the different typologies used in Pakistan, IOM in partnership with Arup International Development and DFID Research Division commissioned a comprehensive evaluation of Shelter Recovery designs implemented between 2010 and 2012. Through empirical data collection and physical testing, the project aimed to provide scientifically tested guidance on low-cost shelter solutions that are flood resistant, compatible with vernacular architecture and indigenous construction techniques, and minimize environmental impacts while delivering the best value for money. During this study, key variables related to resilience, sustainability and local acceptability of different materials were put to test using simulated flood-water and rain-water testing tanks. The evidence presented herein is therefore the result of a concerted effort of the research team to provide reliable and accurate recommendations for future shelter projects.

It is my pleasure to share with you the final construction guide and research reportwhich presents the results of rigorous empirical testing of the varying construction typologies used in southern Pakistan. We hope that this work can inform the work of governmental, non-governmental organizations, and local communities working on shelter solutions and encourages further collaboration and partnerships based on scientific learning and evidence. We thank all partners, particularly DFID Research Division, Arup International Development, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) in Sindh, and Shelter Cluster partners for making this possible and continuing to find collaborative solutions to meet the needs of disaster-affected populations in Pakistan.

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Executive Summary

Extreme flooding since 2010 has affected 35 million people and damaged or destroyed 2.5 million homes. By mid-2014, approximately 200,000 shelters had been implemented by various shelter organisations. This evidence based research study was subsequently commissioned by DFID and IOM with four objectives. The research has culminated in the production of two key deliverables responding to four objectives, this report captures objectives 1-3 and the accompanying shelter guide captures 4.

1. To substantiate the key criteria metrics developed for the 14 indicators during Phase I of this study through scientific testing and analysis.

2. To utilise the key criteria metrics to rigorously evaluate the performance of shelter constructed in southern Pakistan 2010 - 2102

3. To capture the methodology and key findings of the research in a research report, contributing to an academic and scientific evidence base on flood resilient shelter.

4. To make recommendations in a shelter guide that will inform best practice in the design, and implementation of flood resilient shelter in southern Pakistan.

This research primarily addresses flood resilience of improved vernacular construction for small-medium scale flooding, such as occurred in 2011, 2012. Flooding is the key hazard in the study area of Sindh Province and whilst there is also a risk from low to medium seismic hazard consideration falls outside the scope of this research. Some basic rules of thumb for improved seismic performance are included in the shelter guide nonetheless.

Figure 1 Impact of flooding in Pakistan
Five wall typologies were constructed in southern Pakistan following the floods: loh-kat, layered mud, adobe, fired brick and concrete block. Concrete was rarely used either before or after the flooding, but is included here as a baseline for future research. Fired brick was used extensively after 2010 floods as it was believed to be more durable, but increasingly focus shifted to improved vernacular construction such as lime stabilised adobe, with Adobe and layered mud being the most common typologies before the floods.

Common advice for earth construction is simply to avoid flood plains, an option often unavailable to communities in the study. This approach manifests itself in a lack of research on either flood damage or flood resilient design for vernacular construction, with notable exceptions referred within (IOM 2015, UN-HABITAT 2012, Heritage Foundation 2013, Alan M. et al 2008).

Location and settlement planning, both key to reducing vulnerability, are outside the scope of this study, as is the probabilistic hazard assessment that is required to inform land use planning.

The research was conducted between Jan 2016 – Aug 2017 by Arup on behalf of and in collaboration with IOM and funded by DFID. Local partners PEDA International and NED University provided critical local capacity for data gathering and physical testing whilst a Technical Advisory Group and End User Group reviewed progress.

Methodology

A phased research approach was adopted which included data gathering, analytical desk studies and physical testing. At each phase the research was given structure and rigour by three key performance criteria: ‘safe and resilient’, ‘acceptable to occupant’, and ‘sustainable’. Data was gathered via shelter assessments, homeowner surveys, and stakeholder consultations. PEDA International were selected as a credible local partner to conduct the shelter assessments and homeowner surveys on the basis of logistical capacity, appropriate skills and experience, robust quality control measures and lack of involvement and hence bias in the shelter response. A statistically representative sample of 800 shelters was surveyed across 13 districts over 19 weeks. Teams of two collected both quantitative and qualitative data against the key criteria. Their survey teams were trained in use of rigorously designed electronic survey tools which helped to ensure consistency, completion, remote monitoring via an online dashboard and quality control. In addition, 10 semi structured interviews were conducted with key informants from shelter agencies. Limitations in data collection included: relying on recollection of events up to five years earlier; only 6% of surveyed shelters had experienced flooding; 3% of shelters had been abandoned; and approximately 15% of respondents declined to participate.

Analytical desk studies were conducted by Arup specialists to scientifically evaluate and compare existing shelter and substantiate the metrics for the key criteria, making reference to appropriate international best practice. These studies addressed structural design and performance; thermal comfort, ventilation and air quality; daylighting; cost; and sustainability. Structural analysis included a review of codes and guidance; the capacity of foundations, walls, and roofs; connection details; stability; and a review of the design information provided by the shelter agencies. Daylight, thermal comfort, ventilation and air quality were evaluated using the field data collected and independently simulated using basic computer modelling to test improvements. Capital and lifecycle costs were quantified
and analysed based on bills of quantities provided by shelter agencies. Sustainability was studied to analyse the local supply chain, natural resource use, material availability, labour standards and embodied energy/carbon and waste. Transportation and material production factors were estimated from a range of industry sources.

Unique full scale flood and rain tests were conducted to evaluate the relative performance of different improved vernacular construction techniques, inspired by existing designs as well as best and worst case reference panels. NED University in Karachi were appointed to conduct the testing as they had experience of full scale vernacular construction testing, rain and flood modelling expertise, material testing equipment and are located close to the study area enabling materials and labour to be brought in. 24 full scale wall panels of varying material typologies were subject to simulated meteorological and anecdotal flood and rain conditions from the study area. Measurements included capture and quantification of eroded material, a detailed photographic record and a live video feed.

**Key findings**

The culmination of the data gathering, analysis and physical testing was that all five wall typologies were ranked (1-5, high-low) for performance against each indicator within the three key criteria of safe and resilient, acceptable to occupant, and sustainable. Ranking was developed in preference to a weighted score to avoid inherent complexity and subjectivity. A number of findings cut across the wall typologies and are summarised here first. Subsequently the wall typologies are grouped together and discussed in more detail in accordance with similarities in the materials and construction systems 1. Adobe and layered mud, 2. Loh-kat and 3. Fired brick concrete block.

There is a need for clarity in design approach to flood and rain hazard if investment in DRR is to be of value. Field survey data highlighted that measures that rely on being built up to or above the flood level, were commonly built below the level of the most recent flood. Physical testing has shown that DRR measures that are effective in resisting standing water are notably different to those that resist heavy rain.

The need to reduce cost (and carbon) but maintain water resistance led to increased use of lime in stabilising earth construction

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*Table 1 Average rankings for wall typologies against each of the key criteria*
from 2010 – 2012, a notable good news story. Physical testing confirmed both the great benefit and drawback of lime: it has the potential to produce cheap and environmentally friendly waterproof earthen construction, but can easily be undermined by workmanship as it requires careful mixing, curing and testing to be effective. Training is essential and programmes implemented towards the end of the response should be rolled out across the flood affected areas.

This research has shown that there is a clear link between the quality and completeness of design information and the quality of what is built. Design drawings and the technical guidance on which they were based were generally found to be lacking, culminating in an absence of basic construction detailing such as ring-beams and lintels in the field, confirming the need for the shelter guide. As shelter organisations move towards supporting self-recovery the challenge of how to convey resilient shelter design will become even more acute and creative solutions will be required.

Diverging from conventional wisdom thermal performance was found to be largely divorced of material typology as a result of the dominant effect of ventilation provided to a small space by an open door, as the room quickly reaches a similar temperature to that in external shade. Computer modelling demonstrated that orientation, cross ventilation, roof and wall thickness can all serve to improve performance. Daylighting was a low priority for homeowners who in many cases blocked up openings, presumably to provide security and/or privacy. Basic computer modelling has shown that brick/block Jali screens can provide a robust, secure and private opening whilst maintaining adequate daylighting. (Jali screen photo)

On the whole foundations were found to be adequate, there is however room for improvement in wall thickness and other structural rules of thumb such as size and location of openings. Survey data suggested that roof performance in terms
of leakage is unrelated to slope or material, again contravening popular wisdom. Roof connections were often omitted with 73% of simply resting on the walls and 33% of respondents reporting that their roof had lifted off in high winds.

On the whole shelter agencies did a good job of adapting their designs to account for material shortages, local skills, profiteering and child labour, although concerns over quality were widespread and were exacerbated by ineffective timber/bamboo treatment and non-durable design detailing.

The sustainability and cost analytical desk studies have shown that cost of and embodied carbon in shelter construction materials are proxies, such that expensive shelter such as fired brick also contain the most embodied carbon.

Adobe and layered mud

Evaluation of existing shelter indicated that adobe and layered mud give the best all round performance whilst physical testing has shown that performance may be further improved through stabilisation and detailing for durability.

They are cost effective and contain low embodied carbon, albeit slightly more than loh-kat in both cases. The materials required to maintain them are easy to obtain and are more likely to be repaired by an unskilled worker. They require more frequent, but less expensive repair than fired brick shelters, primarily to repair rain damage. Physical testing has shown that durability could be significantly improved and maintenance reduced through the ‘hat and boots’ approach, incorporating a roof overhang, lime stabilised earth plaster and some form of base protection.

The water resilience of adobe and layered mud is dependent on successful stabilisation using either lime or Portland cement, with physical testing illustrating that they may achieve the same performance as fired brick. In either case training is essential in order to understand soil suitability, mixing and curing. Testing of the finished product, such as by placing an adobe block in a bucket of water to check that it does not dissolve, is essential. A key limitation of layered mud is that it is built in-situ and cannot easily be tested in this way.

Both adobe and layered mud in particular are low strength load bearing construction. The process of compacting earth into a mould to make an adobe block will typically make it stronger than layered mud and so from a structural and durability point of view is preferred. However, this process takes additional time and effort, with homeowners anecdotally reporting that they preferred layered mud as a result.

Loh-kat

Viewed variously as a poor man’s material or else as a transitional typology, loh-kat shelter were constructed rapidly and cheaply for homeowners who had an average income one third of those who received fired brick shelters. The suspicion is that the defects and poor performance described herein is not inherent but at least partially engendered by the approach to the typology.

They were found to be the largest shelters by some way, space being a priority for many homeowners, possibly as they were the cheapest to construct. They also contain the least embodied carbon.

The Loh-kat wall typology was adapted to account for material shortages, with some walls built from bamboo frames and reed matting. Loh-kat walls were more likely to tilt and lean, perhaps due to the use of bamboo frames, a ‘new’ technology, and
the resulting omission of required diagonal bracing. As demand spiked the quality of bamboo dropped and with effective protective treatment largely unavailable durability is a key concern. Loh-kat deteriorated at a greater rate compared to other typologies, requiring regular but cheap and unskilled maintenance, with shelter agencies anticipating they would last a handful of years at most. Physical testing has shown that the burden of maintenance would be significantly reduced by use of stabilised plaster. Wall-foundation connections in particular require careful detailing to prolong rot, adding complexity to construction.

If well connected together the frame of a loh-kat shelter has the potential to resist small to medium scale flood events as the plaster is simply washed away whilst the frame ensures that the roof remains in place.

They were reported as less secure and less private than the other typologies, citing transmission of sound and ability to break through walls. They also have the highest risk of fire due to use of combustible materials, especially where the internal face is not plastered.

**Fired brick and concrete block**

Fired brick is the most expensive and contains the most embodied carbon of all of the materials. Concrete block contains less carbon than fired brick but more than the other typologies and is expensive also. Whilst they are stronger, more durable and have inherent water resistance they require more expensive maintenance by a skilled labourer, with materials that are less available, concrete block in particular is rare.

A minority of fired brick shelters had their performance undermined by use of mud mortar and or unstabilised earth foundations, both of which could lead to failure in even a small flood event, undermining the significant investment made in the bricks in the first place.

Homeowner surveys found that they are perceived as being more secure and private than other typologies and if given a choice 91% would prefer to live in a fired brick shelter.

Finally, the use of child labour in brick kilns is a serious concern that led some agencies to switch material typologies.
1 Introduction

For three years in a row, 2010-2012, extreme flooding occurred in southern Pakistan causing widespread devastation, resulting in more than 2.5 million houses being destroyed. Humanitarian donors and agencies implemented shelter programmes in response to these events which assisted in the re-construction of 200,000 houses. However, their capacity is dwarfed by the magnitude and frequency of these flood events, with an estimated 90% of those affected left to self-recover. Given the likelihood of increased food risk and limited humanitarian funding in the future, it is therefore imperative to enable communities living in food-prone areas to build food-resilient shelters.

Phase I of this study, conducted in 2014, drew together existing information on flood-resilient shelters in order to identify key criteria that shelter partners and government can use to inform and assess the design of flood-resilient shelter in southern Pakistan. The literature review highlighted that there is limited academic literature on flood-resilient shelter and a documentation review found that existing shelter assessments do not consider flood resilience and tend to focus on collation of lessons learned rather than scientific evidence. Phase I generated three outputs: an Excel database of the shelter response 2010-2012; valid and reliable metrics for assessing shelter designs; and a research methodology for Phase II. Whilst the study is based upon an evaluation of shelter agency programmes most of the findings will remain relevant as the shelter community switches focus to explore how to support self-recovery.

1.1 The study

The overall aim of Phase II research was to conduct a scientific study on post-flood shelter projects implemented by agencies in southern Pakistan in order to develop a shelter design guide that will contribute to building the resilience of communities living in flood-prone areas in southern provinces of Pakistan.

Figure 2 - Flood extents map 2010 - 2012
The specific objectives are:

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2. To utilise the metrics to rigorously evaluate the performance of shelter constructed in southern Pakistan 2010 - 2102.
3. To capture the methodology and key findings of the research in a research report, contributing to an academic and scientific body of evidence on flood resilient shelter.
4. To make recommendations in a shelter guide that will inform best practice in the design, and implementation of flood resilient shelter in southern Pakistan.

1.2 The report

This research report is one of two key project outputs. It presents the methodology and key findings of the study and is accompanied by a shelter guide which details recommendations for flood resilient shelter.

The context, including prevalent shelter construction typologies and the characteristics of flooding in the area are described in section 1. The approach and methodology of the study are described in section 3, which highlights reasoning behind decisions made, the challenges faced, and the limitations of the results. The intention is that the methodology can be interrogated and built upon by others such as academics and shelter agencies who are conducting research in this area. In particular, the final key criteria and associated metrics (See Appendix B) provide a scientific framework around which further research could be designed and conducted.

The key findings are summarised against the three key criteria in sections 5 to 8 providing an evidence base for the wider shelter community including shelter agency staff. Critically this evidence base supports the recommendations made in the shelter guide which are provided in the form of best practice shelter designs and a decision making tool.

The link between the key findings in the report and design principles section of the guide are facilitated by common headings and whilst written as standalone documents they are inherently complimentary.

The report concludes in section 9 with observations and recommendations for further work on this topic.
2 Context

2.1 The Typologies

The materials used to construct shelter are key to their flood resilience. The evaluation and comparison of performance within this study refers to five material typologies which were identified in Phase I as having been constructed in southern Pakistan since 2010: mud, adobe, loh-kat, fired brick and concrete block. This section clarifies and outlines differences between and within the typologies, including categorisation of the structural systems and methods of construction, how the materials were sometimes employed in combination and the frequency with which they occurred.

Of the five wall typologies four are loadbearing whilst the fifth, loh-kat relies upon a framework of vertical and lateral timbers which are plastered either side. Loh-kat is typically lighter weight with foundations made by simply embedding the vertical timbers into the ground. Of the four loadbearing typologies three can be considered as masonry as they are assembled from pre-made units whilst layered mud is built by hand in-situ. The loadbearing typologies require strip foundations in order to support them, with trenches dug and subsequently filled with masonry or compacted soil. Roofs may be flat, singled or double pitched and in some cases conical where a shelter is round on plan, although no round shelter were found in the random field survey.

Figure 3 - Five wall typologies: top to bottom, concrete block, loh-kat, adobe, layered mud, fired brick.
Within each typology properties such as strength, water resistance and durability may vary significantly according to the constituent components and the process through which they were made. A well-made soil block that has been stabilised by adding lime, may outperform a poorly made fired brick that has been assembled with unstabilised mud mortar.

Before the floods 80% of houses in Sindh were either adobe or layered mud. Concrete block construction was not present prior to the floods (UN-HABITAT 2010) and only used for 1% of shelters built during the response. This is supported by the Phase I database and reinforced by the data gathering (See table X – data gathering limitations). Despite this scarcity, it was decided to retain concrete block in the study for completeness as it is widely used elsewhere, and its use could increase in the future.

Following the 2010 floods, humanitarian agencies typically re-constructed houses in fired brick as it was considered more durable. Subsequently, awareness that flooding was becoming an annual event, together with limitations in funding, have led to increasing emphasis on low-cost vernacular solutions that incorporate flood-resistant features.

As focus switched to improving vernacular typologies a number of hybrid designs were implemented whereby more expensive water resistant materials (such as fired brick) were utilised for foundations and lower wall, with cheaper, less water resistant materials such as adobe or loh-kat above.

Traditional Loh-kat construction consists of a lattice of interwoven timber strips or branches plastered either side with similar variations in existence all over the world. By contrast some Loh-kat shelters built in the response consisted of a bamboo frame with verticals at increased spacing and a read matting known as ‘chicks’ fixed to one side. Key informant interviews suggest that this was a response to material depletion, a factor which could help to explain the relatively poor performance of this wall typology under certain criteria.
Figure 4 Loh-kat panel at testing facility made from bamboo frame and chicks matting. The next step is to apply plaster to the chicks matting. Note that the bamboo frame requires lots of diagonal bracing in order to make it stable. With many loh-kat shelters recorded as visibly leaning over it is most likely due to insufficient bracing.
2.2 Flooding hazard

The floods in 2010 were an extreme event, caused by cloud bursts mixed with seasonal snow melt in the mountainous northern areas of Pakistan. Deforestation of natural forests in upland catchment areas for timber and fuel served to increase the severity of flooding. This led to riverine flooding that affected the entire Indus River valley, with standing water in places over 8ft destroying or damaging over 1.7million homes (DEC 2012).

The flooding in 2011 and 2012 was less severe, but representative of the type of flood events that occur almost annually. In 2011, record rainfall over the flat lands of southern Sindh overwhelmed drainage canals and led to ponding with standing water of 3-4ft. The following year heavy cloud bursts over the equally flat northern Sindh and southern Punjab also resulted in standing water of 3-4ft which remained for several weeks until it evaporated or was pumped out. Flood duration in the Sindh is known to be extended by lack of a natural ‘return flow’ mechanism whereby flood water is unable to drain into the (Indus Tariq, M & Giesen, N. 2012).

Meetings were held with UNESCO, the Flood Forecast Division (FFD), NED University and the Irrigation Department in an attempt to source hazard data. The later reported that they have data on flow characteristics at barrages along the Indus, but not for the inland study area. Flood extents maps (http://www.sgs-suparco.gov.pk/floodhazard/default.aspx) from previous events are available via a collaboration between UNESCO and SUPARCO and whilst historical events provide a clue to what may happen in the future there is a need for a probabilistic hazard mapping to determine both the future likelihood and the severity of flooding (See section 9 – Recommendations for further work).

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*Table 3 Depth and duration of flooding reported in homeowner surveys*
2.3 Damage to shelter

A review of literature focusing on the impact and measurement of flood damage on shelter highlighted that there are limited scientific studies available. A Rapid Technical Damage Assessment (UN-HABITAT 2010) conducted by UN Habitat following the 2010 floods does categorise damage and whilst it would benefit from greater definition between categories it provides a useful reference point. The study suggests that the primary cause of failure was undermining of foundations whilst damage due to submersion in water accounts for just 15% of failures, which is surprisingly low.

Existing guidance for earth construction (Houben, H and Guillaud, H. 1994) simply recommends to avoid flood plains, an option often unavailable to communities in flood prone areas of Pakistan. This approach manifests itself in a general lack of research into flood resilience of vernacular construction, with a study conducted by Heriot-Watt University into flood response of cob (earth) walling stating that “This paper is believed to be the first preliminary investigation into the effect of flooding on cob structures” (Alan M. et al 2008). Key findings stated that compaction and inclusion of straw both improved performance of cob subject to standing water. Previous practical investigation of capacity to withstand sustained immersion/rainfall in Pakistan is limited to a notable study conducted by Strawbuild (IOM 2015) with lime stabilised earth blocks remaining intact in buckets of water for over a year. Further detail on the impact of flooding on shelter can be found in the Appendix E.

Figure 5 – Major causes of collapse due to mud houses in flood affected areas (UN-HABITAT 2012)
3 Scope and approach

3.1 Scope

This study was led by Arup International Development (Arup) on behalf of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), who lead the Shelter Cluster in Pakistan, and supported by the Department for International Development (DFID). It was completed over a period of 20 months between January 2016 and August 2017.

Arup and IOM teams collaborated closely for the duration of the project and on the data gathering and physical testing activities in particular, where IOM’s experience, contacts and in country presence were invaluable. Local partners were engaged by Arup to broaden the skills and capacity of the project team and to act as local centres of knowledge. PEDA International were appointed to conduct data gathering in the field and NED University were appointed to conduct and reporting on physical testing and assist in their design. See Appendix A for an illustration of the project team.

A Technical Advisory Group (TAG), consisting of international shelter agency experts and an End User Group (EUG) of programmatic and technical shelter agency staff in Pakistan were convened to review key milestones including the data gathering survey forms, ideas for physical testing and the two final outputs.

The study relates to the area of southern Pakistan comprising Sindh province and southern Punjab. It is anticipated that it will have relevance across the region.

The focus of this study is how the design of shelter using vernacular forms of construction can improve the food-resilience of communities to medium scale flood events, such as occurred in 2011 and 2012. This includes preventing damage caused by heavy rain which can wash away walls and weaken structures. The recommendations respond to hazard levels, such as depth of flooding, but are unable to give the likelihood of occurrence in a given location. This would require a probabilistic hazard study and is outside of the scope of this study. Location, settlement planning and infrastructure also play a critical role in reducing vulnerability to most flood events and extreme events such as occurred in 2010 in particular, but are outside the scope of this study. This requires regional food risk management strategies and land-use planning that is informed by hydrological modelling, and an understanding of changing weather patterns.

On the Global Climate Risk Index for 2017, Pakistan ranks 7th on the list of 10 countries most affected from natural disasters from 1996 to 2015. With global trends such as climate change contributing to a likely increase in the frequency and yearly impact of natural disasters and limited humanitarian funding in the future there has been a shift of focus to explore how to improve resilience of entire communities through self-recovery. In this context it is important to recognise that the findings and recommendations of this study are based upon data drawn from assessing and evaluating shelter that was supported directly by shelter agencies. Whilst they are anticipated to remain relevant to self-recovery, to confirm this would require further work.

Southern Pakistan is also at risk from low-medium seismic hazards, as evidenced by the earthquake in Baluchistan in September 2013, whilst tsunami and cyclone hazards are relevant in coastal zones. Consideration of these hazards falls outside the scope of this study, but is nonetheless critical to the design of safe and resilient shelter in this region of Pakistan.
Figure 6 – Key criteria, indicators and variables and research activities
3.2 Approach

This study followed a phased research approach, including data gathering through 800 field surveys, consultations with shelter agencies, full scale physical flood and rain testing of key shelter components and specialist desk studies to analyse and interpret data gathered against appropriate international best practice. All activities were framed by the key criteria (see figure 6), providing the necessary structure and rigor to the study, whilst the research process served to iteratively refine and substantiate the criteria and associated metrics.

Phase II began by refreshing a database of agency supported shelter that was compiled during Phase I and from which a statistically representative survey sample was selected. A local partner was appointed to conduct technical shelter assessments and gather opinions through homeowner surveys. The local partner separately held structured interviews with shelter agencies to gather data to compliment the field surveys. An Arup field mission to Pakistan was held at the start of the data gathering phase to provide training and trial the tools that were developed, to gather data on flood hazard and make initial enquires into testing facilities.

An initial analysis of the data gathered identified objectives and informed the design of the physical testing phase, with a second local partner engaged to assist Arup and IOM to design, construct and conduct full scale rain and flood testing.

Analytical desk studies were conducted by specialists to review data gathered in detail, carrying out hand calculations and building basic computer models, with results benchmarked against appropriate standards and supplemented with further research where required.

Each of the previous phases was subsequently drawn together in a comparative holistic evaluation of existing shelter with a simple ranking system devised to score the five wall typologies against the variables in the key criteria. In parallel scoping of the two final outputs was initiated through consultation with local stakeholders during a second Arup field mission.

Section 4 details the methodology of each phase of the project, highlighting key considerations, limitations and challenges faced such that future studies might build upon the work done.

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**Figure 7 - Research process flow chart**

- Data Gathering
  - Shelter Assessments
  - Homeowner Surveys
  - Stakeholder consultations

- Preliminary Analysis
  - Comparative database

- Testing
  - Physical Testing

- Analysis
  - Thermal and Air quality Analysis
  - Daylight Analysis
  - Structural Analysis
  - Cost Analysis
  - Sustainability Analysis

- Recommendations
  - Shelter Guide and Final Research Report
4 Methodology

4.1 Data gathering

The purpose of the data gathering phase was to collect information on existing shelter against each of the three key criteria in order to facilitate further desk analysis (see section 4.2) and to help inform design of physical testing (see section 4.3) and subsequently to conduct a holistic comparative evaluation of shelter performance. Three data gathering methods were identified during Phase I and were refined during Phase II:

1. **Shelter assessments**
   Statistically representative field survey of 800 shelter. Quantitative data such as measurement of dimensions and qualitative data such as observations of technical aspects of the shelter collected by a technical person who understands shelter terminology such as an engineer.

2. **Homeowner surveys**
   Statistically representative field survey of 800 shelter. Qualitative data capturing the opinions of the homeowner collected by a community surveyor.

3. **Stakeholder consultations**
   Key informant interviews with up to 10 shelter implementation agencies selected for their involvement in the response and ongoing presence in Pakistan.

With the credibility of the study resting on the data gathered a number of requirements were identified:

- A **credible local partner** to conduct data gathering,
- **Rigorously designed data gathering tools**,  
- A **statistically representative sample** and,
- **Robust quality assurance**

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Table 1 Shelter assessment/Homeowner survey – key stats:

- 800 surveys, with up to 379 data points
- Target of 40 mins per survey; 6 shelters per day; maximum of 6 shelter in any one village
- The surveying took 19 weeks, approximately 4 months
- 6 people (4 men and 2 women) broken into 3 teams of 2 people to conduct shelter assessment and homeowner survey of the same shelter simultaneously
- Sindh (and Punjab) provinces, 13 districts
- 29 implementing partners, 9 donors
Credible local partner

Following circulation of a call for interested parties and joint Arup/IOM evaluation of proposals PEDA International were appointed to conduct data gathering on the basis of the following criteria:

- Logistical capacity and a presence in the study area to deliver surveys of up to 1000 shelters in remote villages in 12 weeks
- A balanced team of technical and non-technical data gatherers with strong project management skills to oversee. Mixed gender teams were required for consultations, ensuring that gender was not a barrier for the homeowner surveys.
- A realistic project delivery plan including adequate resourcing, travel plans and robust quality control measures.
- Not involved in shelter implementation during 2010-2012 and free from any associated bias.

Rigorously designed data gathering tools

The key criteria provided the framework that drove the design of the shelter assessments, homeowner surveys and key informant interviews, with figure 6 providing a visual representation of how the activities relate to the key criteria. Reference was made to previous surveys, notably those conducted by Heritage Foundation (2013) of construction issues in the field.

Detailed design of the tools was developed based on the requirements of the analytical studies which were to follow on from the data gathering and would be reliant on collecting the right information. Methodologies were written early on for the five studies, helping to define the inputs which would be required. Undertaken by different specialists it ensured that the holistic aims of the study were rigorously met, it also served to generate a wealth of content and competing demands for data collection which became overly detailed in some places (see table 8 – lessons learnt).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equipment</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Moisture meter</td>
<td>For measuring the moisture content of the walls at the bottom, middle and top</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Therma-Hygrometer</td>
<td>For measuring humidity and air temperature both inside and outside the shelter</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infrared thermometer</td>
<td>For measuring the surface temperature of the walls, floor and ceiling</td>
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<tr>
<td>Laser measure</td>
<td>For measuring distances quickly with a single person</td>
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<tr>
<td>HDR camera app</td>
<td>Used in conjunction with a colour chart placed on the surface which is being photographed this app is for measuring ‘true’ colours to help determine reflectance values</td>
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Table 4 - Equipment for data gathering
The shelter assessments and homeowner surveys were developed internally by a team of specialists and reviewed externally by the Technical Advisory Group. Shelter assessments were subsequently re-ordered to reflect the sequence that a surveyor would gather data, for example by grouping all data on the roof together.

**Statistically representative sample**

During Phase I a database of one room shelters constructed through shelter agency programmes following floods (2010-2012) in Sindh province was compiled. This was updated with new information from the shelter cluster lead, particularly for 2012, bringing the total number of shelters in the database to approximately 200,000.

For the findings of the research to be credible a comprehensive data set and statistically representative sample size was required. In order to compare relative performance between the five material typologies the sample was stratified and an online calculator (http://www.raosoft.com/samplesize.html) was used to determine a statistically representative sample within each typology. Sample size was determined assuming a confidence level of 95% and margin of error of 7%.

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<tr>
<th>One room shelters</th>
<th>Calculated sample size</th>
<th>Actual sample size</th>
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<td>Adobe</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>205,072</td>
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*Table 5 - Statistically representative sample stratified by wall material typology*
For logistical reasons it was decided to focus on the 11 most flood affected districts in Sindh Province, which in turn was the most flood affected province. This represented 90% of all one room shelters in the database built in Sindh. Two additional districts in Punjab were included in the study at the request of the National Disaster Management Authority. The sample size for a given material typology was then assigned proportionally to the districts where they were built.

Villages that met the material and location sample criteria were selected at random using an online random number generator (https://www.random.org/integers/). In order to control costs associated with logistics and travel between remote villages a maximum of 6 shelters were surveyed from any one village.

In 33 villages the local partner found that the shelter material typology on the ground differed to the records provided by implementing agencies in the Phase I shelter database, with concrete block the most frequent offender. The local partner felt that this discrepancy would trace back to implementing agencies, rather than village level, where agency oversight would prevent donated materials being sold or swapped.

**Robust quality assurance**

Quality of the data collected was ensured through training, trial and adaption of survey tools, and subsequent monitoring of the fieldwork.

A two-week field trip was held for the survey designers to provide training on project background, purpose and equipment to the local partner and incorporate their feedback. Field trials were an essential step in familiarising the local partner with the format and content of the forms with each survey adjusted based on feedback in order to improve usability and ensure that multiple choice options reflected condition on the ground. A steep learning curve saw the initial time to complete one survey reduced from two hours to between 30 and 40 minutes.

An online dashboard (map and database) enabled real time monitoring of progress once surveys were underway, with pin drops and associated survey data loaded to the cloud as surveys progressed. 10% of all surveys were selected at random for detailed review with comments passed back to the local partner via a weekly progress call.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Wall material typology</th>
<th>No. of villages</th>
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<td>Fired brick</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adobe</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loh-kat</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Layered mud</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>33</strong></td>
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</table>

*Table 6 - Villages where wall typology on the ground varied to that given by agency in database*

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**Digital data collection advantages:**

**Monitoring of quality and progress:**

Time and GPS location are logged automatically within the survey form. Once uploaded to the online platform, completed surveys can be viewed on a map and a linked database, allowing real time monitoring.

**Completeness of data**

Nearly all questions were mandatory to complete, such that a form could not be uploaded unless answers were selected.

**Ease of processing and analysis**

All questions are restricted to multiple choice ensuring uniform data response. In some cases an ‘Unknown’ or ‘Other’ field would be included. Multiple choice options were updated based on field trials.

Automatic generation of database, eliminating need for manual data entry which is time consuming and prone to error,

Photos are embedded in surveys.

**Ease of use**

Inbuilt visibility rules allows the form to adapt to previous answers that have gone before, with questions hidden as required. This aspect of the design required careful testing to ensure that the rules that governed visibility were correct.

*Note: Field surveys were designed, collected and monitored using Fulcrum (http://www.fulcrumapp.com/) a web based software that can be used on smart phones and tablets.*

*Table 7 - Digital data collection advantages*
**Time:** Shelters constructed up to 5 years prior to the surveys impacted the reliability of data collected from homeowners.

**Concrete block:** Insufficient concrete block shelters were found in the field for a statistically representative sample to be collected. The results are included in this preliminary report but must be treated with caution.

**Flooding:** Only 6% of shelters visited had flooded since construction which is an insufficient sample from which to draw conclusions.

**Hidden details:** A number of questions in the surveys concerned building details that are hidden such as: use of lime or cement in mixes for foundations/walls/mortar/plaster, foundation depth, lintels and ring beams (behind plaster). In these cases the responses are reliant on the memory of the homeowner. 91% of those surveyed were involved in the construction of their shelter so would have had first-hand experience.

**Equipment:** The decision to purchase therma-hygrometers and infra-red thermometers ensured quantitative data was gathered, whilst laser measurers helped speed the process of conducting the surveys. Conversely moisture meters and the HDR camera app both failed to gather useful data, with both being sensitive to how they are used.

**Location data:** Location data supplied by agencies was grouped by village in the database, so a single entry in the database could represent 70 shelters. Without a unique identifier it was not possible to select individual shelters randomly, raising the potential for selection bias to be introduced, for example by village representatives guiding the field staff towards shelter that had performed particularly well or badly. In order to try and mitigate against this the local partner would ask the community focal point 3 questions:

1. How many shelters are there in the village?
2. How many were donated?
3. How many of the donated shelters a) are badly damaged or b) abandoned?

Gaps in the database served to exacerbate issues with location of shelter.

**Abandoned shelter:** Community focal points reported that 52 shelters were abandoned in the villages visited, representing 3% of the total shelters donated to those villages. A further 133 were reported as badly damaged, representing a further 7%. Surveys rely on homeowners being present to ask questions and the sample does not include abandoned shelters which potentially excludes the poorest performing shelters from the data set. The surveys did not record the material or reasons why shelter had been abandoned.

**Hostility to the study:** Citing broken promises from agencies of shelter and cash grants, approximately 15% of the villages visited refused to take part in the study. Lack of uniformity from one shelter to another was another common grievance among beneficiaries, highlighting the need for common design guidance for implementing agencies.
**Complexity and length of surveys:** Overall the surveys would have benefitted from being shorter and in places the questions were too ambitious in the detail they attempted to collate. Ultimately similar or better results could have been achieved through shorter, simplified questions. For example:

- A series of questions attempted to differentiate between thermal comfort during winter and summer at day and night. A generic question on thermal comfort would have sufficed.
- Questions on recycling and reuse of materials proved too complex and also could have been simplified.

**Table 8 - Data gathering limitations**

**Locating villages:** Locating randomly sampled villages was complicated by missing or erroneous data in the database. As shelter cluster lead IOM facilitated contact with implementing agencies on the ground, who in some cases were able to assist with locating the sample. In some cases the Implementing Agencies had since left the study area or were otherwise un-contactable in which case a new village was randomly selected.

**Infrastructure:** Travelling long distances to remote villages was slowed down by lack of roads and mobile networks.

**Weather:** Delays to the programme meant surveying extended into summer.

**Technology:** Low lighting and absence of flash on the tablets meant that quality of photos inside the shelters suffered. Remote locations reduced frequency at which data could be uploaded to the cloud causing tablets to slow down.

**Table 9 - Data gathering logistical challenges in the field**

**Figure 9 - Abandoned shelter**
**Key informant interviews**

10 semi-structured interviews were held with key shelter agencies (See table 10) to collate data against the key criteria that the field surveys could not address; primarily within the sustainability and acceptability key criteria. A template was developed (refer to Appendix D) which was trialled and adapted with the local partner. Meeting records produced by the local partner were reviewed.

A guide to conducting the interviews was prepared by the Arup team in order to aid the local partner and ensure that the data gathered was useful. Key topics were identified and an approach was designed. More specific closed questions were also included as examples, See Appendix A.

Agencies were required to send one technical and one programmatic staff member to each interview. The data gathered was subject to the veracity of the interviewee’s memory as four to six years had elapsed since the response. Indeed the local partner noted that care was required to restrict the conversation to the 2010 – 2012 flooding response, avoiding digression onto more recent earthquake reconstruction programmes.

Whilst the semi structured interviews were suited to gathering opinions and experience it was often necessary to follow up by email with specific questions to clarify numerical data gathered. For example initial data on construction programmes gathered during the interviews was clarified by emailing templates to the interviewees to ensure consistency of data.

### Table 10 - Key informant interviews - Shelter agencies

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<td>IOM</td>
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<td>ACTED</td>
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<td>Hands</td>
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<td>SEAD Foundation</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Sangtani</td>
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**4.2 Analytical desk studies**

This section summarises the methodology followed for five analytical desk studies. The purpose of the desk studies was to scientifically analyse the data gathered from field surveys and key informant interviews supplementing it with international best practice in order to evaluate and compare existing shelter

1. Structural
2. Thermal comfort, ventilation and air quality
3. Daylighting
4. Cost
5. Sustainability
The purpose of the structural analysis desk study was to evaluate shelter against material quality, stability and integrity indicators and to substantiate the associated metrics.

The study extracted relevant data sets from the shelter assessments and compared it to guidance available to agencies at the time, as reported by the end user group during in-country consultations, in order to determine how well the guidance was adhered to. Reference was then made to relevant international best practice. Basic calculations and rules of thumb were carried out to assess the structural capacity of individual building elements including foundations, walls, openings within walls, roofs and key connection details, see table 11 for a full list of checks conducted. Whilst outside of the scope of the study, high level investigation into seismic hazard was included.

| **Table 11 - Structural analysis** |

- **Codes and guidance**
  - Review of local design codes to assess their applicability and magnitude of wind loading in the area
  - Review of technical guidance available to shelter agencies at the time of response (Shelter Cluster Pakistan 2012, UN-HABITAT 2015)

- **Foundation capacity**
  - High level review of soils in the area.
  - Assessment of depth and width under normal and flood conditions.
  - Impact of platforms (made ground) on founding level

- **Wall capacity**
  - Check of wall capacity under steel roof beams supporting a saturated roof where no lintel or spreader beam present. This was in response to reports of saturated roofs causing walls to fail (Heritage Foundation 2013)
  - Slenderness, opening sizes and spacing

- **Roof capacity**
  - Size and spacing of beams in timber, steel and bamboo
  - Additional load from saturation and people (refuge) and wind uplift.

- **Connection details**
- **Stability**
Design Information

Preliminary analysis of shelter assessments indicated that omission of basic construction detailing such as ring beams and lintels was widespread (see section 6.2). As both details are often hidden by plaster these findings were treated with caution. A finished building is a product of design (typically communicated through drawings), materials (and specification) and workmanship (https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Defects_in_construction). When undertaking a visual inspection it is not usually possible to identify which is the cause of a defect. However for details such as ring beams and lintels to be built it is reasonable to first check that they are included in design information.

The purpose of the review was therefore to evaluate shelter design information on paper. Subsequently this informed the development of a communication variable under the buildability, maintenance and modification indicator.

A total of 28 separate sets of design drawings from 9 different implementing partners were available. Agencies had an average of three different designs and a maximum of six, indicative of the varied design approaches taken and the need for design flexibility across the study area. The intention was to include three drawing sets for each of the five typologies but for concrete and layered mud typologies only one drawing set was available. 11 drawing sets were selected from 11 different agencies to cover each of the five material typologies (see table 12).

The review was split into four main sections, completeness of drawings, adequate specification of materials, adequate detailing and inclusion of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) features. Each of these sections was broken down into a yes/no checklist (see table 13) generating a score for each drawing review (Refer to Appendix F for summary of results).

This checklist provides a template against which shelters could be designed, checked or reviewed by agencies or others in the case that they fall outside of the scope of the shelter guide.

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<th>Agency</th>
<th>Implementing partner</th>
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<td>Heritage Foundation</td>
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*Table 12 - Design information review input data*
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<th><strong>Drawing information/Completeness</strong></th>
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<td>Which drawings have been drawn? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Are there sufficient dimensions to build the shelter? (y/n)</td>
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<td>What is missing? (E.g. window setting out, roof thickness and build-up)</td>
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<td><strong>Material specification</strong></td>
<td>Are material types stated? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Are material strengths stated? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Is any other material information stated? (y/n)</td>
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<td><strong>Detailing</strong></td>
<td>Is there a ring beam drawn? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Is the ring beam buildable from drawing? (Materials, dimensions, locations)</td>
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<td>Are there lintels drawn? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Are the lintels buildable from drawings? (Materials, dimensions, location)</td>
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<td>Is a corner connection shown? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Are there connections between roof and wall? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Are the connections buildable from the drawings? (Materials, dimensions, location)</td>
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<td>Are there connections between roof (and wall in the case of loh-kat) members? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Is there redundancy? (y/n)</td>
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<td><strong>DRR</strong></td>
<td>Is there an elevated ground (platform)? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Is there a raise floor level (plinth)? (y/n)</td>
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<td>What is the shelters capacity to withstand immersion and rainfall?</td>
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<td>Does the shelter allow for drainage at roof level? (y/n) (ie sloping roof)</td>
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<td>Does the shelter allow for drainage at base level? (y/n) (eg channels, sloping base)</td>
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<td>Does the roof overhang? (y/n)</td>
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<td>Any reference to previous flood height?</td>
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Other criteria observations (ventilators, two means of escape, vector control, flue?)

*Table 13 - Design information review check list*
Thermal Comfort, Ventilation and Air quality

The purpose of the analysis was to evaluate the performance of shelter and develop metrics for thermal comfort, ventilation and air quality variables. Thermal comfort and air quality are both inextricably linked to ventilation and all three were considered within the same simple dynamic thermal analysis. Whilst the input data was consistent, the results were interpreted differently for each of the variables.

Survey data was reviewed to evaluate how existing shelter were performing. This evaluation compared the difference between external shade air temperature and internal air temperature (see table X for definitions of key terminology14)

A basic computer model was built using IES software (https://www.iesve.com/software/ve-for-engineers) based on data geometry and material data from shelter assessments. The model was analysed against weather data obtained from Meteonorm1 (http://www.meteonorm.com/) and then compared to and calibrated against readings taken during the shelter assessments. Once the model had been calibrated the relative impact of different design modifications (see section 7.1) on performance were explored.

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Air Temperature (dry bulb temperature) is the ambient temperature of the air shielded from radiation and moisture and in this report will be given in degrees Celsius (°C). Internal air temperature is a function of the external air temperature, the surface temperature and therefore material and thickness of construction, and rate of ventilation.

Operative temperature (resultant temperature or dry resultant temperature) is a measure of thermal comfort derived from air temperature, mean radiant temperature and air speed. This variable can be calculated within the analysis models undertaken in this study however due to the limited survey data it could not be calculated for the survey data.

Relative humidity is a ratio written as a percentage of the amount of moisture contained within the air for a given temperature compared to the amount that would be present if the air was fully saturated at the same temperature (100% RH, also known as the dew point). Relative humidity is a function of both the moisture content and temperature, with the saturation point varying with temperature (warmer air can contain more moisture before saturation than cooler air).

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1 Meteonorm is a weather database and simulation platform that generates accurate and representative typical weather years for any place on earth. The database consists of more than 8 000 weather stations, five geostationary satellites and a globally calibrated aerosol climatology.
Thermal model assumptions and input data:

- Geometry (plan, height, door and window opening dimensions) and material data were extracted from the shelter assessments
- Survey data that was collected:
  * Air temperature inside and outside (shaded)
  * Relative humidity inside and outside
  * Surface temperatures of walls
  * Ventilator opening widths, height and location in wall
  * Comfort opinions
  * Wall thicknesses
  * Roof construction

Climate conditions:

- The model was run based upon data for Nawabshah (See section 4.2 - Daylighting study)
- The expected climate change temperature increase in Pakistan as a whole is higher than the expected global average increase. Temperature increases of 1.4-3.7°C by 2060 with warming being more rapid in the southern and coastal zones.

Performance criteria

- The analysis model was run between the months of April and July for the hours of 9am to 6pm with internal air temperatures and operative temperature compared to external shade temperatures. Without mechanical cooling the air temperature in a shelter will at best match the external temperature in the shade. Where the surface temperatures of a shelter (roof, walls, floor) are below the air temperature they serve to reduce the operative (felt) temperature in the shelter.

Figure 10 - Sketch showing factors effecting comfort and ventilation of the shelters and their design.
Daylighting

The purpose of the daylighting desk study was to evaluate natural light in shelter typologies and substantiate the lighting variable.

Opinions on lighting were gathered through the homeowner surveys. A computer daylight model was built based on data gathered from shelter assessments to test performance against criteria determined from industry guidance and explore the relative impacts of different design adjustments.

Daylight model assumptions and inputs:

Climate conditions:

• A review of weather data for the study area obtained from Meteonorm, showed that there are two distinct climates:
  * Southern Sindh – July/August rainy season with clear skies the rest of the year – reference file for daylight model: Pangrio
  * Sukkur and around – Predominantly dry with clear skies throughout the year – reference file for daylight model: Nawabshah

Performance criteria:

• The model was run for both locations between 9am and 5pm each day over the course of a year recording the percentage of shelter area achieving a useful daylight illuminance level of between 100 and 2000 lux. The two boundary levels have been chosen in agreement with scientific literature (Reinhart, C et al. 2013), with levels lower than 100 lux representing dark lighting conditions and values higher than 2000 lux representing bright lighting conditions associated with unwanted solar gains.

Shelter dimensions and arrangement:

• Daylight analysis models were built assuming average plan dimensions from shelter assessments.
  * Windows were modelled as 0.6 x 0.9m with a wall thickness of 0.3m, representing the maximum size from the shelter assessments. Where a Jali screen was modelled this was assumed to be the full depth of the wall.
  * Openings were assumed to be unobstructed externally with shelter assessments indicating that they are typically located in clearings in low density single storey clusters.
  * Windows were assumed to face south because they model a condition that excludes direct solar penetration. Orientation of windows south or north is recommended to avoid solar gains.
  * Interior surface reflectance was determined from material and colour data collected in the shelter assessments. (See table 15)
The materials used for the floor vary between mud, combinations of mud and other materials such as straw and occasionally concrete. From visual comparison between the colour charts and the floor materials, the typical reflectance value is ~ 35%.

Walls painted in white colour: ~ 70%
Materials light in colour such as adobe or layered mud: ~ 50%
Materials dark in colour such as burnt bricks: ~ 30%

The typical ceiling in-fill material is reed matting ‘chicks’, which has a reflectance value of ~ 50%
Sometimes terracotta tiles or darker timber is used: ~ 30%

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*Table 15 - Interior surface reflectance*
Cost

The purpose of the cost desk study was to determine the cost of construction (materials and labour) and the lifecycle cost (operation and maintenance) in order to evaluate existing shelter and substantiate the cost indicator. Cost models were developed in line with best practice (R8ICS New Rules of Measurement) and fully detail the basis of assessment including assumptions, clarifications and exclusions.

To determine material costs, the design information (drawings and BoQs) for 16 shelter designs were analysed and compared. A BoQ for a concrete block shelter proved elusive and was improvised by substituting the wall and foundation material in a fired brick shelter design.

To facilitate direct comparison between the different designs, the BoQ’s were sorted into common units (e.g. kg, m3) and then allocated to components (foundations, floor, walls, roof, windows and doors). Without a complete list of prices from the time of the response it was necessary to review and update them to give a fair comparison reflecting a consistent time period (2017). 2017 material costs were cross referenced against costs stated in the BoQ’s themselves (where available), key informant interviews, existing studies (Global Shelter Cluster 2014) and high level data captured in the phase I database.

Labour costs were determined based on key informant interviews and design information (where itemised). This data was supplemented with questions on beneficiary contributions in the homeowner survey. Labour costs are considered less reliable than materials as less data was available.

Life cycle costs were judged to be a combination of maintenance costs, extracted from homeowner surveys, and a flat rate for electricity usage determined from homeowner surveys applied to all typologies. The design life for different shelter typologies were extracted from key informant interviews.

Sustainability

The purpose of the sustainability study was to evaluate shelter against the local supply chain and natural resources indicators and to substantiate the associated metrics.

The field surveys and key informant interviews provided the input data for material availability, labour standards, embodied carbon and recycled/reused.

To determine the embodied carbon of shelter designs, material quantities from the cost analysis (see section 4.2 – Cost analysis) were multiplied by carbon factors (kgCO2/kg of material) which were developed for both production and transport. Factors for material production (raw material extraction and manufacturing) were gathered from a range of industry sources, with no one source covering all of the materials included, they are listed and discussed in Table 16. They predominantly result from studies in Europe and North America, as equivalent recognised studies could not be found for the region. It is anticipated that where variations between the assumed and actual values occur they will likely be the result of less efficient industrial techniques and would therefore serve to increase the carbon factors.
Transport factors were developed based on the mode of transport and distance travelled for two journey legs. The first leg covered point of origin, such as a factory in Karachi or a forest in Punjab, to a merchant or warehouse, which for this study was assumed to be located in Shikarpur. The second leg consisted of a shorter journey from the merchant to a village, most likely via a different mode of transport. Distances and modes of transport for the first leg were estimated based on research into the most likely locations for sourcing a given material. Transport modes for the second leg of the journey were developed based on homeowner surveys. For distance a worst case (90th percentile) of 20km was assumed. Values for vehicle emissions were extracted from data sources in table 16 below.

Figure 11 - Material transportation assumptions

Key:
Point of material origin
Warehouse/merchant
Journey 1 – Point of origin to warehouse/merchant in Shikarpur
Journey 2 – Shikarpur to village (20km)

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Table 16 - Carbon factor sources
4.3 Physical testing

The purpose of physical testing was to evaluate the performance of existing shelter under simulated flooding and heavy rain, and substantiate the water resilience indicator. Phase I identified a number of flood (and heavy rain) resilient features (Section 4.3) which were subsequently captured as variables of water resilience: platforms and raised floors, waterproof materials, sacrificial protection, overhangs and drainage. The uptake of these features was explored by the field surveys, but findings on their effectiveness were limited by just 62 of the 800 shelters having been subjected to flooding since they were constructed.

Early engagement with the TAG during the planning of the physical testing highlighted that limited budgets may preclude a fully flood resistant design and that understanding the relative value of smaller interventions would be key. Also the need to distinguish between the impact of and measures to mitigate against standing water and heavy rain. The following requirements were determined:

Credible testing partners and test facilities with a view to setting up a local centre of knowledge with residual capacity to continue testing

An understanding of flooding (and rain) hazard and resulting damage to shelter (see section 2.2 and 2.3)

Reproducible and locally achievable test designs that simulate real construction as closely as possible. Subsequently developed and refined as follows:

• Exploration of the relative value of different DRR design features on vernacular construction inspired by designs observed in the field and including known poor construction as a ‘base case’ for comparison. Designs will include incremental changes to enable comparison between them with inclusion of at least one design representing best practice.

• Separate rain and standing water tests to differentiate the effects of each and identify where efforts should be focused

• Full scale test panels and materials and labour imported from the study area to simulate conditions in the flood affected areas
Credible testing partners

NED University in Karachi were appointed on the basis that they had experience of full scale vernacular construction testing, rain and flood modelling expertise, material testing equipment and were located in close proximity to the study area enabling materials and labour to be brought in, replicating conditions in the field.

With no existing facility available to conduct full scale flood and rain tests it was necessary to design and build the facility as well as the test panels themselves, leaving behind a testing centre that can continue research. The physical testing was a collaboration between IOM, Arup and NED, with NED taking responsibility for design and construction of the facility which was located on their campus, IOM oversaw construction of test panels including sourcing of materials and labour, and Arup led the design of the tests themselves, with input and review from NED and IOM. For construction of the panels IOM appointed a local NGO with training and experience of lime construction, with oversight provided by an IOM shelter advisor.

Heavy rain test design

The purpose of the heavy rain testing was to:

• To measure relative performance of improved vernacular construction (adobe and loh-kat) to heavy rain
• To simulate the damage caused by rainfall during the 2011 monsoon in order to compare to that caused by standing water.

Test conditions

Tests were conducted in two batches of six panels over the course of one day. Rain tests were based upon data gathered by NED from the Pakistan Meteorological Department for Tando Ghulam Ali which on August 11th 2011 saw 13.7 inches of rain, the highest in Sindh since 1931. Each panel was subject to the same conditions with wind driven rain was simulated by inclining the sprinklers at an angle to the wall panels, ensuring that the full height of the panel was wetted. The sprinklers were calibrated by placing measuring cups on the ground to ensure that the design conditions were achieved. Tarpaulin was erected to shield the sprinklers from any wind on the day. The backs of the panels (inside of shelter) were kept dry. Drainage was provided at the base of each panel to prevent standing water.

Observations and equipment

An observation and measurement regime was designed to document the testing:

Full photographic record, photos taken from fixed location, minimum of one per panel every 30mins, additional photos of points of interest as required.

Water run off for each panel was channelled separately through a filter which captured eroded material, enabling measurement of volume at the end of the test.
Standing water test design

The purpose of the standing water testing was:

To measure the relative value of different DRR measures for resisting standing water effects on foundations and base of wall.

To measure movement and damage over time (culminating in time to collapse) due to standing water.

Test conditions

Flood test conditions were based upon data gathered from homeowner surveys, suggesting an average flood depth and duration of 4’ for 10 weeks. It was decided that the flood profile (depth over time) should reflect anecdotal evidence from shelter agencies supported by research papers that water levels rose quickly and then took a number of weeks to drain away. It was thought that the effectiveness of raised floors and toes would require the water level to be below their high point whilst this flood profile would quickly inundate them, limiting the data which would be collected on their value. This led to a two stage flood profile, with the water level rising to 2’ and then to 4’ later on, all within the 10 week testing period (See Figure 13). Water was pumped into the tank and drained at the rates provided below in a way that prevented the panels being subject to flowing water.
Inflow 1 | Outflow 1 | Inflow 2 | Outflow 2
---|---|---|---
0.286 feet per day | 0.095 feet per day | 0.571 feet per day | 0.190 feet per day

Figure 12 - Section showing two rain test panels with sprinkler and drainage arrangement

Figure 13 - Flood testing profile – water depth over time and flow rates
Observations and equipment

The following observation and measurement regime was designed to capture testing:

- Total station measurements were taken once a day from fixed locations to record any movement in the panels over time.
- Still photos were taken once a day from brackets fixed to the tank wall to ensure that locations and framing were consistent. Frequency was increased as required when panels began to show signs of distress.
- Two live feed security cameras were set up to record live video footage of the entire tank from two different angles. This ensured that the point of failure was captured regardless of when it occurred, as full time supervision would have been impractical. A web interface enabled remote monitoring from the team in the UK.
- A drone was used to capture additional stills and video footage.

2 A total station is a computer mounted on a tripod which is used for surveying.

Figure 14 - Total station measurement points on panels, fixed still photos and camera mounts
**Age of construction:** The panels tested were newly constructed and as such will not have been subject to usual wear and tear that gradually degrades a building. Nor will they have been modified by homeowners.

**Wall panel’s vs entire shelter:** The scope of testing was restricted by the time, budget and space available. Opting to test wall panels in place of entire shelters allowed more tests to be carried out, unfortunately this excludes exploring the relative value of design features such as ring beams and adequate tie-ing of the roof structure, which are known to improve a buildings stability.

**Materials:** Similarly, it was necessary to narrow the number of materials explored. Concrete block was excluded based on limited occurrence before and after flooding (see section 2.1 – typologies). Flood damage studies (UN-HABITAT 2012) had already recorded that loh-kat can be flood resilient as the timber lattice is able to remain in place and continue to support the roof after the mud plaster has been washed away. Adobe and layered mud walls constitute the same or very similar materials fabricated through different processes and results from one will enable findings to be extruded for both. The focus of the flood testing was therefore adobe, whilst rain tests looked at both adobe and loh-kat.

**Wind:** Wind serves to drive rain at an angle to wall surfaces, serving to undercut protective roof overhangs and erode the wall surface. To simulate wind at a constant speed for the rain tests would require a wind tunnel, and is out of the reach of this project. This was approximated by angling the sprinklers instead

**Flowing water:** Flowing water will subject shelter to considerable dynamic pressures and erosion which are considered beyond reasonable design performance of vernacular construction whilst simulation and monitoring of consistent water flow against 12 panels would require a specialist facility. Designing low cost vernacular construction to withstand standing water is a significant challenge and testing for standing water alone improves replicability of the results and clarity of conclusions.

**Ground compaction:** The ground around the panel foundations was compacted by hand after the panels were completed and will be less dense than typical. It is likely that standing water will have infiltrated faster as a result, potentially influencing the speed with which unstabilised earth foundations failed.

**Soil type:** Composition of soil varies from one location to another and as a result are more or less suited to stabilisation with lime or cement and earth construction in general. The test results will be representative of the performance of the soil which was imported from the study area.
Key Findings

This section substantiates and explains the qualitative and quantitative metrics that were used to evaluate shelter and details the findings in line with the three key criteria, refer to the Appendix B for a tabular summary.

1. Safe and Resilient
2. Acceptable to Occupant
3. Sustainable

The findings are based on data gathered in the field, physical testing and analytical desk studies. Where the wall typology is thought to influence the findings a simple ranking is provided. A rank of 5 means that typology was judged to give the best performance for a given metric relative to the other typologies. The rankings are simple in that they provide comparison by placing them in order only and are not weighted, e.g. they illustrate that loh-kat performs better than fired brick, but not by how much. Weighting was purposefully avoided due to the complexity of such an undertaking and critically, the inherent subjectivity that this would introduce. In contrast simple rankings invites the reader to assign their own weighting in line with the stated project aim of informed decision making.

The ranks given in this report portray what was found in the field, they are different to the scores given in the shelter guide which represent the full potential of the materials in line with the recommended designs.

Where wall typology is thought to affect performance, ranks are provided at the start of each section in the margin. A full breakdown of the derivation of the rankings is provided on the following page. Where a variable was felt to be unrelated to the wall typology it was awarded an ‘x’.

The table below presents average ranks for each of the wall typologies for the three key criteria revealing that adobe and layered mud perform well throughout and achieve the best ranking overall. Fired brick performs strongly under safe and resilient and acceptability criteria, but receives the lowest rank for sustainability. Loh-kat mirrors fired brick with an almost equal and opposite performance, doing poorly for safe and resilient and acceptable to occupant, and receiving the highest average rank for sustainability. Concrete block follows a similar pattern to fired brick, although its rarity meant that it was not possible to sample a statistically representative sample and it should be treated with caution.

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Table 19 - Full break down of wall typology ranks against key criteria
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Safe and Resilient

6.1 Material Quality

**Compatibility**

Materials used for foundations, walls and roof should have compatible strength and water resilience so as to avoid undermining the performance of the shelter. The foundations should be at least as strong and waterproof as the walls that they support and masonry should be bonded together with comparative mortar. Generally, the surveys suggest that the wall and foundation materials used are compatible.

A minority (12%) of burnt brick shelters had unstabilised mud foundations, and a similar percentage used unstabilised mud mortar. In both cases the lesser properties of unstabilised mud are serving to undermine the performance of, and to negate the investment in the fired bricks. This was demonstrated by physical testing where a fired brick and mud mortar wall panel failed at a standing water depth of just 7 inches.

The survey data (figure 15) shows that whilst there is variation across the materials used for wall construction (layered mud, adobe, fired brick, loh-kat), there is less when it comes to foundation (mud or burnt brick) and roof construction. Nearly all roof coverings consisted of layers of mud, plastic and chicks and nearly all were supported by secondary beams made of bamboo with primary structure made of steel, bamboo or timber.

Durability is a key concern for homeowners and a key differentiator between the wall typologies. Natural materials such as earth and timber require careful detailing to protect them against water damage. A review of loh-kat foundation details suggests that there is room for improvement in this regard, with recommended details provided in the shelter guide.

The main durability concern for roofing was insect attack of timber and bamboo, affecting 21% of shelters. This is unsurprising given that the commonly used treatments observed in shelter and reported by agencies (i.e. oil, red oxide paint, grease and lime) are known to be ineffective and may result in a lifespan of less than one year (Kaminski, S et al. 2016).

Key informant interviews asked shelter agencies the anticipated life spans of different shelters with a range of values given. This illustrates the difficulty of predicting life spans, whilst the data also indicates low expectations across the typologies with adobe and layered mud in some cases given a similarly very low prognosis to loh-kat. The engineering judgement column is based upon an upper and lower bound of what should be possible to achieve based on the inherent characteristics of the materials. The upper bound represents a shelter that is well designed, detailed, constructed and maintained, the lower bound represents the opposite. It is possible for earth construction to be as durable as engineered materials such as fired brick if its limitations are understood and mitigated, refer to section 6.3 Water Resilience for more detail.
Figure 15 - Ribbon diagram illustrates which materials were used for foundations, walls and roofing and how often they were used together. For example, adobe block foundations were used with adobe walls and a very small number of layered mud walls.
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Table 20 - Shelter design life (years)
28% of the buildings built between 2010 and 2014 used lime.
Specification

Materials should be adequately specified to maximise their design life. Quality should be checked at point of procurement, delivery and use to ensure that the specification is being adhered to so that substandard materials are caught.

Quality of timber and steel were the key concern for homeowners, followed by bamboo, affecting roofing and loh-kat walling. Whilst agencies reported concerns over soil salinity affecting quality of earth this was not picked up by the surveys, indicating that the issue was not understood or captured in the forms, it was resolved by agencies or else over reported.

Agencies reported that quality of bamboo decreased over time, with farmers responding to a surge in demand by over fertilising bamboo so that it matures in one year rather than three. Other issues include excessive lack of straightness for poplar which is possibly due to being air rather than kiln dried.

Whilst compressive strength is a key consideration for loadbearing construction such as adobe, layered mud, concrete block and fired brick a single storey shelter places light demands on the walls, with 2.5N/mm2 required for such structures by building codes in countries such as Uganda and Tanzania. Where masonry is to resist seismic loads strength becomes more important and values of twice this might be recommended.

In practice it is unlikely that this data will be readily available or easily determinable in the field which is reflected perhaps by the fact that none of the agency designs included minimum material strengths. Low tech approximations of strength include dropping a brick from shoulder height to see if it breaks or not (Houben, H and Guillaud, H. 1994).

Compressive strength is roughly related to density, with compaction serving to increase the strength of soil construction. Layered mud tends to be less compacted than adobe blocks and so is often weaker, requiring thicker walls as a result. Stabilisation is another way to improve the strength of soil, with lime blocks tested by NED achieving up to 7N/mm2

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<td>Unstabilised earth</td>
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<td>Cement stabilised earth</td>
<td>1.1 to 1.5</td>
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<td>Lime stabilised earth</td>
<td>1.1 to 7</td>
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<td>Fired bricks</td>
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**Note:** Tests conducted by NED based on sample size of at least three

*Table 21 - Brickblock compressive strength testing results*
Stability and integrity

Has the roof ever lifted off during high winds?
- Yes
- No

30% of drawings did not show a connection between the roof and walls
- Roof structure is fully built into the wall
- Roof structure is bolted to top of wall
- Roof structure is strapped to top of the walls (rope, metal, wire, etc...)
- Roof structure rests on top of walls (0)

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Percentage with a ringbeam:
- 15%
  - Field surveys
- 43%
  - Drawing review

Percentage with a lintel:
- 52%
  - Field surveys
- 43%
  - Drawing review

Percentage of walls with no tilting or bulging (%):
- 50
  - Adobe / Mud brick
- 74
  - Burnt Brick
- 74
  - Blocks
- 40
  - Concrete
- 12
  - Mud
- 12
  - Loh Kat

Percentage of walls meeting slenderness limits (%):
- 42
  - Adobe / Mud brick
- 67
  - Burnt Brick
- 12
  - Blocks
- 22
  - Concrete
- 0
  - Mud
- 0
  - Loh Kat

Total opening size
L1
L2
6.2 Stability and Integrity

Foundation depth

The required depth and breadth of foundations are a function of a building’s weight and the properties of the soil, the aim being to ensure that the building does not sink into the ground.

The surveys found an average foundation depth of 0.78m with no significant variation between the wall typologies. This exceeds the 0.6m minimum guidance provided in the shelter cluster guidelines, indicating that this guidance was adhered to. UN-Habitat guidance provided further detail suggesting a depth of 1.2m for soft soil, in the absence of guidance on how to determine hard vs soft soils this was not reflected in findings from the surveys.

In contrast to the field surveys the review of agency drawings found foundation depths for load bearing construction to range between 0.2m to 0.5m, whilst loh-kat was typically embedded 0.6m into the ground.

High level geotechnical analysis of the soils in the Sindh (refer to maps in Appendix C) suggest that 0.75m depth would be suitable for both drained (dry) conditions as well as for flooded (undrained conditions), providing flood resilience.

Where the surrounding ground level is artificially raised up the foundations should be embedded at 0.5m into the original ground level to avoid founding the shelter in soft ground which would have been placed by hand.

Foundation width

Foundations widths were found on average to be slightly less that the two times wall width advised by the shelter cluster for each of guidelines the wall typologies. High level geotechnical analysis would suggest that the 0.55m average is reasonable however.

Stability and slenderness

A key metric for the stability of load bearing construction are ‘slenderness ratios’. As a wall is made longer or taller these ratios ensure that the wall thickness is increased by a commensurate amount to maintain stability. In seismic zones these ratios are typically adjusted to increase the wall thickness with the aim of improving stability under lateral earthquake loads.

Shelter cluster guidelines specified minimum thicknesses for wall typologies but did not give maximum lengths or heights, UN Habitat guidance went a step further by providing slenderness limits intended for moderate seismicity. Comparison with international benchmarks shows good agreement with the UN habitat guidance (See table 23). These limits were well adhered to by fired brick, less so by the other typologies.

Traditional loh-kat can provide a potentially stiff wall panel, as the woven interlocking timber branches prevent it from deforming. Bamboo framed loh-kat does not interlock and relies instead on f bracing and strong connections. With just 12% of loh-kat walls presenting no tilting or bulging it would suggest that bracing in walls and roof as well as adequate connections were often omitted.

Figure 15 - Foundation depth
Opening size and spacing

Openings act as weaknesses in loadbearing construction and should be sized and located to avoid compromising the strength and stability of the wall. Where the roof structure applies loads above or nearby to an opening, a lintel or equivalent is required. Survey data suggested that burnt brick performed best in this regard with 15% of shelter exceeding opening limits, whilst 35% to 40% of adobe, layered mud and concrete block were beyond the recommended limits. This guidance does not apply to Loh-kat construction as the structure is made up of a series of beams and columns.

Rules of thumb based on trial and error are available in guides and in some cases have been codified (See table 24). Guidance varies by material in order to account for differences in material properties. For example earth blocks are expected to be a lower strength material than fired brick, and so the size of openings is less and spacing between them is greater. The structural study shows that the limits given in the shelter cluster guidance are below best practice, but that the UN-Habitat guidance limits were about right.

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Table 22 - Foundation width
Connections are required between the roof covering and the structure, between roof beam to roof beam and between the roof beams and tops of the walls. They serve to prevent the wind from lifting up the roof, with overhangs in particular being sensitive to uplift. The Pakistan Building Code recommends that a value of 2.5kpa for coastal and 1.6kpa for inland areas can be applied to an overhang when determining the load that connections must resist. Roof connections also make a valuable contribution to the seismic resilience of a shelter by transmitting load between walls. Critically this requires that roof structure must not be able to slide relative to other parts of the roof or the walls, requiring a stronger mechanical fixing than that required for wind uplift alone.

There is a potential conflict in situations where roofs should be demountable and appropriate connections will need to be designed for this purpose. This was anecdotally reported as a priority by some occupants with insecure land tenure who wished to be able to take their roof with them in case they moved.

Shelter assessments found that 73% of roof structures rest on top of the wall, without being fixed in place and that a third of all respondents reported that their roof had lifted off to some degree during high winds. When mud roofs become waterlogged their weight increases, with this additional load cited as a cause of failure for some walls (UN-Habitat 2012, Heritage Foundation 2013). Hand calculations determined that this would only be an issue for very weak walls (<0.3N/mm²) and that this issue is easily solved by ensuring roof beams are supported by lintels or ring beams.

### Table 23 - Slenderness limits

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*Table 24 - Opening size and spacing*
Where loadbearing construction is used walls should be fully bonded at the corners and between leaves with regular ‘headers’. Ring-beams should be included in order to tie the walls together. They can also serve to distribute load from the roof into the wall as well as to span over openings, respectively replacing both wall plates or spreader beams and lintels. As a minimum ring-beams should be included at roof level, and will provide additional seismic resistance if included at base and below windows (cill level).

Just 15% of shelters included a ring beam according to shelter assessments, and whilst this can be difficult to confirm via a visual survey as they can be hidden behind plaster this finding was lent additional weight by the design information review which found that less than half of the drawings for loadbearing construction included a ring-beam. Further to this just one drawing set indicted brick bonding, and more than two thirds omitted roof to wall connections.

**Roof capacity**

Roof structures should be designed and built to accommodate the self-weight of the roof under both dry and wet conditions, when it becomes heavier. It may also be desirable for the roof to act as a place of refuge in the case of a flood, in which case it will need to withstand the load applied by weight of people. With just 6% of shelters having flooded this is yet to be tested and just 4% reported having accessed their roof, mainly for sleeping.

A saturated mud roof 100mm thick applies a 2.5kpa load, whilst a standard load for people to access a roof is 0.6kpa. The design information review suggested that mud roofs, where labelled, are built at ~50mm thick, this may then increase to 100mm over time as the homeowner adds layers to mud to maintain it.

Inspection of roof structure designs in the design information review suggest that steel beams would be adequate to carry the recommended loading, whilst bamboo roof structures may need reinforcement, none of the drawings reviewed included a timber roof.

The capacity of a bamboo roof can be increased by simply increasing the amount of bamboo beams used. If beams are to be stacked together to make a deeper beam they must have regular mechanical fixings, such as bolts, along their length so that they act together. If the poles are simply tied together with wire or rope they will behave individually, and they could just as well be laid flat in a row.
Water resilience

Floor depth vs Elevated floor height

Floor level above previous flood level

Floor level below previous flood level

Rain Damage by Roof Pitch

- Flat: 34 (No major damage, 32 (Minor roof damage, 197 (Roof collapse)
- Single Pitch: 44 (No major damage, 24 (Minor roof damage, 215 (Roof collapse)
- Double Pitch: 24 (No major damage, 30 (Minor roof damage, 164 (Roof collapse)
- Conical: 0 (No major damage)

DDR measures

- Damp proof course: 189
- Plaster on foundation walls: 151
- Plinth protection: 43
- None of the above: 4
- Raised floor: 483

Floor level vs Elevated floor height

Floor level below previous flood level

Floor level above previous flood level
6.3 Water Resilience

Summary

This section summarises the key findings for the water resilience indicator, in particular the relative risk from, and different DRR measures for combating, heavy rain and standing water. With limited resources available to invest in DRR measures it is important that the purpose, effectiveness and cost of these improvements is better understood, enabling informed decisions and clarity on anticipated performance.

Resilience to heavy rain and standing water are discussed in turn in the following sections, with a key finding of this research suggesting that standing water poses a greater risk to shelter and that the approaches to combat the two hazards are different (see table 25). In a flood it is desirable to protect both the structure in order to prevent collapse as well as people and their belongings to enable them to recover faster. Platforms, raised floors, shelves and accessible roofs all enable people to move belongings and or themselves to a level above the standing water. Whilst their purpose may be entirely non-structural, points B.4 to B.6 in table 25 are reliant on the structure remaining standing. For the shelter to remain standing the foundation and wall construction must be of fully waterproof construction to a level above the water.

Raised floors and platforms

Raising the external floor area through construction of a ‘platform’ provides a dry apron to gather livestock and other perishables, improving community resilience. They were widely implemented with 24% of shelter assessments including this DRR measure. Unfortunately platforms will do little to improve the resilience of shelter structures themselves, built up from soil placed by hand they will be quickly

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<td>6. Accessible roof</td>
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It is recommended that design information and even physical shelters are clearly marked with a line to indicate the maximum standing water level which they might withstand.

*Table 25 - The purpose of DRR measures*
eroded by flowing water and will become quickly saturated by standing water, and in the case that the foundations or shelter sub-wall are not waterproof, collapse will occur. The softness of the new raised external ground will also require that the foundations extend down to be founded at least 0.5m into original ground, effectively serving to increase the height of the wall and adding cost.

Raised internal floors, which generate a step from inside the shelter down to the surrounding ground level, were also widely implemented 60% of shelters. Raising the internal floor level serves to protect belongings and occupants provided that the materials from which the shelter is built from are fully water resistant to at least the same height as the raised floor. This was clearly demonstrated with 8 panels failing with standing water below the internal raised floor level.

Notably just 6% of floors had been raised to a level at or above the past flood, and whilst 58% of shelter were subject to a flood of 3ft or more and hence beyond the level to which a raised internal floor could reasonably be built, a further 42% of shelter could have included a raised floor constructed to the previous flood level, but did not. This suggests that shelter agency community consultation did not include gathering data on flood heights or where it did, that the data was not reflected in shelter designs, a suggestion reinforced by just one of the drawing sets including a reference to flood heights.

The height of raised floors and platforms are practically limited by the volume of soil which can reasonably be placed and compacted, limiting the depth of flood that can be combated (~3ft above original ground level). The resilience of the structure may be further improved by using water resistant materials up to the cill level or all the way up to roof level potentially enabling them to withstand standing water.

Alternatively stilted structures could be used and whilst this approach has obvious benefits and is widely adopted in other regions facing similar challenges they are not found in the Sindh, a notable exception being the community centre design developed by Heritage Foundation (http://www.heritagefoundationpak.org/).

**Waterproof materials**

For a shelter to resist standing water the materials used must be entirely water resistant to a height above the depth of standing water. Where construction switches from waterproof to non-waterproof materials to save cost there should be an impervious layer (damp proof course) to prevent moisture tracking up the wall. It is recommended that design information and even physical shelters are clearly marked with a line to indicate the maximum standing water level which they might withstand.

In practical terms, and unless it is accepted that the shelter will not withstand a flood, this means that the foundations must always be waterproof. If a raised internal floor is employed all materials used up to and ideally above this level should also be waterproof.

This can be achieved through use of fully stabilised (lime or cement) earth construction and fired brick/concrete block with cement mortar, as evidenced by panels 6, 9 and 12 surviving until the end of flood testing. Where stabilised earth is relied upon to be water resistant testing of the finished
product, such as by placing an adobe block in a bucket of water to check that it does not dissolve, is essential. A key limitation of layered mud is that it is built in-situ and cannot easily be tested in this way.

Use of lime increased over 2010 – 2012 as a way to improve water resilience of earth construction and was adopted by a number of agencies who introduced training programmes, recognising that its use was unfamiliar and required dedicated specialist knowledge. IOM identified a need for improvement in this area and a dedicated manual (IOM 2015) for using lime in Pakistan was published. At over 150 pages the manual provides detailed technical instructions illustrated with cartoons on how to use lime to stabilised foundations, floors, walls, plasters etc. Refer to section 6.4 for a discussion of the sensitivity of lime to workmanship.

Whilst loh-kat was not included in the flood testing it has the potential to resist standing water, relying upon its timber frame to maintain structural integrity and support the roof whilst the plaster matrix is washed away (See figure 16). Where rapidly constructed loh-kat shelters were performing poorly in terms of structural integrity and stability, this resilience to standing water is likely to be reduced, however this hypothesis is untested by this research (refer to section 9 – Recommendations for further work). In addition loh-kat that is made from softwood or bamboo are liable to rot if left immersed in water for too long.

**Base protection/sacrificial mass**

For the purpose of this study sacrificial mass is defined as any part of the shelter whose primary purpose is to protect the main structure and which does not contribute to its structural integrity. These elements act as a ‘wearing’ layer which degrades over time.

*Figure 16 - Loh-kat shelter after flooding (UN-HABITAT 2010)*
Panel 7
7.9$/m
34kgCO₂/m
1'3"

Panel 8
11.8$/m
113kgCO₂/m
3'3"

Panel 9
32.7$/m
250kgCO₂/m
No Collapse

Panel 10
22.0$/m
205kgCO₂/m
9"

Panel 11
37.1$/m
436kgCO₂/m
7"

Panel 12
43.5$/m
487kgCO₂/m
No Collapse

Legend:
- Cement stabilised soil
- Fired brick with mud mortar
- Fired brick with cement mortar
- Lime stabilised soil
- Soil
and then requires repair whilst protecting the structure behind. Examples deployed in shelter designs included plaster and increased wall thickness whereby wall sizes are increased well beyond that required for strength or stability under normal conditions. Physical testing of these measures has demonstrated that none of the above will improve resilience to standing water, in short half measures do not work. This is evidenced by the following:

- An adobe wall of 18” thick (panel 5) failed just as quickly as an 12” wall (panel 2)
- An adobe wall with a waterproof plaster (panel 5) failed just as quickly as one without (panel 3)

Toes are where additional material is placed in a slope to protect the base of a shelter, with physical testing demonstrating that they should be considered as sacrificial mass to protect primarily against heavy rain and could be thought of as the ‘boots’ in the hat and boots approach (see figure 17). Panels 7 and 8 included toes with varying levels of stabilisation and both collapsed shortly after the water level exceeded the level to which the toe was stabilised. Comparison between panels 6 and 8 shows that distributing the cost of stabilisation up the wall instead of concentrating it at the base gives a structure that is capable of resisting much deeper standing water.

Whilst stabilisation of earth plaster had limited effect in standing water tests it significantly improved performance in heavy rain testing. Adobe walls with lime and cement stabilised plaster lost between 0.1kg and 0.4kg of their mass compared to a wall where the plaster had not been stabilised, which lost 12.9kg, a huge difference resulting in significant reduction in durability and increased maintenance.

Rain testing also served to indicate that stabilised plaster is still required even where the wall behind in stabilised. Panel 7 (Lime blocks, no plaster) recorded 7.13kg of erosion, again a significant increase compared to the panels with stabilised plaster, indicating that without plaster a wall would require more frequent repair, an issue which would be compounded by the difficulty of repairing the blocks themselves.

Rain testing supplemented with structural analysis has also shown that heavy rain alone should not be the cause of shelter collapse. Subjected to the heaviest ever rainfall recorded in the Sindh an unstabilised adobe wall with no plaster remained standing, losing 10.8kg or less than 1% of its overall mass. It follows that a shelter wall would have to be in very poor condition and lacking basic detailing such as overhangs and lintels for failure to occur.

**Drainage and overhangs**

Drainage should be provided both at roof and the base of the building in order to carry rain water away and prevent standing water. Roof overhangs provide protection to the upper walls preventing. This is especially important for materials which have low water resistance such as earth construction and forms part of the ‘hat and boots’ approach to ensuring durability of vernacular construction.
Shelter assessments recorded an average overhang of 0.35m significantly less than the recommended 0.8m (Walker, P 2002), with very little variation between the typologies, indicating that the need to increase overhangs to protect earthen construction is not well understood. Roof overhangs also provide external shade, creating additional usable space when it is hot.

Heavy rain is also known to saturate mud roofs, increasing their weight, a scenario which was investigated in the structural analysis, refer to section 6.2 –connections and tieing. Where this failure did occur it is likely that the lack of a roof overhang could have contributed to saturation and loss of strength of the upper wall.

Surprisingly roof slope was found to be independent of damage, with similar levels of minor and major damage found for flat and sloped roofs. Roof drainage measures were sparsely applied with 29 water spouts and 22 drainage pipes recorded.

Where base drainage is included this should be co-ordinated with access routes and other nearby channels, taking care not to displace the issue by causing localised flooding elsewhere. These issues should be considered as part of a site selection, appraisal and planning process and are outside the scope of this study.

Figure 17 - Hat and boots approach to protecting earth construction (Andabati, D 2010)
74% repaired or modified with locally available tools.

Would you like to have been more or less involved in construction?

Are there gaps in the walls due to construction defects?

Were electric tools used?

About the same  Less  More

Involved  268  420

Defects  Yes  58  34 are Loh-kat

No  742

Electric tools  Yes  10

No  718

Type of training given

Construction  Maintenance  No training  Repair

When repairs are needed, who carries them out?

Adobe / Mud brick  Burnt Brick  Concrete Blocks  Layered Mud  Loh-kat

Self  Someone from the community  Contractor/ Skilled labour
6.4 Buildability, maintenance and modification

Communication

The quality of a building is defined by design, materials and workmanship. The first step in achieving a given standard of construction is quality assured design information which is complete and clear. Design information should include fully annotated and dimensioned plans, sections and elevations and connection details. Materials used should be fully specified with sizes, properties and treatments required.

The design information review confirmed that this is an area where improvements can be made with 90% missing information required to constitute a complete design, this included dimensions and location of doors and windows, spacing for roof purlins or joists, and connections between members. This confirmed the need for design guidance which the shelter guide aims to address.

Buildability

For a design to be realised as per the intent it must be buildable (https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Buildability_in_construction), with familiarity with construction techniques and complexity of detailing, for example around connections, being key. Where specialist training is required it is indicative of unfamiliar or possibly complex techniques, such as use of lime. Buildability can be crudely quantified by length of construction programme. Whilst construction defects may be indicative of poor buildability they may also be the result of design and materials quality. Where a design or parts of the design have been replicated at a local level this is indicative of a buildable design that has been well communicated.

Tools and skills availability are particularly closely linked but have been kept separate to provide additional definition around this critical area.

Data from key informant interviews is summarised below illustrating that roof, floor and foundation construction duration are similar across the typologies, with the exception of loh-kat, which is notably faster. Nominally whilst a loh-kat shelter could have the same floor or roof as an adobe shelter the data suggests that less effort is dedicated to the same component when it comes as part of a loh-kat design. Adobe walls take reportedly longer to construct compared to the other masonry types and construction is further slowed by the need to manufacture the blocks, which are formed by hand in moulds. Where lime is added the blocks should be cured for a period of 30 days before use. This is backed up in the field by anecdotal reports from surveyors that homeowners preferred layered mud over adobe as it can be constructed rapidly in-situ with limited or no lead in time.

Whilst the rapid assembly of loh-kat may be viewed as an advantage this conversely may be a contributory factor in the finding that 59% of all shelters with construction defects were loh-kat.

Just 56 (7%) homeowners reported that a neighbour had copied part of their shelter, with raised platforms and raised floors most likely to be replicated, with cost quoted as the key barrier.

Correct use of lime requires an understanding of the soil and lime through testing such that suitable mixes are designed. Following

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1 Openings act as weaknesses and if they are too large or too close together they can impact the structural integrity of a wall, see section 6.2
Buildability, maintenance and modification

Do you know of anyone who has copied this Shelter design or parts of this Shelter design?

What prevented people from copying the Shelter

What part was copied?
a one month curing period trial mixes are tested to understand their strength and water resistance. This process requires both time and training. This added complexity and the barriers it poses to local uptake were recognised by Heritage Foundation who proposed a simplified approach and a standard mix for different shelter components. This approach will certainly improve buildability but also serves to reduce performance of the lime stabilisation in locations where local soil does not suit the standardised mix.

The sensitivity of lime to workmanship was demonstrated during physical testing when the foundations for five of the flood panels did not set correctly as a result of insufficient kneading (mixing). It is unlikely that the defect would have been caught or corrected if constructed in the field and the occurrence of the defect under the supervision of an IOM shelter expert in the controlled environment of a university experiment is indicative of sensitivity of lime to workmanship. Once the defect had been identified the foundations had to be rebuilt incurring additional cost and time. Where lime is used it must be the subject of focussed training.

Whilst Portland cements is significantly more expensive it requires a single test to judge soil suitability and less preparation overall compared to lime stabilisation.

**Tools**

In order to build, maintain and modify their shelter homeowners need access to the tools required. Shelters performed well in this respect with 74% of homeowners responding that they did, whilst just 1% reported that power tools were used during construction, highlighting the dearth of resources available. Key informants reported providing a chisel, hammer, level, saw and sometimes a wheelbarrow as part of a toolkit.

**Skills availability**

It is useful to divide construction skills into unskilled and skilled, the later covering trades such as carpentry and masonry.

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**Figure 18 - Construction programme summary**

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<td>Fired Brick</td>
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Maintenance and Repair

Average number of repairs per year

- Adobe / Mud brick: 1
- Fired Brick: 1
- Concrete Blocks: .9
- Layered Mud: .6
- Loh Kat: .5

How frequently does rain damage your shelter?

- Adobe / Mud brick:
  - Never: 122
  - Less than once a year: 8
  - Once a year: 14
  - More than once a year: 1

- Fired Brick:
  - Never: 93
  - Less than once a year: 34
  - Once a year: 12
  - More than once a year: 1

- Concrete Blocks:
  - Never: 6
  - Less than once a year: 24
  - Once a year: 5
  - More than once a year: 0

- Layered Mud:
  - Never: 135
  - Less than once a year: 19
  - Once a year: 6
  - More than once a year: 3

- Loh Kat:
  - Never: 83
  - Less than once a year: 10
  - Once a year: 10
  - More than once a year: 6

What proportion of the wall is damaged or deteriorated?

- Adobe / Mud brick:
  - 0%: 37
  - 1 - 10%: 35
  - 11 - 25%: 94
  - 26 - 50%: 94
  - 51 - 75%: 1
  - More than 75%: 1

- Burnt Brick:
  - 0%: 20
  - 1 - 10%: 9
  - 11 - 25%: 72
  - 26 - 50%: 9
  - 51 - 75%: 19
  - More than 75%: 1

- Concrete Blocks:
  - 0%: 3
  - 1 - 10%: 44
  - 11 - 25%: 47
  - 26 - 50%: 106
  - 51 - 75%: 5
  - More than 75%: 5

- Layered Mud:
  - 0%: 22
  - 1 - 10%: 34
  - 11 - 25%: 50
  - 26 - 50%: 57
  - 51 - 75%: 1
  - More than 75%: 1

- Loh Kat:
  - 0%: 2
  - 1 - 10%: 3
  - 11 - 25%: 5
  - 26 - 50%: 5
  - 51 - 75%: 1
  - More than 75%: 1

What needs repair?

- Roof: 67%
- Walls: 65%
- Floor: 43%
Unskilled labour is typically cheaper and more widely available, with basic training enabling homeowners and communities to fulfil these roles. Typologies that maximise use of unskilled labour will be inherently more buildable.

Key informant interviews suggested that during construction there was relatively little difference in the number of workers or division between unskilled/skilled across wall typologies with an average team of four, consisting of one, sometimes two skilled labourers and two or three unskilled labourers.

However, when it came to maintenance homeowners with fired brick shelters were more likely to have hired a skilled labourer, with fired brick shelters more expensive to maintain as a result.

Training

There is wide consensus on the need to provide training to build capacity of local communities in order to facilitate self-recovery, with all agencies interviewed providing training of some sort, an assertion confirmed by the homeowner surveys with 57% provided with construction training. This training was generally well received with 95% stating it was sufficient. Homeowners are more inclined to want to be more involved rather than less involved in the future. By way of improvement, future training programmes could look to address maintenance and modification, for which just 7% and 3% of homeowners received respectively. Shelter Centre’s evaluation (Shelter Centre 2014) suggested that training would benefit from being more practical in nature but also reported that the process of homeowner involvement in construction served to reinforce women’s traditional role as builders, increasing their workload overall.

Maintenance and repair

With limited resources in terms of materials and skills minimising the frequency of maintenance is a key design driver. Roofs and walls, which are both exposed to weathering, are most likely to require maintenance with homeowners reporting that 67% and 65% needed repair respectively, whilst 43% needed to repair the floor, which is subject to wear from foot traffic.

Fired brick and concrete block required repair on average once every two years, with loh-kat, adobe and layered mud all requiring repair once a year. Whilst frequency of repair for loh-kat, adobe and layered mud were reportedly the same, loh-kat walls were observed to be significantly more ‘damaged or deteriorated’. Rain or ‘unknown’ were the main causes of damage whilst construction defects were reported in 9%, over half of which were observed in loh-kat shelters. Stakeholder consultations reported that flexibility of ‘chicks’ reed matting used for some loh-kat walls was causing plaster to deteriorate over time.
Modifications

One quarter of all respondents reported having modified their shelter, with the most popular modification. Verandas provide the obvious benefit of external shaded space and also serve to improve thermal performance by providing shade to the shelter itself. Conversely they are known to be at risk of being torn away during high winds causing damage to the main structure in the process. This risk could be mitigated through consideration of veranda addition at design stage and subsequently during provision of training.

Other modification included adding window and door covers/shutters whilst expansion of living space through additional rooms barely factored (<1%), again pointing to the limited means of the survey population.
7  
Acceptable to occupant

7.1 Comfort  
**Thermal and ventilation**

Thermal comfort and ventilation performance can be measured by comparing internal air temperature and occupant temperature to external air temperature in the shade. Without the aid of mechanical cooling internal air temperature may at best match the external air temperature in the shade. Where thermal mass is employed the resulting cooler surface temperatures may serve to reduce the occupant temperature below the external air temperature in the shade.

Homeowner opinions on temperature are inherently subjective, with few trends discerned from the data. 10% of homeowners reported having insufficient ventilation as a reason for not using the space as they wanted. Shelter assessments highlighted that very few shelters had openings in more than one wall, negating the impact of cross ventilation. Stakeholder consultations recorded that where the branches and sticks to be used in reed wall construction are of good quality, some communities may choose not to apply plaster, increasing ventilation.

Further analysis of the shelter assessment data could find no correlation between internal temperature and wall material, thickness or window opening area. Interrogation of the thermal analysis model confirmed that this is due to the predominant effect of the door opening on ventilation and thermal comfort, due to its relatively large size when compared to shelter floor area.

Of the design improvements explored in the model (see table 26), increased roof thickness had the greatest reduction in operative temperature, followed by optimised location and size of ventilation openings.

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Table 26 - Thermal comfort analysis results where a) represents average existing shelter b) represents a design improvement
Demographics

Gender

- 296 Female
- 486 Male

Family Member | Average Age
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Husband | 41
Wife | 34
Son | 10
Daughter | 9

Shelter wall material against average monthly income

- Loh Kat
- Layered Mud
- Adobe / Mud Brick
- Concrete Blocks
- Fired Brick

7102 PKR
(USD 67) Mean monthly income

2/3 of beneficiary respondents were farm labourers

1/4 were unskilled construction labourers
**Lighting**

Whilst shelter were reported as too dark for the local partner to take good photos insufficient daylighting (2%) and insufficient electric lighting (4%) were both low priority concerns for homeowners. Photos suggest that homeowners are choosing to permanently block window openings, serving to reduce the light coming into their shelter (see figure 19), a decision presumably driven by privacy and security concerns, but indicative of lesser priority placed on natural light, an attitude common to hot countries where direct sun light quickly leads to overheating.

The daylight model desk analysis demonstrated the following:

- Two windows 0.6x0.9m would provide adequate daylight for nearly 90% of the time.
- A single window 0.6x0.9m would provide adequate daylight for nearly 70% of the time. Refer to the methodology for an explanation of how ‘adequate’ was defined.
- Where there is a desire to limit openings, painting walls a light colour can improve daylight performance by up to 30%.
- Jali brick screens (see figure 20) with a 50% open and 50% closed pattern reduce daylight performance by just 5% while providing inherent security and privacy.

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*Note: Percentage of the shelter area that is within 100 to 2000 lux between 9am and 5pm over the course of a year*
Comfort

Waterproofing

During rainfall does your roof leak?

- No leakage: 332
- Some leakage: 8
- Lots of leakage: 11
- 2% of homeowners reported insufficient daylight to use the shelter as they wished

Lighting

- Battery lanterns: 253
- Electric lights: 639
- Solar lights: 156
- Candles: 254
- Kerosene lanterns: 13
- None: 50

- 4% of homeowners reported insufficient electric light
- 2% reported insufficient daylight to use the shelter as they wished

Thermal comfort on a summer day

- Adobe / Mud brick
- Burnt Brick
- Concrete Blocks
- Layered Mud
- Loh Kat

- Cool
- Comfortable
- Warm
- Hot
- Very hot

- 9% of homeowners reported insufficient ventilation to use the shelter as they wished
Figure 19 - Modifications made to windows by homeowners seeking to address concerns over privacy and security

Figure 20 - Jali screens are an ancient technique for providing airflow and natural light whilst maintaining security and privacy by utilising contrasting light conditions to obstruct the view inside. Whilst ornate versions are unlikely to be appropriate, brick screens are locally achievable (Photo sources: http://blankinship-web.com/sabbatical01/India/Agra/fs-stone-screen.jpg, http://asiangrc.com/grc-screens/ and https://www.new-learn.info/packages/clear/visual/buildings/elements/wall_roof/jali_wall.html)
Space

Are people able to use the shelter as they would like?

- **192** people said they did not have enough space
- **598** people said they had enough space

**Layout**

- **1** Circular
- **63** Square
- **736** Rectangular

**Use of Shelter**

- **3.5m²** Sphere Standard
- **3m²** average across all surveys
- **48%** of shelters complied with the standards

Which activities would you like to use the shelter for that you do not already?

- **105** Cooking
- **165** Gatherings
- **5** Family
- **5** Keeping Cattle/Animals
- **766** Sitting
- **758** Sleeping
- **789** Storage
- **130** Studying/Reading
- **124** Working
- **260** Worship
- **173** Sewing/Handicrafts
- **689** None

Which activities do you use the shelter for?

- **34** Cooking
- **42** Gathering
- **11** Family
- **6** Keeping Cattle/Animals
- **71** Sitting
- **71** Sleeping
- **68** Storage
- **71** Studying/Reading
- **71** Working
- **71** Worship
- **71** Sewing/Handicrafts
- **689** None
Weatherproofing

Waterproofing is fundamental to protecting homeowners from the climate as set out at the start of the Sphere Standards (Sphere Project 2004). With nearly three quarters of homeowners reporting that their roof leaked some or a lot of the time this was a notable weakness in the designs. Of the 31 mud roofs that had been stabilised with lime there was no notable improvement over those that had not. Although the small sample size precludes drawing firm conclusions this would again suggest lime stabilisation did not achieve its potential. Typically flat roof are thought to be more prone to leakage but in this case no discernable pattern could be determined between the angle of roof slope and reported leakage.

Loh-kat shelters were more likely to have lots of leakage and less likely to have no leakage compared to the other typologies. The same roof covering material constructed on loh-kat shelter performs worse than the same roof covering built on any other wall typology.

7.2 Space

Size

Minimum standards for space are set out by Sphere for temporary or non-permanent shelter, and their applicability here is debateable. On average six occupants were living in each shelter with a maximum of 16. With an average area of 17m2, this equates to just under 3m2/person, slightly below the Sphere standard minimum of 3.5m2. In total just under half (of shelters meet or exceed the sphere standards. 20% of people stated they could not use the shelter as they like due to lack of space.

Of the different wall typologies loh-kat tended to be largest, this could reflect the cost effective nature of lo-kat allowing larger shelters to be built.

Layout and flexibility

The majority of shelters (92%) were rectangular on plan whilst just one was circular and we note that Heritage foundation discontinued their circular plan shelters.

The primary functions attributed to the shelters are sitting, sleeping and storage. In a few cases, they are also used for worship, family gatherings and sewing/handicrafts. Moreover, the vast majority (86%) of respondents did not identify any other activities for which they would like to use their shelters. The absence of internal partitions were not mentioned as affecting how homeowners use the space.
Protection

Do people feel safe - Male vs Female

- Men: 342 (34.2%)
  - Yes: 223 (65.8%)
  - No: 119 (34.2%)

- Women: 219 (34.1%)
  - Yes: 137 (63.0%)
  - No: 82 (37.0%)

- 71% said they feel safe in their shelter
- 70% of people feel their shelter is private
- 34% of all shelters had no door

1/2 of the homeowners did not report this as a security issue

Do people have sufficient privacy - Male vs Female

- Men: 75% (75%)
  - Yes: 254 (65.8%)
  - No: 101 (34.2%)

- Women: 63% (63.1%)
  - Yes: 138 (63.0%)
  - No: 81 (37.0%)

- 54% of shelter occupants with sufficient privacy by wall typology
  - Loh Kat: 54%
  - Fired Brick: 89%
  - Adobe: 63%
  - Layered Mud: 69%
  - Concrete Block: 70%
  - Sound tran: to outside

75% of all shelters had no door and windows
12% of all shelters had no windows
12% of all shelters had no locks on doors
66% of all shelters had no doors

Reasons why people do not feel safe
- No doors: 142
- No locks on doors: 141
- No windows: 66
- Walls can be broken through: 66
- Roof can be broken through: 65%

Reasons why people do not have sufficient privacy
- Visibility through openings: 225
- Proximity to others: 50% were Loh Kat
- Sound transmission to outside: 53

Percentage of shelter occupants with sufficient privacy by wall typology
- Loh Kat: 54%
- Fired Brick: 89%
- Adobe: 63%
- Layered Mud: 69%
- Concrete Block: 70%
7.3 Protection

Protection was measured through perceptions of personal security and privacy. The results were heavily influenced by common practice amongst agencies of constructing shelters without window or door coverings, on the assumption that they would be fitted later by the homeowner. At the time of survey 34% still had no door covering and a further 3% had no lock or bolt to secure the door. 1% had no window covering and a further 3% had no means to lock the window covering.

Security

Overall, survey respondents felt secure (71%) in their shelters, with relatively little difference between men (70%) and women (73%). For the significant minority that didn’t the absence of windows or doors (18%) were the primary cause. For 8% of homeowners the fragility of walls and roofs were also of concern, with the majority of them 65% living in loh-kat shelter, whose walls are typically thinner and less sturdy than the other typologies.

The homeowner surveys did not distinguish between personal security and belongings, which could be worth exploring in the future.

Privacy

A similar minority felt they had insufficient privacy, although this concern was not equally shared by men (25%) and women (38%). Visibility through openings being the primary reason, followed by sound transmission to outside. Where sound transmission was identified as an issue over half of all cases were Loh-kat. Where visibility was an issue this occurred much more evenly between the material typologies, as openings are independent of material typology.

Visibility, if not security through openings should be straightforward to address with material strung above to act as curtains.
Health and safety

15% cook on an open fire in their shelter

13% would like to cook in their shelter but currently do not

5m average spacing between shelters

Percentage of shelter occupiers who have had an open fire inside their shelter
- Loh Kat: 22%
- Fired Brick: 5%
- Adobe: 13%
- Layered Mud: 12%
- Concrete Block: 9%

Do you sleep under a bed net?
- 118 Only during monsoons
- 182 Not when sleeping outside
- 204 All the time
- 286 Never

Bed Nets

Vector illness before and after shelter
- 69 Was never an issue
- 306 Decreased
- 79 Increased
- 336 Stayed the same

Illness

Stayed the same

Was never an issue

Decreased

Increased
7.4 Health and Safety

Internal Air Quality

Internal air quality is determined by the level of pollutants in a room offset by the level of ventilation provided, as movement of air through the shelter serves to dilute pollutants. For homeowners the primary source of air pollution are open fires used for cooking, fortunately just 12% reported doing so, with another 13% reporting that they would like to cook in their shelter but currently cannot. A disproportionate number of which were in Loh-kat shelters, which if read alongside variations in average income could be linked to economic status. Of those who reported cooking inside 65% reported discomfort due to the smoke.

Air flow analysis found that natural ventilation through openings would be insufficient to maintain air quality at acceptable levels (ASHRAE 62.1 2010) without making the openings unacceptably large. For acceptable air quality to be achieved open fires should be outside of the shelter. In theory dedicated flues could help but in practice are unlikely to achieve the desired results. It should be noted that just under half of those who cooked on open fires in their shelters did have flues, however this did not serve to reduce discomfort from smoke. Smokeless stoves are another option, if available. Finally, it was noted that none of the drawings reviewed considered cooking.

Fire Hazards

Fire risk can be assessed by determining sources of ignition, combustibility of materials, potential for fire to spread and means of escape.

The key source of ignition is cooking on an open fire and is another reason why this should be discouraged. Analysis of the typologies suggests that loh-kat presents the highest risk, particularly in the case the earth render has degraded and the wooden framework is exposed. With shelters located on average more than 5m from each other the risk of spread of fire to neighbours is low and given that the shelters are a small single room, the benefit of two means of escape is limited.
Vector Control

Methods to reduce mosquito borne illness include meshing over openings and bed nets. Inclusion of netting over opening or other vector control measures were not included on any of the drawings reviewed. Installation of mesh over door openings and gaps between walls and roofs is fiddly, availability of mesh is unknown and durability is an issue.

26% of homeowners reported sleeping under a net all off time and overall the occurrence of malaria and dengue were reported to have reduced since moving into the shelter. Loh-kat bucked this trend with just 20% reporting a reduction, possibly due to greater likelihood of gaps between elements such as walls and roofs.

The uptake of bed nets and their efficacy is the subject of numerous medical social studies and these results should be treated with caution as the surveys took place during the summer months where mosquitos are typically less prevalent. Geographical mapping of vector risk areas would need to be correlated with shelter locations, the condition of previous shelters, and statistical verification of self-reporting would all need to be addressed in order to draw any evidence based decisions from the data.
8 Sustainable

8.1 Cost

Material Cost

Cost of construction is a key driver of shelter programme decisions for donors, agencies and homeowners alike. Cost of construction is in turn largely driven by materials for foundations, wall and roof.

Fired brick shelter are particularly expensive, driven in particular by cost of walls and foundations which are significantly more expensive than adobe, layered mud and loh-ka. Despite relatively less variation in roofing construction between the wall typologies, fired brick roofs were also found to be more expensive. It suggests that a decision to invest in fired brick walling is followed by greater investment in foundations and to a lesser extent roofing as well.

With costs determined through a variety of sources there are ranges for each material. For the cost analysis all of the BoQ’s for adobe include fired brick lower walls, serving to push up the cost of this typology. This study considers adobe and layered mud to be within a range close enough to be considered more or less equal.

Where earth construction is to be stabilised it is significantly cheaper to use lime than Portland cement. For roof structure there is relatively little difference between timber and bamboo whilst steel is approximately 30% more expensive than timber. This uplift should be viewed in context of the small contribution that roofing makes to the overall cost of a shelter.

Key informant interviews reported greater demand contributing to price rises as well as profiteering from opportunistic vendors. One agency reported that poplar and bamboo prices rose by 150% in three years. Total construction costs rose by between 5 and 15% a year according to other agencies. Where provided, cash grants ranged from PKR10,000 up to 30,000, increasing to keep pace with inflation.

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*Table 28 - Primary roof structure cost*

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*Table 29 - Lime vs cement cost*
Average monthly cost of lighting: 424 PKR
Average cost of modification to shelter: 11,524 PKR
Labour Costs

Labour costs are divided between skilled and unskilled labour, with skilled labourers commanding an average daily wage of 790PKR and unskilled labourers, where paid, commanding 400PKR, which was just above the average income of 325PKR. Typologies requiring greater skilled labour are likely to incur greater labour costs as they incur greater wage costs but also reduce scope for communities to donate unskilled labour. In this way maximising unskilled labour can pay a duel dividend and may explain why fired brick came out as most expensive. Accurate comparison of labour costs is complicated however by varied labour contribution from beneficiaries and communities with inconsistent data gathered for Loh-kat in particular. According to Key informant interviews up to 50% of total labour days were donated, with 747 of 800 homeowners contributing unskilled labour and 115 contributing skilled labour. Labour costs comprised between 13% and 30% of construction cost, with 30% a commonly used rule of thumb for construction projects.

Life Cycle Cost

Life cycle costs are any costs incurred in the operation and maintenance of a shelter after it has been constructed. Considered with the construction cost and over the lifespan of the shelter they can provide a true picture of total cost allowing comparison between shelters over long periods of time.

However the design life of a shelter therefore has a very significant impact on the lifecycle cost, and with a range of values reported by shelter agencies (See section 6.1 – durability) the results are not considered reliable enough on which to compare the typologies.

Despite requiring less frequent maintenance homeowners reported spending more per year on fired brick and concrete block shelters, compared to the other wall typologies. Whilst initially surprising this could be a reflection of the 30% greater incomes that fired brick homeowners enjoy compared to loh-kat homeowners. The greater permanence of a fired brick shelter may also serve to encourage investment, although this hypothesis is unproven by this research.

Encouragingly the lowest annual maintenance bills were reported by homeowners of lime stabilised earth construction, suggesting a return on the initial investment in construction.

Operational costs for simple shelters are low, with an average spend of 424KR, or just over one day’s salary, per month on lighting.
## Supply chain

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<td>Loh Kat</td>
<td>Within 7km</td>
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<td>Fired Brick</td>
<td>Within 9km</td>
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<td>Within 4km</td>
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<td>Layered Mud</td>
<td>Within 4km</td>
<td>94%</td>
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<td>Concrete Block</td>
<td>Within 14km</td>
<td>28%</td>
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### Roof structure material - average distance (km)
- Bamboo: 13 km
- Steel: 14 km
- Iron Girder: 11 km

### People Injured vs Material

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<td>Loh Kat</td>
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### Injuries
- Yes: 24
- No: 712
- Unknown: 54

### Was anyone injured during construction of shelter?
3% of homeowners reported sustaining injuries
3% of UK construction workers report sustaining injuries
8.2 Local Supply Chain

**Availability of Materials**

Material availability is fundamental to shelter design and is considered by this study to be a function of distance and mode of travel to procure them. Overall the homeowners reported a positive picture with 70% to 80% of all materials reported as “easy to obtain” with average distances ranging from 5 to 15km indicating that shelter designs utilised appropriate materials. 15km is manageable with motorised transport representing a 1hr roundtrip at 30kph, but would exclude half (52%) of homeowners who reported no access to motorised transport, highlighting the limited means of the survey population.

Of the wall typologies concrete blocks were judged least easy to obtain with a correspondingly high average journey of 14km reflecting their relative scarceness in Sindh. Roof covering, floors and walls were judged easiest to obtain reflecting that they comprise primarily of earth with a source on average 4km away. Roof structure (bamboo, timber, steel) were sourced between 12 and 14km away. Doors and windows came last in terms of perceived ease of procurement, reflected perhaps in the remarkable number of shelters that remained without window or door coverings.

The metrics used for material availability might crudely measure resource depletion by proxy, with key informant interviews noting concerns that increased use of chicks was adversely affecting ecology. Shelter agencies also reported that there is little timber or branches for traditional loh-kat construction left in the Sindh, and that homeowners did not wish to cut down “productive” trees (e.g. mango) for the purposes of construction. This drove a switch to bamboo, the quality of which reduced over time as farmers sought to maximise production to meet increased demand by harvesting immature bamboo.
**Labour Standards**

Labour standards were included in the criteria as child labour was a known issue in brick kilns. This was subsequently broadened to include health and safety on site and benchmarking of cash for work schemes against average equivalent wages. Cash for work schemes paid 1.2 times the average salary (see section 8.1), ensuring that beneficiaries were not left out of pocket.

All of the shelter agencies interviewed reported having child labour policies in place, with varying degrees of monitoring to verify implementation, in some cases this simply included avoiding the use of fired bricks. To monitor all aspects of the supply chain is a sizeable undertaking and it was not possible to confirm the effectiveness or enforcement of these policies as part of this research. Where homeowners children took part in construction this was typically exempt from policy, a reasonable exclusion.

The number of injuries reported by homeowners is within acceptable limits and is coincidentally equivalent to the UK construction sector, which has more developed health and safety culture but includes more complex and risky activities when compared to construction of a single storey one room shelter. This data should be treated with caution as it is likely that injuries are underreported (Shelter Centre 2014). Injuries should be monitored and recorded to understand what the injuries are, their severity and what caused them. Potential risks from shelter construction include falls from height when erecting a roof, lime/cement burns and heavy lifting.
8.3 Natural Resources

Recycled / Reused

Whilst the concepts of recycling vs reuse of materials were not well understood in the homeowner surveys, just five reported materials from construction going to waste.

Most agencies reported utilising salvage from damaged shelter, with quantification of what was available one of the initial steps in community engagement. Windows and doors and to a lesser extent roofs were most likely to be re-used with agencies estimating between 2% and 20% of shelters including salvaged materials in this way.

Diesel and red oxide paint are among toxic treatments used to preserve bamboo and or timber. In both cases their impact on durability is minimal (see section 6.1) whilst posing a potential risk to those using them and the environment once they are disposed of. For these reasons it is recommended that their use is discontinued for treatment of timber and bamboo.

Embodied Carbon

The sustainability analysis has shown that embodied carbon is concentrated in the wall material (66%), followed by foundations (21%) whilst the roof typically contains very little (9%). Of the wall typologies, fired brick contains a particularly high concentration of carbon equating to 556kgCO2/m2, exceeding the embodied carbon in the construction materials of a typical low-rise UK steel/concrete framed building. When making comparison it should be noted that a UK building will be designed to last at least 50yrs whilst a drive to improve the sustainability of the construction industry has seen embodied carbon in construction fall.

In contrast to fired brick loh-kat contains very little embodied carbon, whilst adobe and layered mud fall somewhere between. Concrete block, unhindered in this instance by lack of survey data, does well in comparison to fired brick and contains approximately one third more carbon than an adobe or layered mud shelter.

The high embodied carbon of fired brick is driven by the energy intensive and often inefficient timber fired kilns which contribute to deforestation. Where fired bricks are chosen alternative fuels can reduce pressure on timber and improved kilns can reduce embodied carbon through improved efficiency.

Where earth construction is stabilised with either lime or cement the decision will have a significant impact on the carbon footprint of the wall, with Portland cement stabilised adobe and layered mud containing approximately twice the carbon that if stabilised with lime. Comparison between common primary roof structures shows that bamboo has 23% less embodied carbon than timber, and 38% less than steel.

Whilst not accounted for in this study lime and timber are both known to absorb carbon over their lifetime in a process known as sequestration, serving to improve their green credentials.
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*Table 30 - Embodied carbon of primary roof structure*

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*Table 31 - Embodied carbon of earth stabilisation*
Natural Resources

Embodied Carbon kgCO₂

Were any materials left after construction?

Yes

5

Recycled/Reused

No

777
9 Recommendations for further work

Self-recovery
The shelter community is increasingly focusing on how to reach those who self-recover following a disaster, with thinking currently being led by the Shelter Cluster Building Back Better Technical Working Group. Whilst the shelter guide is written for technical staff of shelter agencies it is anticipated that the recommendations for flood resilient shelter are equally applicable to self-recovery. In order to reach a wider audience, the key messages would need to be further distilled and repackaged. For example, training for trainers targeting community based organisations.

Quality assurance of design drawings
The study has illustrated that sub-standard drawings/designs lead to sub-standard shelter. Whilst the Shelter Guide provides quality assured designs for flood resilience in Sindh future crises in other regions will similarly require quality assured designs. A process is needed for generation of common quality assured designs or review and approval of shelter agencies own designs. For example, a review and approval process could involve drawings being submitted to the shelter cluster lead, who would then ensure that they satisfy a checklist of requirements, such as that developed for the structural analysis study (see section 4.2).

Probabilistic flood hazard study for land use planning in Pakistan
Available flood hazard data uncovered by this study consists primarily of flood extents maps as well as more detailed data from barrages on the Indus, such as flow speeds. A hazard study is required to review available data and identify the gaps, conduct hydrological modelling and understand changing weather patterns. This should inform production of probabilistic hazard maps that illustrate severity as well as likelihood of future flood events inform regional flood risk management strategies and land-use planning.

Flood damage assessment methodology
Barring a couple of notable exceptions (UN-HABITAT 2010, Heritage Foundation 2013) this study was limited by a lack of data on the impact of flooding and heavy rain on shelter. This is perhaps a reflection on the lack of standardised methodology for collection of data on flood damage to buildings in general. This stands in contrast to post earthquake scenarios where both short and long form assessments exist, with the short form ATC-20 (https://www.atcouncil.org/atc-20) in common use around the world. There is a need for a standardised rigorous methodology to collect data on flood damage to vernacular construction in particular.
Further flood and rain testing

The scope of the flood and rain testing warrants a more detailed description than can be provided within this report. It is the intention that the methodology and findings will be published in full in a scientific journal in due course. For example, does loh-kat made from bamboo with chick matting perform better or worse than traditional loh-kat (woven branches) when subject to standing water?

Seismic hazard

Whilst this research addresses flooding, which is the primary hazard, the study area is also at risk from medium seismic hazard (see Appendix C). Non seismic structural evaluation of the shelter constructed following the 2010-2012 floods revealed that basic detailing such as ring beams were omitted, suggesting shelter would perform poorly in an earthquake. Existing guidance for seismic resistant shelter tends to cover areas of high seismicity resulting in recommendations for high levels of seismic detailing. There is less guidance available for how to build for medium seismic hazard. Further work is required to confirm the seismic hazard in the area, seismically evaluate existing shelter to determine likely performance against the hazard and make recommendations for how to improve shelter performance. This could include shake table testing at a local university.
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Appendix A

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Appendix B

Shelter performance key criteria with metrics
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<td>Material quality</td>
<td>Compatibility</td>
<td>Are the materials used compatible with each other?</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Fixed brick and concrete block to be used with cement or lime mortar and plaster. Stabilized soil walls to be used with stabilized soil mortar and plaster. Foundation material to be at least as strong/water resistant as the walls. Designs in shelter guide will use compatible materials.</td>
<td>Phase 2 Research - Physical testing shows the mud mortar and un-stabilized mud foundations undermines flood risk investment.</td>
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<td>Duraibility</td>
<td>Will the materials reach their intended design life?</td>
<td>What is the intended design life?</td>
<td>The first step is to set a design life that is acceptable to the donor/agency/homeowner respecting ability to maintain best practice detailing - e.g. raising bamboo and timber off the ground.</td>
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<td>Specification</td>
<td>Are materials adequately specified? Are quality control procedures specified for mix, manufacture and curing?</td>
<td>Load bearing construction: Is the compressive strength equal or greater than recommended? (In practice it is unlikely that material strength will be known, but low tech field tests are available)</td>
<td>Bamboo and timber treatment (specified in guidance)</td>
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<td>Suggested brick strengths for loadbearing construction are: 2.5N/mm2 (non-seismic)</td>
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<td>Foundation depth</td>
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<td>Load bearing construction: How deep are the foundations embedded into undisturbed ground?</td>
<td>Firm ground may be assessed using nul's of thumb for both clay and sandy soil. Loose sand is easily dug with a shovel but dense sand requires hard-digging for the excavation. 0.75m (minimum)</td>
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<td>Load bearing construction: How wide are the foundations?</td>
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<td>Stability and slenderness</td>
<td><strong>Frame:</strong></td>
<td>Do the arrangement of horizontal, verticals and bracing provide adequate stiffness? Is an adequate number and means of connection between the frame elements provided?</td>
<td>Load bearing construction: Is the slenderness of the wall panels within recommended limits?</td>
<td>Réf. to slenderness limits summary table</td>
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<td><strong>Openings:</strong></td>
<td>Are the openings embedded deeply enough to prevent rotation?</td>
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<td>Load bearing construction: <strong>Frame:</strong> Connections should prevent relative movement and rotation of the vertical and horizontal. Diagonal bracing is required in walls and roof.</td>
<td>(Walker, P. RB195-2002, UN Habitat 2015, Bureau of Indian Standards IS 13827-1993)</td>
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<td>Roof structure: Are the roof structure adequately connected together? Is the roof structure to secondary roof beams, secondary roof beams to main roof beams, main roof beams to the top of the wall?</td>
<td>Roof structure: What load (kN/m2) are the roof connections able to withstand?</td>
<td>Roof connections: Are the roof connections able to resist an uplift load of 2.5pa (coastal) and 1.66pa (land): applied to the overhang</td>
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<td>Roof capacity: What load (kN/m2) is the roof designed for?</td>
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<td>Phased 3 Research - Structural analysis</td>
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<td>Roof should be able to take 2.5N/m2 saturated soil load</td>
<td>Roof should be able to take 2.5N/m2 saturated soil load</td>
<td>Roof should be able to take additional 0.64kN/m2 live load to be used as safe refuge</td>
<td>Phase 3 Research - Structural analysis</td>
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<td>Safety and resistant</td>
<td><strong>Elevated ground:</strong></td>
<td>Standing water: Is the shitter is on elevated ground is it above past/future flood events?</td>
<td>Standing water: What height is the surrounding ground level above natural surface level (NGL)?</td>
<td>Maximum practical platform construction level is “19”</td>
<td>Phased 3 Research - Structural analysis</td>
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<td>Water resilience</td>
<td>Raised floor</td>
<td>Standing water: If the shelter has a raised internal floor level is it above past/future flood events?</td>
<td>Standing water: What height is the internal floor above the Natural Surface Level (NSL)?</td>
<td>Maximum practical raised floor level is ~3&quot;</td>
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<td>Waterproof materials</td>
<td>Standing water: Are the foundations built from waterproof materials? Are waterproof materials used up to the past/future flood level?</td>
<td>Standing water: To what height are the materials used waterproof?</td>
<td>Loadbearing construction: materials must be waterproof to level above flood otherwise the structure will fail If left in a bucket of water they should remain intact</td>
<td>Loh-kat: Frame to be constructed of rot resistant timber/bamboo</td>
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<td>Sacrificial protection</td>
<td>Heavy rain</td>
<td>Are the outsides of the walls plastered? If mud plaster is used has it been stabilised?</td>
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<td>Walls should be plastered to provide a sacrificial wearing layer that can be repaired without the wall structure being damaged Earth plaster that are stabilised with lime or cement will require less frequent repair Sacrificial mass in the form of 'twas' provided at the base of a shelter will protect the base against heavy rainfall</td>
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<td>Overhang</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Heavy rain: Are the tops of earthen walls protected by a roof overhang?</td>
<td>0.3H overhang (roof connections must be designed for uplift from wind)</td>
<td>(Walker, P. HB395-2002, Houben, H and Gulliaud, H, 1994)</td>
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<td>Drainage</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>The design information is complete and communicated clearly</td>
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<td>Design information should include a complete set of annotated and dimensioned drawings (Plans, sections, elevations, connections are detailed ) and a full material specification</td>
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<td>Buildability</td>
<td>Are construction defects present? (caution: need to avoid confusion with defects from poor design or substandard materials)</td>
<td>How long does it take to construct?</td>
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<td>Tools</td>
<td>Does the homeowner have access to the tools required to construct, maintain and modify their shelter?</td>
<td>Power tools are unlikely to be available (drills, welding equipment)</td>
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<td>Skills availability</td>
<td>Does the shelter require skilled and or unskilled labour to construct, maintain and modify? Are the skills required available locally?</td>
<td>Shelter than can be rapidly and maintained without skilled labour will be cheaper and easier to look after.</td>
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<td>Training</td>
<td>Was training provided to the local community?</td>
<td>Training should cover construction, maintenance and repair and modification Training is essential where soil stabilisation is required.</td>
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<td>Maintenance</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>How many times a year does the shelter require maintenance?</td>
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<td>Modification</td>
<td>What modifications may the community wish to make in the future? Can they be made without compromising the performance of</td>
<td>Safe addition of verandah to be considered in design</td>
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<td>Comfort</td>
<td>Thermal Comfort</td>
<td>Does the shelter provide adequate protection from extremes of temperature? Does the shelter design prevent direct sunlight entering? Are any measures taken to reduce incident solar gain? Does the occupant feel comfortable in the shelter?</td>
<td>Is the internal air temperature close or equal to external air temperature in the shade? Is the internal operative temperature less than the external air temperature in the shade?</td>
<td>Internal air temperature to be equal or close to external air temperature in the shade Internal operative temperature to be less than external air temperature in the shade</td>
<td>Openings are shaded from direct sunlight Interior surface temperatures are reduced by maximising roof and wall thickness</td>
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<td>Ventilation</td>
<td>Does the size and location of openings maximise ventilation?</td>
<td>Opening size and location: Two ventilation openings of a combined area of least 2% of the floor area of the shelter, one at high level, one at low level, one on a north facing wall for a south facing wall</td>
<td>Phase 2 Research - Thermal Analysis</td>
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<td>Lighting</td>
<td>Does the shelter prevent direct sunlight from entering? Does the shelter have adequate natural light during the day to undertake household tasks? Is the homeowner able to view outside?</td>
<td>What % of the shelter has illuminance between 200 and 100 lux between the hours of 9am and 5pm over the course of a year? How many windows does the shelter have and what is the opening area?</td>
<td>Direct light should be prevented from entering the shelter Shelter has at least one window opening of 0.605.3m (this should achieve useful daylight) Illuminance 70% of the time Homeowner should be able to view outside</td>
<td>[Reinhart C et al. 2013, Mardaljevic, J. et al. HVI-JODI-166212. 2013]</td>
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<td>Waterproofing</td>
<td>Do the roof and walls keep the homeowner dry?</td>
<td>Roof and walls should keep the occupants and their belongings dry</td>
<td>Phase 1 Research - Data Gathering</td>
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<td>Size</td>
<td>Does the shelter provide sufficient covered space to provide dignified accommodation?</td>
<td>Is the floor area (m2) per person at or above the recommended minimum?</td>
<td>3.5m2 (37.5m2) 2 person</td>
<td>[Sphere Project 2004]</td>
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<td>Space</td>
<td>Is the plan shape appropriate for the local culture? Is the homeowner able to use the space as they wish?</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Phase 2 Research - Data Gathering</td>
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<td>Layout &amp; Flexibility</td>
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<td>Security</td>
<td>Personal security: Is the homeowner able to secure door and window openings from the inside? Is the wall and roof construction secure?</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Windows can be bolted or easily secured from the inside. Doors can be bolted or easily secured from the inside. Doors can be locked from the outside. Walls and roof can not be broken through.</td>
<td>Phase 2 Research - Data Gathering</td>
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<td>Possession security: Is the homeowner able to secure door and window openings from the outside? Is the wall and roof construction secure?</td>
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<td>Privacy</td>
<td>Visibility: Is the occupant afforded privacy against visibility through openings? Acoustic: Is the occupant afforded with acoustic privacy?</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Door and window covers are provided/added Curtains are provided/added Window openings are private by design (eg hit &amp; miss brickwork) Walls are thick enough to provide acoustic privacy</td>
<td>Phase 2 Research - Data Gathering</td>
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<td>Internal air quality</td>
<td>Does the shelter design maintain air quality whilst cooking, either inside or outside?</td>
<td>Are particulate levels within acceptable limits? Are carbon dioxide levels within acceptable limits?</td>
<td>Open fires should not be lit inside a shelter as it is not practically possible to maintain acceptable air quality through natural ventilation. If cooking inside a smokeless stove should be used: ASHRAE limits carbon dioxide levels to 1000-1200 parts per million.</td>
<td>[ASHRAE 62.1-2010]</td>
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<td>Fire Hazards</td>
<td>Are sources of fire ignition kept away from the shelter? Is the use of combustible materials kept to a minimum?</td>
<td>Is the separation between shelter equal or greater than recommended? If cooking inside a smokeless stove should be used: 2mm minimum distance between shelters. This may be reduced for masonry black shelters without combustible walls</td>
<td>Sphere Project 2004</td>
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<td>Vector Control</td>
<td>Are openings protected with mesh? Alternatively do the occupants sleep under nets?</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Paint or metal mesh over openings And/or Sleeping nets are provided</td>
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<td>Materials</td>
<td>Is the shelter affordable for donors/agents? Is the shelter comparable in cost to non agency built shelter? Are DRR features affordable and do they provide value for money?</td>
<td>How much does the material cost?</td>
<td>Fixed brick = 10,000 to 12,000/HR Adobe, Layederd mud, Loh kat = 9,000/HR</td>
<td>Phase 2 Research - Data Gathering and Cost Analysis</td>
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<td>Labour</td>
<td>How much does labour cost? What percentage of construction cost is labour?</td>
<td>15 - 30% of material cost</td>
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<td>Phase 2 Research - Data Gathering and Cost Analysis</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Is the cost of operation and maintenance affordable for the homeowner?</td>
<td>How much does operation cost per year? How much does maintenance cost per year? How much does operation/maintenance cost as a percentage of income?</td>
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<td>Sustainability</td>
<td>Local Supply Chain</td>
<td>Availability of materials</td>
<td>By what means do homeowners travel to obtain materials for minor repairs?</td>
<td>How far do homeowners have to travel to obtain materials for minor repairs?</td>
<td>Regular maintenance &lt; 5km (walking)</td>
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<td>Labour standards</td>
<td>Local Supply Chain</td>
<td>Availability of materials</td>
<td>By what means do homeowners travel to obtain materials for more significant repairs?</td>
<td>How far do homeowners have to travel to obtain materials for more significant repairs?</td>
<td>Engineered items &lt; 10km (motorised)</td>
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<td>Labour standards</td>
<td>Do suppliers have a child labour policy?</td>
<td>How many injuries were reported during construction?</td>
<td>Agencies and their suppliers should have child labour policies in place and checks and balances to verify their implementation</td>
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<td>Labour standards</td>
<td>Does the implementation agency have a child labour policy?</td>
<td>Are cash for work schemes equivalent to typical daily wages from main source of employment?</td>
<td>Cash for work average per day = 400PKR</td>
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<td>Labour standards</td>
<td>Are mechanisms in place for recording cause and severity of injuries?</td>
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<td>Average income per day = 330PKR</td>
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<td>Labour standards</td>
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<td>Health and safety to be included in training programmes</td>
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<td>Natural resources</td>
<td>Recycled/ Reused</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>In the case that the homeowner wishes to demount the roof is this included in the design?</td>
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<td>Roof connections allow roof to be demounted if required by homeowner</td>
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<td>Embodied Carbon</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Do timber/bamboo/steel treatments avoid the use of toxins?</td>
<td>How much embodied carbon is required for construction?</td>
<td>Avoid use of diesel and other toxic timber/bamboo treatments</td>
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<td>How much embodied carbon is required in operation?</td>
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*Phase 2 Research - Data Gathering*
Appendix C

Context
Figure 1 - 1:250,000 scale geological map index sheet

Figure 2 - Extract from 1:250,000 scale geological map Sheet 16
Seismic hazard

A recent study of the area (http://www.emme-gem.org/) suggests that seismic hazard in the area is underestimated by the Pakistan Building Code (Ministry of Housing and Public Works 2007), with average peak ground acceleration in the area underestimated by 25%. UN Habitat guidelines for flood resistant housing are reportedly suitable for up to Zone 2B of the Pakistan Building code, PGA* of up to 0.2g.

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<th>Hazard (Peak ground acceleration)</th>
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<td>Typical study area</td>
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*Note: Peak ground acceleration is a measure of an earthquake amplitude often expressed as a fraction of acceleration due to gravity (g) = 9.81m/s²
Appendix D

Data gathering
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<th>6.0 Base of Shelter</th>
<th>8.0 Walls - external observations</th>
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<td>Height of internal floor level above external ground level (inches) (if there is no step, height = 0)</td>
<td>Are there any columns?</td>
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<td>How any measures have been taken to protect the base of the shelter against flooding?</td>
<td>Is the lower wall made from a different material to the rest of the wall?</td>
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<td>Platform</td>
<td>Lower wall material</td>
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<td>Plinth</td>
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<td>Plinth protection</td>
<td>How high is the lower wall? (m)</td>
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<td>Raised floor</td>
<td>Wall material</td>
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<td>Plaster on foundation walls</td>
<td>Wall mortar material</td>
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<td>Damp proof course</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Slits</td>
<td>Lime</td>
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<td>None of the above</td>
<td>Straw</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Dung</td>
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<td>Base of shelter (normal camera)</td>
<td>Cement</td>
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<td>Is there noticeable damage or deterioration to the base?</td>
<td>Sand</td>
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<th>7.0 Flooring</th>
<th>Wall plaster material</th>
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<td>What material is the floor?</td>
<td>What is the source for information regarding wall plaster and mortar material?</td>
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<td>Compacted earth</td>
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<td>Is any of the following damage noticeable on the floor of the shelter?</td>
<td>How are walls connected to the foundation?</td>
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<td>None</td>
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<td>Damage due to dampness on floor</td>
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<td>Damage due to dampness at base of walls</td>
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<td>Cracking</td>
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<td>Floor (normal camera)</td>
<td>Photo of one external wall (HDR camera with colour chart)</td>
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<td>Select File</td>
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<td>Floor surface temperature (degrees Celsius)</td>
<td>Moisture content at base of wall (%)</td>
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<td>Moisture content at mid height of wall (%)</td>
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<td>Moisture content at top of wall (%)</td>
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ARUP
### 9.1 Internal wall information

- **Wall number:**
- **Direction that outside of wall faces:**
- **Wall surface temperature (degrees celsius):**
- **Photo of wall (HDR camera with colour chart):**
- **Maximum height of wall (m):**
- **Length of wall (m):**
- **Wall thickness (inches):**

### 9.1 Doors

- **Number of doors:** 1
- **Height of door (m):**
- **Width of door (m):**
- **Minimum distance of door to end of wall (m):**
- **Do the doors have lintels?:**
- **Material of door:**
- **What security measures are in place for doors?:**

### 9.2 Windows

- **Number of ventilation openings:** 1
- **Minimum distance of ventilation to end of wall (m):**
- **Total width of ventilation (m):**
- **Distance from floor to ventilation sill (m):**
- **Distance from floor to ventilation lintel (m):**
- **Number of window openings:**

### 9.0 Walls - Internal observations

- **How many wall surfaces are there?:**
- **Wall information:**

### Photos of damage, cracking and tilting or bulging

- **Photos of damage, cracking and tilting or bulging (normal camera):** Select File

### 9.1 Internal wall information

- **What proportion of external wall plaster has been damaged?:**
- **What proportion of wall structure is damaged or deteriorated?:**
- **What proportion of external wall plaster shows cracking?:**
- **What proportion of wall structure shows cracking?:**
- **What extent of cracking is typically seen?:**
- **What proportion of walls are tilting out of plane or bulging?:**
- **What do you think might be the cause of the cracking/damage/deterioration/bulging/tilting?:**

- **Foundation settlement:**
- **Other structural movement:**
- **Construction defect:**
- **Floodling:**
- **Rain:**
- **Unknown:**
- **Other:**

### Wall information

- **Yes**
- **No**
### 1.0 General Information

- **Shelter Assessment Number:**
- **Shelter Database Number:**
- **Surveyor 1 Name:**
- **Surveyor 2 Name:**
- **Date of Survey:** 24/10/2017
- **Time at Start of Survey:** 17:56
- **Shelter Implementing Partner:**
- **Shelter Donor Agency:**
- **District and Taluka/Tehsil:**
- **Union Council:**
- **Village Name:**
- **Weather conditions during survey:**
- **Name of Interviewee:**
  - **Has the interviewee signed the data consent form:** Yes, No, N/A
  - **Sex of interviewee:**
  - **Source of income:**
    - Farm labourer
    - Unskilled construction labourer
    - Skilled construction labourer
    - Crafts
    - Other
  - **Monthly average income (PKR):**
  - **Distance to livelihood (Km):**
  - **Number of people living in shelter:**

### 2.0 General Shelter Information

- **Who built the shelter:**
  - Community
  - Contractor/skilled worker
  - Implementing partner
  - Self build
  - Other
- **What was the beneficiary contribution to the shelter:**
  - Salvageable material
  - Material
  - Unskilled labour
  - Skilled labour
  - Cash contribution
  - Other
- **Year of construction of shelter:**
- **For which flood was the shelter built in response to:**
- **How deep was the flood that year at the shelter?** (feet)
- **How long did it take the flood water to drain away?** (weeks)
- **Has the current shelter been flooded since it was constructed?** Yes, No, N/A
- **When your current shelter was flooded how deep was the water?**
- **If your current shelter has flooded what type of damage occurred?**
  - Damage to floor or base of shelter
  - Water damage to walls
  - Wall collapse
  - Minor roof damage
  - Roof collapse
  - Damage to doors/windows
  - Other
- **Has the area near by been flooded since the current shelter was constructed?** Yes, No, N/A
- **In the last ten years, how many times have you been affected by floods?** Yes, No
- **Has your current shelter been damaged by heavy rain?** Yes, No
- **What type of damage did the rain cause?**
  - No major damage
  - Damage to floor or base of shelter
  - Damage to walls
  - Wall collapse
  - Minor roof damage
  - Roof collapse
  - Damage to doors/windows
  - Other
- **When did the rain damage last happen?**
- **In the last 5 years how many times has rainfall damaged your shelter?**
4.0 Shelter Environment

4.1 Comfort

In your opinion, right now, is the temperature in the shelter:

During SUMMER DAYS, do you find the temperature inside the shelter to be:

During SUMMER DAYS, do you generally find it more comfortable inside or outside the shelter?

During SUMMER DAYS, what is the main reason affecting your comfort?

During SUMMER NIGHTS, do you find the temperature inside the shelter to be:

During SUMMER NIGHTS, do you generally find it more comfortable inside or outside the shelter?

During SUMMER NIGHTS, what is the main reason affecting your comfort?

During WINTER DAYS, do you find the temperature inside the shelter to be:

During WINTER DAYS, do you generally find it more comfortable inside or outside the shelter?

During WINTER DAYS, what is the main reason affecting your comfort?

During WINTER NIGHTS, do you find the temperature inside the shelter to be:

During WINTER NIGHTS, do you generally find it more comfortable inside or outside the shelter?

During WINTER NIGHTS, what is the main reason affecting your comfort?

In which of the following seasons do you sleep outside or on the terrace of the shelter?

Summer
Monsoon
Winter
Never sleep outside
Other

4.2 Space

Which of the following activities do you use the shelter for?

Cooking
Working
Studying/reading
Storage
Sleeping
Sitting
Sewing/handicrafts
Family gathering
Keeping cattle/animals
Eating
Worship
Other

Which of the following activities would you like to use the shelter for, that you do not already?

None
Cooking
Working
Studying/reading
Storage
Sleeping
Sitting
Sewing/handicrafts
Family gathering
Keeping cattle/animals
Eating
Worship
Other

Why are you not able to use your shelter for these activities?

Not enough space
Not enough daylight
Not enough electric light
Not enough ventilations
Other

What sources of light are used after dark?

Electric lights
Kerosene Lanterns
Battery Lantern
Candles
Solar Lights
None
Other

On average how much do you spend per month on lighting (PKR)?
### 7.2 Modifications and extensions

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### 7.3 Local Supply Chain

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<td>Was this training sufficient?</td>
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<td>Were you provided training for construction, repair or maintenance?</td>
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<td>Where are materials normally procured from?</td>
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### For the following materials, indicate how far away they came from approximately?

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### For the following materials, is the route taken to source materials easily accessible?

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### What mode of transport was used to transport material to the shelter site?

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<td>On foot</td>
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<td>Handcart</td>
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<td>Animal drawn cart</td>
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<td>Motorbike</td>
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<td>Motorcycle cart (Chin Quil)</td>
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<td>Tractor trolley</td>
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<td>Truck</td>
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<td>Bus</td>
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### Which materials in your shelter could you re-use?

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<td>Mud</td>
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<td>Timber/wood</td>
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<td>Bamboo</td>
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<td>Brick</td>
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<td>Cement</td>
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<td>Steel</td>
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### Are you able to sell any of the salvaged material?

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8.0 Customer satisfaction

Are you satisfied with your shelter? *  
Yes  
No

How does this shelter compare to where you lived before the floods?  

What type of shelter did you have before?  
Adobe  
Burnt Brick  
Concrete blocks  
Loh Kaat  
Mud  
Mud with Lime  
Other

Do you know of anyone who has copied this shelter design or parts of this shelter design?  
Yes  
No

If yes, which parts of the design were copied?  
None  
Raised platform  
Raised floor  
Pukka lower wall  
Lime  
Roof overhang  
Other

Why did they copy them?  

What reasons prevent people you know from copying your shelter design?  
Cost  
Material availability  
Time  
Construction skills  
Knowledge  
Not interested  
Don't know  
Other

If you had to construct a new shelter, which of the following materials would you rather use?  
Adobe  
Burnt Brick  
Concrete blocks  
Loh Kaat  
Mud  
Mud with Lime  
Other

What would you improve about your shelter?  

ARUP
Local partner evaluation form

Team management/leadership
1. It would be beneficial for the project to be led locally by a person with prior research experience in Shelter and of managing teams. Experience of Monitoring and evaluation would also be beneficial. Please score 1 - 5.

Shelter assessments
2. Shelter assessments would benefit from being conducted by someone with technical construction knowledge such as an engineer or engineering student. If engineering students are engaged they should be in the 3rd or final year of graduation. It is important that they are able to understand technical terminology and can identify building components. Please score 1 - 5.

Beneficiary surveys and stakeholder consultations
3. Beneficiary surveys and stakeholder consultations should ideally be conducted by people with experience of user consultations and or participatory planning. Please score 1 - 5.

Organisational Experience
4. Prior experience in the field of shelter and flooding. Please score 1-5.
5. Prior experience working with IOM

Data gathering
   The local partner must credibly demonstrate how they will conduct up to 1000 assessments in 12 weeks within Sindh province.

6. Does the local partner have a presence and or good access to Sindh province? (Please score 1-15)

7. Methodology (Please score 1-5).
8. Staff resourcing (Please score 1-5).
9. Quality assurance (Please score 1-5).

Testing facilities
10. Access to credible testing facilities for material testing within suitable distance of the study area to enable transportation of limited samples.

Labs should have experience of testing vernacular construction (mud, loh kat, adobe)

Written English
12. Local partners will need to be able to produce reports in clear written English. The written English of the proposal can be used as an indicator (please score 1-5)

Cost effectiveness
13. Local partners will need to determine cost effective methods for gathering the data. (30 points if less than £14,000 (Proposal budget for data gathering). Subtract one point for every £1,000 above the budget)
Electronic data capture - monitoring

Figure 3 – Electronic data capture online dashboard
### Field equipment

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<th><strong>Laser Distance Measure</strong></th>
<th><strong>Digital infra-red thermometer</strong></th>
<th><strong>Compass</strong></th>
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<td>To enable one person to measure distances quickly</td>
<td>For measuring surface temperature of walls, floor and ceiling</td>
<td>To measure direction that walls face</td>
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| +/- 3 millimetres up to ranges of 15 metres | Weight: 132g  
Emissivity: 0.95 preset  
Resolution: 0.1° or 0.1F  
Spectral response: 8-14 um  
Distance to spot size: 12 : 1  
Accuracy: ±1.5% or ±1.5με  
Temperature range: -50 to 380με(-58°F–716°F)  
Repeatability: 1% of reading or 1με  
Operating humidity: 10 ~ 95 % R.H.  
Response time: 500mSec, 95% response  
Dimensions: Approx. 155 * 100 * 45mm |
Moisture measurer
To measure moisture content of walls

Therm-Hygrometer
To measure air temperature and humidity

- **range - temperature**: -20 to 70°C
- **range - humidity**: 0 to 100%rh
- **resolution - temperature**: 0.1°C/°F
- **resolution - humidity**: 0.1%rh
- **accuracy - temperature**: ±1°C ±1 digit ±0.4°C over the range 10 to 40°C otherwise ±1°C
- **accuracy - humidity**: ±3% (20 to 80%rh)
- **battery**: 3 x 1.5 volt AAA
- **battery life**: 10000 hours
- **sensor type**: temperature: silicone bandgap; humidity: capacitance polymer
- **display**: 12mm LCD
- **dimensions**: 25 x 56 x 128mm
- **weight**: 160 grams
- **case material**: ABS plastic with Biomaster anti-bacterial additive
- **country of manufacture**: United Kingdom
- **guarantee**: two years
- **measurement scale**: Celsius, Fahrenheit, %rh & dew point
Stakeholder consultation

Overview

**Purpose:** To gather data on Sustainability Key Criteria (Cost, Labour, Materials, embodied energy, durability, re-use)

**Duration:** Approximately 1hr

**Who with:** ideally you want to talk with two people - One should be a senior Shelter manager or similar who can provide a high level overview. The second should be someone more technical with more detailed knowledge of what happened on the ground. Ideally both will have been at the agency since at least 2012, ideally 2010.

**Preparation:** Email them to find out who is best placed to answer the questions before the interview. The questions in section 3 should be sent to them at the same time so they are prepared. Ask if they have evaluation reports or similar and if so ask to see them in advance of the meeting.

**Key Topics that must be covered:**

1. Cost
2. Labour
3. Materials
4. Durability
5. Re-use/recycle

**Question Framework:**

1. When discussing each topic you must follow the following question framework:
2. What was their strategy or plan
3. What were the key drivers and influences on the strategy
4. How did it go in practice
5. What were the key challenges
6. What were the lessons learnt, what would they do differently

**Interview Introduction**

- Explain the project and why we are meeting them.
- Purpose is to gather data on costs, materials, labour and implementation
- Explain that data is being gathered through a scientific approach
- Data will be used alongside other field data
- Get interviewee to introduce themselves - what is their role - how long have they worked there
- In which location did they work – get an overview of their programme
**Questions**

**Cost**

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<td>How much did one shelter cost? What was included and not included?</td>
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<td>How did cost influence your shelter design?</td>
<td>Are you able to provide a cost overview of your shelter implementation programme?</td>
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<td>Did you have a target cost for your shelter design?</td>
<td>Did construction involve donated labour? - Aim is to understand 'True cost' accounting for sweat equity.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What were the key cost challenges?</td>
<td>Did construction involve donated materials?</td>
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<td>What were the key lessons learnt?</td>
<td>Are you able to provide breakdowns of costs for specific shelter designs (Materials, labour, overheads and other costs)</td>
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<td>To what extent were material costs impacted by inflation and market distortions during shelter implementation?</td>
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<td>What was the cost of the community contribution (time / material and cost)</td>
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<td>Variation of cost with location? Causes?</td>
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**Labour**

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<td>What type of labour did you use?</td>
<td>Contractor vs self build vs community build vs shelter agency direct implementation vs mixed</td>
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<td>What were the key drivers affecting labour</td>
<td>Average daily wages?</td>
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<td>What were the key issues you encountered?</td>
<td>What is the lowest daily wage of a construction worker? (in PKR)</td>
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<td>What were the key lessons learnt?</td>
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### Materials

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<td>Which materials did you use?</td>
<td>Which were your preferred construction materials?</td>
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<td>What were the key drivers affecting material choices?</td>
<td>What influenced these choices?</td>
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<td>How were materials procured?</td>
<td>Which materials would you avoid?</td>
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<td>What were the key issues you encountered?</td>
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<td>What were the key lessons learnt?</td>
<td>Were there issues procuring materials?</td>
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<td>If so please describe what the issues were and the impact they had</td>
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<td>How were materials purchased? (Bulk buy/stock piled / community bought/ etc……)</td>
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<td>Where were materials typically procured from?</td>
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<td>Can you estimate what proportion of materials are wasted during construction?</td>
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### Reuse

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## What equipment was used during construction?  
How many people would it take to construct one shelter?  
How long did a shelter typically take to construct?  
Did you come across any issues with child labour? If so how did you respond to them?
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<th>Was there a strategy for reuse or recycling of material?</th>
<th>Were materials from damaged shelters re-used or recycled?</th>
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<td>How did sustainability influence the programme?</td>
<td>Did you consider sustainability and environmental impact in your shelter programme? If so please describe how it is considered and what impact it has on the shelter design?</td>
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<td>What were the key issues you encountered?</td>
<td>How was sustainability integrated into the implementation program?</td>
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<td>What were the key lessons learnt?</td>
<td>Was recyclability/reusability considered as part of the shelter design? (recycled = turned into something else, reuse = reused in current or similar state)</td>
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**Maintenance/durability**

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<td>How was maintenance considered in your shelter design?</td>
<td>Did you provide the community with training/guidance on how and when to undertake maintenance</td>
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<td>What were the key challenges for durability?</td>
<td>How long is the shelter intended to last for?</td>
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<td>What are the lessons learnt?</td>
<td>Do you think it will be achieved?</td>
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<td>Is the expectation of the shelter design to be resilience against future flood events?</td>
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What steps are taken to improve durability of the design?
Did you treat timber or bamboo? What treatment is available?
Do you have any data on ongoing maintenance costs?

Close

For you what were the overriding drivers that influenced your shelter design and implementation programme?

What were 3 key learning points?

What would you do differently next time?

We are going to conduct a supply chain analysis in the next phase. In your opinion what is the best way to analyse the cost of materials and labour?
Appendix E

Physical testing
Materials

The relative performance of materials when immersed in water or subject to erosion from rainfall is well established. We know that an un-stabilised mud brick shelter with no DRR features will perform poorly. We know that a fired clay brick with cement mortar shelter will perform well.

The diagram provides a general assessment of the durability of materials when subject to immersion or erosion from water with durability increasing from left to right. The smaller arrows indicate that within a given material there can be wide variation in their performance associated with quality of materials and workmanship.

Figure 4 – Durability of materials when immersed in water or subject to rainfall erosion
**Understanding flood damage to shelter**

The following findings are extracted from a Rapid Technical Damage Assessment\(^1\) conducted by UN Habitat following the 2010 floods.

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<th>Key observations and Potential areas to investigate through testing</th>
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| **Loh Kat – Standing water** | - Foundations eroded  
- Mud plaster is washed away  
- Importantly the bamboo/timber frame remains in place meaning that the roof remains intact  
- Walls can be repaired once water has receded  |
|                              | **Foundation design**  
- Redundancy of walls for improved roof support  
- Lime stabilised plaster  
- Raised floors and plinth protection |
| **Fired Clay – Standing water** | - Bricks are largely water resistant and remain intact  
- Where used with mud mortar the mud is washed away, the wall no longer has cohesion and collapse follows  
- Water-logged shallow foundations are subject to settlement, resulting in cracking and collapse of walls.  |
|                              | **Foundation depth**  
- Upper and Lower ring-beam |
| **Adobe/Mud brick – Standing water** | - Walls dissolve and collapse  
- With no redundancy in the structure the roof also collapses  
- Water-logged shallow foundations are subject to settlement, resulting in cracking and collapse of walls.  |
|                              | **Lime stabilisation**  
- Wall tie-ing and redundancy (buttresses etc) |

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\(^1\) Rapid Technical Assessment of Damage and Needs for Reconstruction in Housing Sector, UN Habitat, 2010
Mud roofs – Rainfall

- Mud roofs become saturated with rainfall causing failure of roof covering and or the roof structure.
  
  Load capacity of roofs
  Roof drainage

The diagram below illustrates how heavy rain and standing water might be mitigated by shelter design features. This helps to identify the design features that physical testing should explore. The impact of additional loading from waterlogging of roof on the roof structure can be explored through structural analysis. The impact of ring beams and other forms of structural tie-ing may not be possible unless tests are conducted on full scale shelter.

Figure 5 – Possible design mitigation for standing water and heavy rain
CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

Clay is an important raw material for building construction in rural areas of Pakistan and more specifically in Sindh. Every year or two, thousands of houses made up of clay are destroyed due to rainfall and flood in Sindh. Sindh has an area of 140,914 km² with one of the world’s largest river, River Indus, flowing through it. Human Being has always tried to dwell close to water bodies to use water for domestic purposes and for cultivation. This province of Pakistan houses significant volume of its population in the flood plain of Indus River. Houses in the rural settlements of this flood plain are mostly made in clay and prone to floods and rainfall. Clay has very unique responses when it interacts with water like shrinkage on drying, hardness, and intra/inter-media adhesiveness and cohesiveness when wet. These properties tend to enhance or deteriorate the strength of structures in which clay is used as the major constituent or primary bonding agent. In this study an experiment is carried out to compare the performance of conventional and unconventional clay walls. Clay, when mixed with calcium or natural/synthetic fibres and other engineered constituents affects the durability of clay structures. These walls with conventional and unconventional clay mix design are tested under a flooding condition at a facility at NED University of Engineering & Technology. The Flood Simulator is fed with a pre-defined flood hyetograph of 4’ inundation depth. During the test, various methods are employed to measure the deterioration of each of the wall panels under this inundation with time. This report discusses the executed test in detail. The adapted methodology and experimental setup is discussed in chapter 2 and the results of the experiment are displayed in chapter 3 of this report.

1.2 Background

During the course of history, it is witnessed that people reside near the fertile lands, where their livelihood is at ease for being close to resources including food and water. Poignantly, the same rivers that provide them with nutrition make them prone to disaster such as overflow of rivers and consequent flooding. Floods are one of the most intense and hazardous events. Though the
cause of flooding varies, it ultimately makes the society suffer devastating losses of lives, infrastructure, economy and environment.

Pakistan lies in the tropical region making it fortunate for not having disasters like volcanoes; hurricanes etc. but floods are not an exception. For Pakistan, there are two major causes of floods, flash floods due to intense rainfall in short duration, and overflowing of rivers and streams due to intense rains or glairier melt. The average rainfall of Pakistan ranges from 125 mm in South-East region to 750 mm in the North-West region. However, the average rainfall in Pakistan isn’t enough to cause flooding; nevertheless, the disasters happen either during monsoon or glacier melt and/or as a combination of both.

Pakistan has one of the largest irrigation systems in the world, and her Gross Domestic Product (GDP) index and export is significantly controlled by agricultural production, therefore; it is essential to protect the cultivated areas and human lives and settlements from floods.


1.3 Objective

The objective of this study is to assess the flood or inundation resilience of structures made up of clay as the primary constituent. Walls with conventional clay mix design and engineered clay mix design (experimental) along with other constituent and fibres are tested. Effect of wall geometry on its resilience is also assessed.

1.4 Scope
This study limits the testing of prescribed wall geometries and clay mix design only. These design parameters are provided by the client. Flood wave at a place arrives with both horizontal and vertical component of velocity. This test limits the simulation if vertical component only. Flood water also brings debris along with it whose impact on structure tends them to collapse, effect of such incoming debris is not incorporated in this experiment.

1.5 Expected Outcome

The expected results of this experiment are the survival time of wall panels under inundation condition that occurs as a result of flood. Clay absorbs water and has relatively higher water holding capacity than other common soil types. The time of exposure of clay to water affects its bonding properties. The 12 walls with varying clay mix designs are tested and time to collapse is observed. Comparing this parameter of time to collapse for the prescribed clay mix design will conclude the most sustainable composition ratio and constituents to be used for flood resilient structures made with clay.
CHAPTER 2

METHODOLOGY

2.1 General

Experiment station consists of a flood tank and a reservoir tank. Wall panels are constructed in flood tank which is supplied with water from the reservoir tank. The test is executed under pre-defined conditions and various observation methods are employed to assess the resilience of clay walls to inundation with time.

2.2 Flood Simulator – The Experimental Setup

The flood simulator consists of two large tanks. One of the tanks is named as flood tank and the other is the reservoir to hold the water to be fed into the flood tank. These tanks are connected to each other with pipes and pumps to transfer water from one tank to the other. The inlets in the flood tank are placed in such a way that the clay structures constructed within it are not affected by turbulence of inflow. Figure 1 shows the view of flood tank from two different points. It can be seen that wall panels are constructed inside the flood tank which. The constructed walls are also provided with some loading conditions as seen in Figure 1, discussed in succeeding sections of the report.

Figure 1 View of flood tank from two different angles
2.3 Testing Conditions

This section discusses the testing conditions applied for the subject experiment.

2.3.1 Roof Loads

To incorporate the effect of roof, loading of 100 kg is placed on top of walls centred horizontally. This load in shape of gunny bags filled with sand is fixed by steel straps hooked to the walls to avoid jump at the time of collapse.

2.3.2 Water supply and discharge regime

Before starting the test, reservoir tank is filled with the required volume of water including the losses. The flood tank is supplied with constant flow of water from controlled inlet to keep the turbulence as minimum as possible. Pre-defined supply and discharge regime is defined in Figure 2. The flood profile or regime contains two peaks 600 mm and 1.2 m high representing two phases, phase 1 and phase 2, respectively. The flood tank is filled 600 mm by end of week 01 by supplying constant flow daily during working hours. For week 02, constant level of 600 mm is maintained. It is a fact that water evaporates and this deficit was refilled to maintain water level. Discharging was to be started by week 03 till the end of week 05. However, due to administrative limitations the discharge for phase 1 (600 mm peak) is modified which is shown in Figure 3, Phase 2 is executed as proposed in Figure 2.

![Proposed Flood Profile](image)

**Figure 2 Proposed Flood Wave**

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2.3.2.1 Flood phase 1

The flood tank was filled with water with constant supply to a depth of 600 mm at a rate of 122 mm per day such that the water reaches 600 mm after 5 days. A staff gauge for measurement with custom calibrations was installed in the flood tank as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 2 Staff gauge for measurement of water depth in flood tank
Evaporation and infiltration losses are encountered and the tank is refilled to maintain the required depth of 600 mm for the first week. At the end of week 2, water is drained at a rate of 86 mm per day. It is ensured that as the water drains away it does not lead to erosion of the walls or foundations or the ground near the panels.

2.3.2.2 Flood phase 2

For the second phase, as shown in the Figure 2, the flood tank is again filled with water to a depth of 1.2 m in a week with a daily inflow of 174 mm. For the next week, level of 1.2 m is maintained and then the tank is emptied in three weeks. A custom made gauge is placed to note down the depth of water in the flood tank. As discussed in previous section, all losses are incorporated to maintain the daily required depth inside the flood tank.

2.4 Limitations

The limitations of flood simulator tends to give conditional results. The assumptions of the simulation are discussed in this section. Since the flood tank is supplied with constant inflow that increases the depth of water inside the tank, the water particles have minimum effect in its horizontal component of velocity. Hence portraying a scenario of flood wave in a plain with no or very less slope. Flood waves generally arrive with debris and other elements that strike that have significant impact of the structures stability. This test does not incorporates flood wave with debris. The test is limited to inundation resilience of the clay walls only.

2.5 Observation Setup

The changes or deterioration of walls inside the flood tank are recorded by various means. Observation methods are discussed in this section.

2.5.1 Photographic Observation

The still camera set up consists of a number of good quality cameras being moved around the 12 different locations as shown in Figure 5, and placed onto a fixed mount, which has been set up according to trials to ensure that it captures the entire height of the wall in the frame.
The camera mount set up is made to ensure that it is tamper proof throughout the duration of the tests as shown in Figure 6.

Figure 5 Camera location for still photography

2.5.2 Live video feed

A live video feed is set up to allow streaming of the site online. For monitoring (in case collapse is not captured otherwise) and publicity (via a website or app), these two cameras are set up to view all of the panels. These were installed on a pole near the site, high enough to get a good view. Figure 7 shows the view from mounted camera.

Figure 7 A view from camera installed for video recording

2.5.3 Damage monitoring

The total stations were used to take measurements of 6 points on each of the twelve wall panels as presented in Figure 8. The positions of these readings are marked on the wall so that readings are from the same places each time. It is not possible to record damage to the panels under water. Measurements are, therefore, restricted to above the water level. Following parameters are measured:

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between the bench mark and the point on walls. The difference in these distances from bench mark depicts the movement of wall panels for sink, drift and tilt.

Figure 8 Observation points on wall panels
CHAPTER 3

RESULTS

3.1 Time of Collapse

The observation on time to collapse are discussed in this section. The observations are distributed in two parts, part 1 for the flood wave of 600 mm height, and part 2 for flood wave of 1.2 m height.

3.1.1 Walls Collapsing During Flood Wave 1

Flood wave as discussed in previous chapters was 600 mm high. Figure 9 shows the depth of water in flood water in the flood tank with points highlighting the time of collapse of respective wall panels.

![Time graph of collapsing wall panels in phase 1 of flood wave](image)

Wall panel numbers 1, 2, 5 & 11 were the first to collapse from the effect of incoming flood wave. They were not able to sustain inundation depth of 185 mm. Wall No. 4 & 10 collapsed at
an inundation depth of 230 mm. Wall No. 7 and Wall No. 3 performed relatively better and sustained an inundation of 300 mm and 380 mm, respectively.

### 3.1.2 Walls Collapsing During Flood Wave 2

Wall panels sustaining the first phase on 600 mm inundation depth were again put to test for a depth of 1.2 m. The second phase consisted of flood wave of 1.2 m in the first week, maintaining this depth for the next week and taking off the water in three weeks at constant rate. The observations of the wall collapse in this second phase are summarized in Figure 10.

![Figure 10 Time graph of collapsing wall panels in phase 2 of flood wave](image)

Wall Panel No. 8 collapsed on 15 July 2017 after sustaining inundation depth up to 990 mm. The left over wall panel number 6, 9, and 12 sustained the second phase of inundation and are still standing in the flood tank.

### 3.2 Observation from Total Station

Positive (+) signs of maximum lateral movement depict that wall is moving in westward direction while negative shows the opposite meaning. The reference meridian for direction is shown in Figure 11. However, direction of collapse of panel is the function of the observation taken before the panel fails not the maximum value during the observation period.

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3.2.1 Observation of Sinking Drift and Tilts

This section discusses the observation of tilt, lateral drift, and sinking of wall panels. As discussed earlier these measurement were observed with total station instrument. Table 1 summarises the total amount of tilt, drift, and sinking observed on respective wall panels prior to their collapse.

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<tr>
<th>Panel No.</th>
<th>Level Difference/Sinking (ft.)</th>
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<th>Max. Angle/Tilt (radians)</th>
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It should be noted that wall panel numbers 6, 9, and 12 sustained the flood tests. Due to prolonged inundation, these two walls suffered the highest sinking but to their structural stability and clay mix design, sustained the test. During the entire test, wall number six experienced maximum sinking of 300 mm, but still sustained the flood inundation. It is observed that wall panel numbers 6, 9, and 12 despite the highest movement in all three observed directions sustained the flood test. Maximum tilt of 0.21 radians is observed in wall panel number 9 by the end of the flood test. Maximum lateral drift of 575 mm is observed in wall panel number 12. The results show that wall panels indicated movement in the observed direction and ultimately failed. It seems like the clay mix design and geometry of walls were unable to sustain these movements.
CHAPTER 4

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the observations, the first parameter to judge the best performing wall is the time to collapse. It is evident from the previous chapter that wall number 6, 9, and 12 sustained the entire flood test for both phases hence considered to be sustainable. Wall panels that collapsed were unable to sustain the movement and other changes due to inundation which led them to collapse.

Clay mix design for the sustaining wall panels can be further assessed by introducing debris in flood water along with horizontal component of velocity in the flood tank. This will put the wall panels that can sustain the inundation test to extreme scenario. In order to have exact conclusion about the best performing clay mix design, a downscaled structure with clay mix design used in wall 6, 9, and 12 can be constructed and assessed for real-time performance assessment in flooding.
Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

Clay is an important raw material for building construction in rural areas of Pakistan and more specifically in Sindh. Every year or two, thousands of houses made up of clay are destroyed due to rainfall and flood in Sindh. Sindh has an area of 140,914 km² with one of the world’s largest river, River Indus, flowing through it. Human Being has always tried to dwell close to water bodies to use water for domestic purposes and for cultivation. This province of Pakistan houses significant volume of its population in the flood plain of Indus River. Houses in the rural settlements of this flood plain are mostly made in clay and prone to floods and rainfall. Clay has very unique responses when it interacts with water like shrinkage on drying, hardness, and intra/inter-media adhesiveness and cohesiveness when wet. These properties tend to enhance or deteriorate the strength of structures in which clay is used as the major constituent or primary bonding agent.

In this study, an experiment is carried out to compare the performance of conventional and unconventional clay walls. Clay, when mixed with calcium or natural/synthetic fibres and other engineered constituents affects the durability of clay structures. These walls with conventional and unconventional clay mix design are tested under a physical rainfall simulation facility at NED University of Engineering & Technology. The Rainfall Simulator is fed with a pre-defined rainfall hyetograph replicating a historic event of Sindh’s rainfall. During the rainfall test, various methods are employed to measure the deterioration of each of the wall panels due to rainfall. This report discusses the executed test in detail. The adapted methodology and experimental setup is discussed in chapter 3 and the results of the experiment are displayed in chapter 4 of this report.

1.2 Background

During the course of history, it is witnessed that people reside near the fertile lands, where their livelihood is at ease for being close to resources including food and water. Poignantly, the same rivers that provide them with nutrition make them prone to disaster such as overflow of rivers and consequent flooding. Floods are one of the most intense and hazardous events. Though the
cause of flooding varies, it ultimately makes the society suffer devastating losses of lives, infrastructure, economy and environment.

Pakistan lies in the tropical region making it fortunate for not having disasters like volcanoes, hurricane etc.; however, floods is not an exception. For Pakistan, there are two major causes of floods: flash floods due to intense rainfall in short duration, and overflowing of rivers and streams due to intense rains or glacial melt. The average rainfall of Pakistan ranges from 125 mm in South-East region to 750 mm in the North-West region. Although the average rainfall in Pakistan isn’t enough to cause flooding, the disasters happen either during monsoon or glacier melt and/or as a combination of both.

Pakistan has one of the largest irrigation systems in the world, and her Gross Domestic Product (GDP) index and export is significantly controlled by agricultural production; therefore, it is essential to protect the cultivated areas and human lives and settlements from floods.


1.3 Objective

The objective of this study is to assess the flood and rainfall resilience of structures made up of clay as the primary constituent. Walls with conventional clay mix design and engineered clay mix design (experimental) along with other constituent and fibres are tested. Effect of wall geometry on its resilience is also assessed.

1.4 Scope

This study limits the testing of prescribed wall geometries and clay mix design only. These design parameters are provided by the client. Other limitations include simulation of one design rainfall hyetograph and one flooding regime.
1.5 Expected Outcome

The expected result of this experiment is the amount of erosion that occurs as a result of rainfall occurring on the walls directly. This parameter of erosion indicates the resilience of various clay mix design to direct rainfall. Comparing this parameter for the prescribed clay mix design will conclude the most sustainable composition ratio and constituents to be used for rainfall resilient structures made with clay.
Chapter 2

METHODOLOGY

2.1 General
This chapter discusses the experiment setup and facility at which the clay walls with different clay mix design were tested. Limitations, boundary conditions and other essential parameters are also discussed in respective sub headings. The face of wall to be tested was of 2.7×1.5 m; thickness, however, vary.

2.2 Experiment Setup
In order to achieve the desired objectives, a rainfall simulator is constructed at NED University of Engineering and Technology. The rainfall simulator has a concrete cement flatbed of 20×9 m with sprinklers mounted on elevated poles along its periphery as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Rainfall Experiment Setup

The rainfall sprinklers are placed in such a way that uniform distribution is achieved on the simulator’s platform. Six walls with prescribed geometry and clay mix design can be tested at a
time. There were total 12 samples to be tested in two batches of 6 walls at a time in order to isolate the effects of rain falling one wall to the wall next to it.

2.2.1 Selection of sprinkler and other hardware

For this study, mini spray jet is selected. It is made up of high quality polymer having wear resistance and long trouble free performance. White nozzle colour jet has 2.3 mm nozzle size with spray pattern of 180°, wetted diameter of 7 m, and gives 174.5 l/h flow when operating at pressure of 0.15 MPa. This sprinkler makes a rainfall of 15 mm/h, which is the required average rainfall for 24 hours. The performance chart of mini spray jet is shown in Table 1. Since, the sprinklers are installed at the height of 14 ft (≈4 m); therefore, the pump was operated at 0.19 MPa.

Table 1. Performance chart of mini spray jets

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A pump of 1.5 hp was installed to discharge 10470 l/h water at a total pressure of 1.9 bar. The calculation shows that 1.1 hp pump would meet the requirement with 70% pump efficiency.

Pressure gauges are also installed at different locations on the pipe network to give the exact reading of operating pressure. The gauges installed, have range from 0 to 0.5 MPa pressure, and have least count of 0.01 MPa, which suits the study conditions.

A water filter is installed after pump, which decreases the chances of clogging of jets. The water filter has a capacity of 25 m³/hour. A flow meter is also installed after the filter to perform the calibration process.
2.2.2 Calibration of sprinklers

Performance chart of spray jets (Table 1) are based on data taken in lab. Therefore, the validation of these values is important to get accurate results because difference in elevation of the jets and wind can cause problems and deviate intensity and pressure values. Spray jets are installed at 4 m; therefore, difference between the pressure at outlet of pump and inlet of spray jet is 0.04 MPa. This means, if the required operating pressure is 0.15 MPa, the pump will actually run at 0.19 MPa pressure. Initially, the calibration is done using one spray jet, but the wind effect is too high to get better readings. Therefore, two sprinklers are used for calibration and verification of the values given in the performance chart.

Meanwhile, the uniformity of the rain is also analysed. At the time of calibration, wind speed varies from 5 km/h to 25 km/h. To check uniformity, two cans are used to see if different amount of water is collected. Results are satisfactory of rainfall at low pressure i.e. 0.19 MPa. Readings from the calibration process are presented in Table 2.

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2.2.3 Design Storm

A critical rainfall event that is used for assessing the impact of a certain return period is called "design rainfall". As the amount of the design rainfall corresponds to rare frequencies, they have high values of rainfall depth and that is why the design rainfall is usually termed as "design rainstorm" or simply "design storm".

Table 2. Calibration data for sprinklers
Characteristic elements of the rainstorm are:

- Depth $P$ [mm]
- Duration $D$ [min], [hours]
- Average intensity [mm/min], [mm/hour]
- Maximum intensities on different $\Delta t$ time intervals

Time distribution of the rain intensities is commonly known as the "rainfall intensity hyetograph". Rainfall Distribution is the variability of the intensity throughout a storm. However, overall depth for a storm will be the same for a given duration no matter which distribution is chosen. There are four (4) different types of rainfall distributions throughout the US – Type I, Type 1A, Type II and Type III. These distributions can be adopted locally in areas other than U.S. if, the local climate and that of U.S. regions climate matches. Figure 2 shows the cumulative distribution of all four types of rainfall. For arid regions, literature suggests that type III rainfall distribution could be used.

![Figure 2. SCS 24-hour rainfall distribution](image)

The rainfall recorded at Tando Ghulam Ali (68.891365°, 25.124217°), a village in Sindh, is recorded as 347.98 mm on August 11, 2011. This is the heaviest rainfall that occurred in Sindh since 1931 and selected to be simulated for this experiment.

Since, Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) provides rainfall data at 24-hour interval; therefore, intensity near to the actual values is obtained by assuming that summer rainfall event in arid region is following a type III distribution. The design storm calculation includes the conversion of average value of rainfall over 24 hour to smaller time interval. Figure 3 shows relation between time and intensity of rainfall for total 347.98 mm for 24 hours. Rainfall design
module PC-Storm Water Management Model (PC-SWMM, CHI, Canada) is used to convert the 24 hour values over smaller time interval. For an arid region, SCS type III design storm is used. This design storm gives the highest rainfall intensity for an hour - 140.5 mm/hour.

Figure 3. 24-hr distributions for 347.98 mm rainfall

The 24-hour rainfall is transformed into 6-hour rainfall, to help the logistics of testing, by changing the intensity and keeping the total amount of rainfall and probability distribution of the rainfall intensity constant. Figure 4 shows the distribution after transforming 24-hour rainfall into 6-hour rainfall using type II design storm.

Figure 4. 6-hour distribution of 347.98 mm rainfall

2.2.4 Sprinkler Setup
Sprinklers are mounted on elevated poles along the periphery of the plot to provide equal simulation conditions for each wall panel. Sprinklers are orientated to cover full wall height with the middle of the sprinkler shower hitting the middle of the wall panel as shown in Figure 5. The extent of the sprinkler includes the base of the wall and the floor just in front of the wall, to ensure that the effect of rain at the toe of the wall is simulated accordingly. Figure 6 shows a wall panel on the rainfall experiment setup. Drainage is also provided ensuring that the water runoff will not flood the base of the panel and for drained water sampling as shown in Figure 6.

It was made ensured that backsides of panels are protected so that they only encounter the effect of the sprinkler in front of them and not the sprinkler directed to other walls.

2.2.5 Limitations

The rainfall test is limited to only one design rainfall which is discussed in the previous section 2.2.3. The rainstorm scenario is also curtailed to 6-hour duration storm since its original historic duration is not known as discussed earlier. The rainfall simulator is isolated from local wind effects in real worlds, along with rainfall effects, because wind also plays role in destroying structures. However, in this study wind effect or erosion due to wind is not considered.

2.3 Observation Setup

This section discusses the observation mechanism to collect the amount of erosion. Assumptions for respective observations are also discussed.
2.3.1 Measurement of Erosion

Amount of erosion as a result of rainfall attack on wall panels was measured. The base of panels on the platform of rainfall simulator was provided with boundary to collect the flow around it and direct it towards an outlet where flow was being gauged at hourly intervals for a runtime of 6 hours as shown in Figure 7. This flow brings the eroded wall material to the outlet where it is collected and marked for laboratory. After collection, the samples are tested in laboratory to measure the amount of suspended solids (mg/L) in it which are averaged for one hour in terms of weight (kg).

![Figure 7. Sample collection and flow accumulating pit](image)

2.3.2 Calculations for the Amount of Erosion

Total amount of soil eroded is measure from two components. i) Amount of soil taken away by rainfall/runoff water to the drain, and ii) amount of soil left on the ground. Soil taken away by rainfall water is taken by measuring Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in that water. To calculate TSS, samples were drawn in the last ten minutes of every hour. From TSS, erosion is found by Equation (1) as follows:

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Erosion \text{ from } TSS = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{6} Flow_{(lit/hour)}_i \times TSS_{(mg/lit)}_i}{1000000 \text{ mg/kg}}
\]  

Amount of soil, which is left behind was collected next morning. This soil is then oven dried for 24 hours to evaporate the moisture content, and then weighed. Total Erosion is the sum of “Erosion from TSS” and oven dried “weight of soil left behind”. Erosion per unit area is
calculated by assuming wall surface area as 2.7×1.5 m. It is observed that top 300 mm of the wall was not harmed by the rainfall due to presence of the shade; therefore, the top 300 mm was not included in the calculation of erosion amount.

2.3.3 Photographic Observations

A detailed photographic record was also maintained for all the tests. Locations of camera mounts are shown in Figure 8. Photos were taken from fixed location through the duration of irrigation and the study. During the first and the last two hours of simulation, minimum 1 photo from the fixed position camera were taken at every 60 minutes. During the peak hours, hour No. 3 and 4, minimum 1 photo from the fixed position camera was taken every 10 minutes.

![Figure 8. Layout of walls and camera positions](image)

Table 3.2: Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 1

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<td>Wall absorbed most of water to increase its moisture level. Only free particles eroded from the wall.</td>
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<td>Water started flowing on the wall and subsequently erosion started.</td>
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<td>Rate of erosion increased in this hour. At the end of this hour, wheat straw was visible on many parts of the wall.</td>
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<td>382.8</td>
<td>Because of high intensity rainfall and erosion, soil started falling from both corners and lower mid portion of the wall.</td>
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<td>Due to decreased intensity, the rate of erosion decreased. However, soil kept falling from the above-mentioned areas of the wall.</td>
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<td>At the end of last hour, inner structure of “lokat” was visible, but overall the structure was stable.</td>
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**Erosion weight (kg)**

| Erosion weight (kg) | 19.91 | 3.46 |

**Amount of soil taken away by rainfall water = 3.46 kg**

**Amount of soil left behind = 19.91 kg**

**Total Erosion (Kg) = 23.37**

**Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft) = 519**

This makes the total eroded soil as 23.37 kg.
Chapter 3

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter discusses the results of experiment in terms of erosion occurred.

3.1 Performance of Walls in terms of Erodibility

The results of samples of water collected according to the described methodology in heading 2.3.1 for wall No. 1 – 12 are shown in Table 3.1– 3.12.

Table 3.2 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 1

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| Erosion weight (kg) | 19.91 | 3.46 |
| Erosion weight (kg) | Amount of soil taken away by rainfall water = 3.46 kg |
| Erosion weight (kg) | Amount of soil left behind = 19.91 kg |

| Total Erosion (Kg) | 23.37 |
| Total Erosion (Kg) | This makes the total eroded soil as 23.37 kg. |

| Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft) | 519 |
| Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft) | Erosion per unit area is 519 gm/ft² |
Table 3.3 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 2

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Table 3.4 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 3

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Table 3.3 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 2

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<td>218.0</td>
<td>Throughout the test, the wall panel 2 showed resilience towards erosion. First the particles which were loosely attached to the wall area eroded. Other than this, there was very little or negligible erosion from wall panel 2.</td>
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- Erosion weight (kg): 0.08
  - Amount of soil taken away by rainfall water = 0.08 kg
  - Amount of soil left behind = None / Negligible
  - Total Erosion (Kg): 0.08
  - Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft): 2

Table 3.4 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 3

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<td>57.0</td>
<td>Like wall panel 2, wall panel 3 showed very little or no erosion as well. However, unlike wall panel 2, cracks were appeared on the surface of wall panel 3. Intensity of cracks increased in the lower part of the wall. After revisiting, it was observed that bottom of the wall is expanded due to stored moisture.</td>
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- Erosion weight (kg): 0.09
  - Amount of soil taken away by rainfall water = 0.09 kg
  - Amount of soil left behind = None / Negligible
  - Total Erosion (Kg): 0.09
  - Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft): 2

Table 3.5 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 4

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<td>Erosion from the wall started and eventually corners of wall started falling. Also, wheat straw was visible on roughly 70% of the wall.</td>
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<td>In this hour, the erosion process became faster. Soil started falling from corners and some from the center of the wall.</td>
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<td>There was very little erosion in last two hours.</td>
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- Erosion weight (kg): 2.1
  - Amount of soil taken away by rainfall water = 1.67 kg
  - Amount of soil left behind = 2.10 kg
  - Total Erosion (Kg): 3.77
  - Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft): 84

This makes the total eroded soil as 0.09 kg.

This makes the total eroded soil as 3.77 kg.

Erosion per unit area is 2 gm/ft²

Erosion per unit area is 84 gm/ft²
Table 3.6 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 5

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| Erosion weight (kg) | 0.13 |
| Total Erosion (Kg) | 0.13 |
| This makes the total eroded soil as 0.13 kg. |

| Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft) | 3 |
| Erosion per unit area is 3 gm/ft². |

Table 3.7 Results of erosion from wall panel 6

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| Erosion weight (kg) | 8.50 |
| Total Erosion (Kg) | 8.50 |
| Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft) | 189 |
Table 3.6 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 5

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Table 3.8 Results of erosion from wall panel 7

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Table 3.9 Observations and erosion (damage) of wall panel 8

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- Erosion weight (kg): 0.46
- Total Erosion (Kg): 0.46
- Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft): 10

### Table 3.10 Results of erosion from wall panel 10

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**Erosion weight (kg)**

0.46

**Total Erosion (Kg)**

0.46

**Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft)**

10

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### Table 3.10 Results of erosion from wall panel 10

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**Erosion weight (kg)**

0.29

**Total Erosion (Kg)**

0.29

**Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft)**

6

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### Table 3.11 Results of erosion from wall panel 11

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**Erosion weight (kg)**

0.07

**Total Erosion (Kg)**

0.07

**Erosion per unit area (gm/sq.ft)**

2

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### Table 3.12 Results of erosion from wall panel 12

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<td><strong>Flow (ml/sec)</strong></td>
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<td>8.77</td>
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<td>3</td>
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It is evident from the analysis for all the walls that the highest amount of erosion is observed in the 3rd and 4th hours during which the intensities were the highest and the second highest, respectively. Figure 9 shows the total erosion plotted against respective wall numbers.

![Amount of Erosion Chart]

Figure 9. Total erosion in Kgs for all wall panels

The analysis show that wall panel no. 1 suffered the maximum loss due to erosion and wall no. 10 sustained erosion with minimum amount of 0.07 Kg of erosion.

### 3.2 Pictorial Observations

Pictorial observation for the first hour and the last hour of the two extreme performing walls are shown in the Figures 10 and 11.
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Figure 10. Photographs of wall panel no. 1 at the beginning (Left) and at the end of test (Right), respectively.

Figure 11. Photographs of wall panel no. 10 at the beginning (Left) and at the end of test (Right), respectively.
Chapter 4

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Best Performing Wall Panel

Comparing the performance of the wall panels, it is observed that water absorption profile i.e., the depth of water penetrating the wall is vital. Wall No. 10 sustained the rainfall scenarios to the best and its clay mix design and geometry is considered to be the best suited for construction.
Materials Specification

Soil
Soil to be brought if from Sindh. All soil to be brought from same location for consistency.
Location to be recorded. Soil should be tested for suitability for lime stabilisation prior to transportation to NED in line with [Lime Stabilized Construction: A Manual and Practical Guide, Strawbuild, 2015]

Sand
Sand to be procured from local market in Sindh. Sand to be free of silt, clay, salt and other impurities.

Lime

Compressed soil foundation
Formation level to be free of organic material

Compressed soil with lime foundation
Formation level to be free of organic material


Soil blocks [Adobe]

Size: To suit wall thickness
Block and mortar mix: As per local practice

Soil blocks with lime [Adobe]

Size: To suit wall thickness
Block and mortar mix: The mix proportions for the So1 and lime blocks are to be determined in line with [Lime Stabilized Construction: A Manual and Practical Guide, Strawbuild, 2015]

Fired bricks
To be procured from local market in Sindh. All to be procured from same vendor for consistency.
Size: 9"x4.5"x3"

Plaster - soil with lime

Damp proof course
Damp proof course to be heavy gauge plastic sheet

Mortar
Mortar beds to be 1" thick maximum
Mix to match the block type - Soil blocks: Soil mortar - Soil with lime blocks: Soil with lime mortar

Test Panel Plan

Test Panel Elevation

Test Panel Section A-A

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Lime

Compression soil foundation
Formation level to be free of organic material

Compression soil with lime foundation
Formation level to be free of organic material
Mix to be determined in line with Lime Stabilized Construction: A Manual and Practical Guide, Strawbuild, 2015, giving 1 lime: 4.5 clay: 1 ash

Soil blocks (Adobe)
Size: To suit wall thickness
Block and mortar mix: As per local practice

Soil blocks with lime (Adobe)
Size: To suit wall thickness
Block and mortar mix: The mix proportions for the Soil and Lime blocks are to be determined in line with Lime Stabilized Construction: A Manual and Practical Guide, Strawbuild, 2015 giving 1 Lime: 5 clay: 1 straw

Fixed bricks
To be procured from local market in Sindh. All to be procured from same vendor for consistency.
Size: 9"x4.5"x3"

Plaster - soil with lime
Mix for soil with lime plaster to be determined in line with Lime Stabilized Construction: A Manual and Practical Guide, Strawbuild, 2015, giving 1 lime: 4 clay: 2 straw: 1 River sand or 1 lime: 4 clay: 2 straw: 1 ash: 1 River sand

Plaster - soil with cement
Mix for soil with cement plaster to be determined with shrinkage test or equivalent

Damp proof course
Damp proof course to be heavy gauge plastic sheet

Mortar
Mortar beds to be 1" thick maximum
Mix to match the block type - Soil blocks: Soil mortar - Soil with lime blocks: Soil with lime mortar

Floor screed
The mix for the floor screed to be determined in line with Lime Stabilized Construction: A Manual and Practical Guide, Strawbuild, 2015, giving 1 lime: 1 Sand: 1 Brick powder: 1 Brick Ballast (5mm)
Waterproof material, plastic or similar, spanning between purlins.

Purlins, timber or bamboo

Rafters, timber or bamboo

Ring beam, tied with secure connection into blockwork, double strands of wire twisted together and laid into mortar bed 2 courses below top of wall, or similar.

Roof prop, timber or bamboo, secured to wall return to support roof.

Abode roof construction elevation

Abode roof construction section

Loh-kat roof construction elevation

Loh-kat roof construction section
Wall Panel No. 7
Soil with lime block walls (Adobe)
Plastic sheet DPC
1" Plaster - Soil render
3'-6"

Wall Panel No. 8
Soil block walls (Adobe)
1" Plaster - Soil with lime plaster
Plastic sheet DPC
3'-6"

Wall Panel No. 9
Soil block walls (Adobe)
1" Plaster - Soil with lime plaster
Plastic sheet DPC
3'-6"

Wall Panel No. 10
Soil block walls (Adobe)
1" plaster - lime/mud/sand (1:2:3) mixed with chopped straw and dung
Plastic sheet DPC
3'-6"

Wall Panel No. 11
Soil block walls (Adobe)
1" Plaster - Soil with lime plaster
Plastic sheet DPC
3'-6"

Wall Panel No. 12
Soil block walls (Adobe)
1" Plaster - Soil with lime plaster
Plastic sheet DPC
3'-6"
## Chapter 4

### CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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### Physical testing results

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#### Rain testing

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Figure 1 – Flood profile indicating time and depth of collapse of different panels
Panel 3:
Panel 7:
Panel 11:

Panel 1: Traditional Loh-kat with clay soil, sand & straw render

Start Finish
Panel 1: Traditional Loh-kat with clay soil, sand & straw render
Panel 2: Traditional Loh-kat with lime putty, clay soil, sand & wheat straw render

Panel 3: Adobe block walls with soil-cement render
Panel 2: Traditional Loh-kat with lime putty, clay soil, sand & wheat straw render

Panel 3: Adobe block walls with soil-cement render
Panel 4: Bamboo and chicks matting Loh-kat with clay soil, sand & straw render
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Panel 6: Adobe soil block walls with no render

Panel 7: Adobe lime soil block walls with no render
Panel 6: Adobe soil block walls with no render

Panel 7: Adobe lime soil block walls with no render
Panel 8: Adobe soil block walls with clay soil, sand & straw render
Panel 9: Adobe soil block walls with lime putty, clay soil, sand & wheat straw render
Panel 10: Adobe soil block walls with lime, soil, sand, dung & straw render

Start Finish
Panel 11: Overhang Adobe soil block walls with lime putty, clay soil, sand & wheat straw render
Panel 12: Toe detail Adobe soil block walls with lime putty, clay soil, sand & wheat straw render

Start

Finish
Appendix F

Analytical desk studies
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<th>All Loh Kat Concrete</th>
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<td>Is the drawing set complete? (Does it include a dimensioned and annotated foundation plan, floor plan, roof plan, sections, elevations, and details? Alternatively 3D drawings containing the same level of information?)</td>
<td>1 10%</td>
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<td>Material strengths</td>
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<td>(excluding Loh Kat)</td>
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<td>(Is all of it shown, does it include all dimensions, corner connections, connections from the wall to the ring beam and from the ring beam to the roof and is the material defined?) (excluding Loh Kat)</td>
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<td>Have lintels been drawn?</td>
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<td>(the brick bond around the corner for masonry shelters, the connection of members at the corner for Loh Kat shelters)</td>
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1 Introduction

The aim of this study is to interpret the thermal comfort and air quality survey data taken from shelters in Pakistan in 2016. This information should provide an understanding of the current performance of the shelters with respect to thermal comfort and air quality.

Through a combination of this survey data and analysis models this performance can be explored and design improvements can be tested and recommended. The following note outlines the inputs, methodology and intended outcomes for analysis of

- thermal comfort
- ventilation
- air quality

All three criteria can be considered within the same set of simple dynamic thermal analysis. Therefore the inputs and results are the same data set interpreted in different ways to align to the different criteria which are interlinked.

2 Methodology

The following methodology was used in this study.

- Interpretation and investigation of survey data. This should be used to understand how well shelters are currently performing. Remove any outlying or erroneous data that might swing the result or alter conclusions.
- Understanding of weather file against external survey data
- Development of a typical shelter geometry (H x W x D), door size and ventilation opening size.
- Analyse typical shelter against survey results, tweak settings to achieve closer fit to data, this should create a baseline ‘typical’ shelter design.
- Consider design options to improve on baseline.

2.1 Definitions of variables

Dry bulb Temperature or “Air Temperature” is the ambient temperature of the air shielded from radiation and moisture and in this report will be given in degrees Celsius (°C) however can be measured in Fahrenheit (°F) or the SI unit Kelvin (K).

Operative temperature (previously known as resultant temperature or dry resultant temperature) is a simple measure of thermal comfort derived from air temperature, mean radiant temperature and air speed. The equation for this is given below. This
variable can be calculated within the analysis models undertaken in this study however due to the limited survey data this cannot be calculated for the survey data.

Relative humidity is a ratio (written as a percentage) of the amount of moisture contained within the air for a given temperature compared to the amount that would be present if the air was fully saturated at the same temperature (100% RH, also known as the dew point). Relative humidity is a function of both the moisture content and temperature, with the saturation point varying with temperature (warmer air can contain more moisture before saturation than cooler air).

3 Key Criteria

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<th>Ventilation</th>
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<td>Number of hours/ day the internal space is over a certain operative (average radiant and air) temperature difference from the external temperature</td>
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The following data focuses on the temperature difference between the outside temperature and the internal temperature. These internal temperatures experienced by shelter occupants are a function of the external air temperature, the surface temperature, and therefore construction, and the ventilation rate.
3.1 Survey Data

- Air temperature inside and outside (shaded)
- Relative Humidity inside and outside
- Surface temperatures of walls
- Ventilator opening widths, height and location in wall
- Comfort opinions
- Wall thicknesses
- Roof construction

The primary data collected with regard to thermal comfort is the temperature and in particular the temperature difference between internal and external. This gives us a delta difference, the closer this is to zero the closer the internal temperature is to the external.

In the context of the survey data the external temperature was taken in the shade which provides a good target temperature as this often is deemed comfortable and the perceived or operative temperature will only be below this if the walls and roof temperatures are significantly below the air temperature or there is an increase in air movement.

Whilst the survey wasn’t able to collect operative temperature (due to instrument limitations and the complex calculations of mean radiant temperature) the baseline model of the ‘typical’ shelter will be able to give us an approximation. The
external operative temperature in the sun can also be approximated using a model and weather data.

Whilst the operative temperature (utilising air temperature and surface temperatures) will provide a comfort indicator, relative humidity can also have an impact on thermal comfort by affecting the body’s ability to sweat and therefore reduce skin and body temperature.

Relative humidity can have an impact on comfort, particularly when it is high. High relative humidity can be created if there is limited ventilation and there are some large moisture producing processes like cooking within the shelters. Normally however relative humidity would expect to be close to the external humidity.

Ventilation and opening sizes where surveyed in order to establish average shelter geometries and allow estimations of ventilation rates.

Finally occupants were surveyed to give an understanding of perception of comfort and understanding how conditions are felt within the shelters. This kind of data is often hard to draw conclusions from and establish trends as comfort is very subjective and respondents might be biased in the answers given if they think a particular outcome can be delivered. However it provides a useful baseline and understanding.

### 3.2 Survey data Results

The graph below plots the temperature difference between inside and outside for each construction type and the date at which the survey was taken. Two outlying points were removed from the data which had temperature differences of 18 and 35°C as these were considered unrealistic, this was for one layered mud and one concrete shelter.
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Figure 2 Comparison of recorded internal versus external air temperatures for each construction type

As can be seen from the figure above the trend of the temperatures measures is largely similar between most of the construction types. The line shows a zero temperature difference; the internal temperature is the same as the external shade temperature. This would represent a good result in the circumstances for air temperature, with any additional comfort / felt benefit being created by cooler surface temperatures. The results of this data is shown below.

The data average is fairly close to the external shade temperature and therefore performing quite well with the standard deviation for all shelters being within 3 degrees. Any design options should look to lower the mean and reduce the variation from this mean in terms of air temperature, hopefully creating an operative temperature below that of the external shade.

### 3.3 Surface temperatures

The internal surface temperatures of each survey was also surveyed, to give an indication of the temperature that might be ‘felt’ by occupants. Although a mean radiant temperature was not taken, the surface temperatures should provide an indication of whether the ‘felt’ temperature might be reduced or increased by the surface temperatures.
Figure 3  Average internal surface temperatures surveyed against the corresponding external shade temperature surveyed.

As shown above, in general the surface temperatures are cooler than the external shade temperatures. There are some differences in the trends shown between the construction types, namely concrete blocks where the surface temperatures are warmer at lower temperatures and cooler at higher temperatures. This is a characteristic of heavy weight thermal mass which would be expected from concrete, however the sample size was also too small for this construction type to draw any significant conclusions.

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Figure 4  Internal surface temperatures surveyed by type against the corresponding external shade temperature surveyed.
The above data shows that the floor and wall surface temperatures are generally below the external shade air temperature and would therefore have the effect of reducing the ‘felt’ temperatures (operative temperatures) within the shelters. In contrast to this often the roof surface temperatures were higher than the external shade air temperatures, this would therefore most likely increase the ‘felt’ temperature within the shelters (depending on the air temperature within the shelter). This is therefore an area of investigation and design improvement to explore.

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The wall surface temperatures are effected by the thickness of the construction or in other words its thermal mass or inertia. The higher the thermal mass the slower it is to respond to energy flows, this might result in cooler surfaces at peak periods and warmer surfaces at low temperatures.

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![Wall thickness comparison, inches](image)

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3.5 Relative Humidity

![Figure 6: Relative Humidity measured, internal versus external](image)

The graph above shows that there is no significant difference between construction types and the relative humidity within the shelters. The trend lines suggest the relative humidity is slightly higher inside the shelters compared to outside as would be expected due to moisture given off by people. This increase however is small.
3.6 Survey Response

Figure 7  Survey responses against air temperature inside and outside

The responses above show little correlation between survey response and the temperature conditions, highlighting that different people have different opinions and perceptions of what is comfortable. Most of the respondents suggested conditions were hot inside the shelter.

4  Comparison of analysis against survey data

4.1.1 Climate

External air temperatures were measured as part of the survey. These temperatures will be subject to local microclimate variations and the calibration of the thermometer. For the subsequent analysis, a local historical weather file was used. Due to the availability and reliability of weather data and location of accurate weather stations this historical weather file is usually created to be typically
representative year based on data over 15-20 years and may be a number of kilometres from the survey sites (typically at airports).

The closest reliable weather data source to the survey sites is Nawabshah, this typical year is based on data recorded in 2005. This data is shown against the survey data in the graph below.

This graph shows that the data has some significant overlap and therefore a reasonable fit, compared to any others available. There are also some visible differences in the surveyed data and the weather file data, namely that the survey data seems to be a little bit hotter than those in the weather file. These differences could be for a number of reasons, listed below.

- Local microclimate variations between the survey data and Nawashah airport
- Different thermometer tolerances / calibrations
- Yearly variations in temperature, 2016 could have been a hotter year than 2005
- An increase in temperatures due to climate change

Local microclimate differences can be created by differences in surrounding contexts and surface materials such as large concrete aprons and built up areas.

Airport weather stations have standard calibration tolerances which might be different to the handheld equipment used in the survey.

The weather file is based on a long term average data (2005 selected as typical) it is expected that this would be a bit different to 2016. 2016 might not have been an average weather year.

There is 11 year difference in the weather years, there could conceivably be a climate change impact on the temperatures over this time period.
4.1.2 Climate Change

The expected climate change temperature increase in Pakistan as a whole is higher than the expected global average increase. Temperature increases of 1.4-3.7°C by 2060 with warming being more rapid in the southern and coastal zones.

Projected temperature increase in winter is more than that in summer. As yet, it is not possible to get a clear picture for precipitation change, due to large model uncertainties for the region. The yields of both wheat and rice will decrease everywhere except in the Northern Mountainous areas where wheat yields could potentially increase. The impact of climate change on Pakistan’s water resources is unclear due to the uncertain behaviour of the Karakoram glaciers.

Within the wider South Asia region there is an expected trend of an increase in precipitation, with more variability (20-30%).
6 Analysis models

Figure 8 Diagram of thermal conditions; external under the sun, within the shelter and external shaded.

Shade from the sun has a significant effect on our comfort, the contrast between standing in the sun versus standing in the shade is great. The shelters primarily provide shade from the sun, however if there is a lack of air movement within these shelters they can be less comfortable or at least to be perceived as such. Within the shelters there are also additional heat sources which can heat up the internal spaces, these include people, lighting and other appliances (cooking etc.). Surface temperatures can help to reduce the comfort temperature if they are cooler than the air temperature.

These effect of being exposed to the sun is illustrated in the following graph where the external operative temperature is estimated for an external unshaded area.
Figure 9  Estimated External Exposed Operative Temperature against external air temperature

This show the significant impact of the exposure to the sun on comfort resulting in a 10°C increase in operative over the air temperature.

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Based on this information the typical shelter was built to represent the average
shelter typology. This has a plan area of 17m² being 4.56m wide and 3.94m deep
and the shelter being 2.67m high.

An average door opening and ventilation opening was also derived from the
average of the survey data. These are as follows:

Ventilation opening: 0.13m² (0.37 H by 0.37 W)
Door opening: 1.76m² (1.71m H by 1.03m W)

The shelter geometry is shown below.
Figure 11 Model shelter geometry

Aim of the initial models is to replicate the survey data to provide a base line.

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### Modelled shelters

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In order to achieve a better fit to the survey data, the models where re-run with the door being left open, as this was fairly likely to be the case during the survey measurement.

6.1.2 Doors Open

Door open: lower 1/3 (0.587m²) acts as an inlet, upper 1/3 (0.587m²) acts as an outlet

Ventilation opening closed.

As it was likely that during the survey itself the doors might have been left open and some of the surveys noted that there was no door within the opening, in this scenario this opening would provide ventilation and alter the internal temperature. This was modelled to determine a closer fit to the survey data.

Due to the size of the door opening, the typical ventilation opening was ignored as this would add very little in terms of ventilation opening.

| Standard deviation | 1.85 | 3.13 | 2.84 | 2.73 | 3.17 | 2.23 |

Figure 13 Comparison of modelled internal operative versus external air temperatures for each construction type with ventilation provided by open doors

This performance provides a good approximation to the survey data. The data is generally lower than those surveyed, this could be for a number of reasons. One of these could be that in the model, the doors were permanently left open which might provide some pre-cooling at the start of the surveyed time periods, this might not have been the case for the actual surveys.

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In order to achieve a better fit to the survey data, the models were re-run with the door being left open, as this was fairly likely to be the case during the survey measurement.

6.1.2 Doors Open

Door open: lower 1/3 (0.587m²) acts as an inlet, upper 1/3 (0.587m²) acts as an outlet

Ventilation opening closed.

As it was likely that during the survey itself the doors might have been left open and some of the surveys noted that there was no door within the opening, in this scenario this opening would provide ventilation and alter the internal temperature. This was modelled to determine a closer fit to the survey data.

Due to the size of the door opening, the typical ventilation opening was ignored as this would add very little in terms of ventilation opening.

Modelled shelters

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### Graph

- **Open doors**: Blue circles
- **2.5% HL LL with control**: Yellow circles
- **2.5% HL LL**: Orange circles
- **Linear (Open doors)**: Dotted blue line
- **Linear (2.5% HL LL with control)**: Dotted yellow line
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This shows the benefits that can be made if occupants have some control over the opening sizes, i.e. a sliding cover. This means that in winter if temperatures are too cold outside, ventilation can be restricted but also allows ventilation to be restricted when external temperatures are too hot, above the operative (comfort) temperature created by the cooler internal surface temperatures. This is shown in slightly higher operative temperatures in the last case due to the fact that the surfaces are being used in order to absorb more heat and coolth as ventilation is restricted and the surface temperatures become more dominant under these conditions.

6.2.2  Cross Ventilation

If the shelter is orientated to make use of the wind the opening sizes can be rationalised and can make use of greater ventilation potential.

The orientation of the shelter relates to the direction of the wall with the door opening within it. As shown in the image below, this shelter is ‘facing’ south.

Figure 15  Cross ventilation geometry

The cross flow ventilation openings are positioned at high and low level in order to make use of the stack ventilation on still days as previously shown. They are also positioned on opposite wall to generate the most effective ventilation and airflow distribution. Locations on opposite walls should also maximise the pressure differential created by the wind and therefore increase ventilation rates.

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Figure 16 2% Floor Area Ventilation Openings at High and Low Level for Different Shelter Orientations

Openings of 2% of the floor area were chosen (although see below for exploration of the impact of smaller or larger openings).

This shows that shelters orientated to the North (openings on the north and south walls) have improved predicted comfort levels.

Due to the added benefits of wind flow the openings can be rationalised, as shown below for a North facing shelter.

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This shows that for the smaller openings the average is lower but the deviation is greater. During hot periods of the day, limiting the hot outside air from entering is a benefit, therefore reducing the average temperature difference. When there is a benefit from introducing the outside air (during still warm or during cool temperatures) the limited opening size limits the ability for ventilation and therefore greater variability is seen. With openings of 2-2.5% to provide background ventilation whilst during beneficial periods opening the door would give the option to adapt the opening size to the external conditions or occupant desires for more or less airflow.

### 6.2.3 Wall thickness

The survey data shows a range in wall thicknesses. Adobe and Layered Mud have the greatest thickness measured, and the highest average.

![Wall thicknesses comparison, inches](image)

Figure 17 Wall thicknesses surveyed against recommended thicknesses

In both of the following cases the ventilation was assumed through open doors, the construction type was for an Adobe construction. Average thickness correlates
to the average Adobe wall thickness surveyed, increased correlates to the maximum wall thickness.

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This shows the advantage of applying a thicker wall material. As expected this difference is greater on the operative temperature as this includes the comfort created by surface temperatures. There is a small increase in variability but this considered insignificant.

### 6.2.4 Roof thickness

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The variability of the internal conditions has increased probably due to the slower thermal response of the thicker roof material. Meaning it takes longer to heat up and cool down, this provides a benefit to the mean however the variation increases.
6.2.5 Roof overhang

Roof overhangs could provide some small benefit of shading the walls from solar gain. This would have a greater impact where there are large openings or windows as these will allow the solar gain directly into the shelters.

A roof overhang would also allow the creation of a shaded outside space which the survey showed to be a feature added by occupants since construction. This kind of space can be useful for those times when external conditions are acceptable when shaded from the strong sun.

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8 Air Quality

If cooking or a fire is required in the shelter then we would recommend a dedicated flue be installed to remove particulates.

For a fire or stove of approx. 500mm by 550mm a flue of 200mm diameter would be acceptable (British Building Regulations Part J), this system would also require a permanently open vent with a total equivalent of at least 50% of the cross sectional area of the flue.
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### Notes of transport carbon factors

Transport carbon factors are made of two parts, A and B:

- A) carbon factor multiplied by material weight
- B) carbon factor for transport mode if vehicle were running with no cargo
IOM Pakistan Shelter Assessment  
- Sustainability Analysis

Quantitative and qualitative findings  
Recommendations for the design guide

Compiled by David McLennan, AT&R, February 2017

Sustainability Analysis - contents

• Slides 3 - 8    General background information
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Sustainability Analysis – key criteria

- Original criteria for sustainability, drawn up during 2014/2015

Part of the Cost Analysis Study

These indicators feature in this study, although have been modified and developed from this original outline. Please see next slide

Areas of the Sustainability Analysis

The following broad areas were defined to aid in the assessment of sustainability for each shelter:

1. Embodied Carbon ★
2. Material Availability
3. Labour Standards
4. Recyclability / Reusability
5. Homeowner Satisfaction ★ Arguably most significant to stakeholders
Shelter typologies

- Five basic typologies are shown in the adjacent table
- This is a simplified subset of the huge variety of shelters seen in Pakistan
- Layered Mud, Adobe, Loh Kaat, Burnt Brick and Concrete Block are the most common wall types
- These can be combined with a variety of different roof structure designs, including ring beams, vertical columns, door/window lintels and other structural design features which are sometimes present and sometimes not
- Note that the data set for concrete block constructions was too small to have complete confidence in the trends seen for this subset of the shelters (approx. 30 concrete block shelters, compared with approx. 200 for each of the other typologies)

List of agencies

- The following nine agencies were responsible for the various shelter designs covered in this study, and also contributed to our research by way of participating in the stakeholder meetings:
  - ACTED
  - CESVI
  - CRS
  - HANDS
  - IOM
  - Prepared
  - Sangtani
  - SEAD
  - UN Habitat
**Input data received**

- **Homeowner survey**
  - 800 shelter homeowners surveyed

- **Shelter assessment**
  - 800 shelters assessed

- **Stakeholder meeting minutes**
  - CESVI (4 April 2016)
  - CRS (4 April 2016)
  - KII Data (summary of all stakeholder meetings)

- **Flood/Rain Testing Workshop meeting minutes (20 October 2016)**

- **Various materials-related documentation**

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**Material usage in shelters**

800 shelters surveyed in total
1. Embodied Carbon

Embodied Carbon – list of materials

- **Most abundant/significant:**
  - Cement (OPC)
  - Stone Aggregate
  - Sand
  - Concrete
  - Burnt Brick
  - Mud Brick
  - Mud
  - Poplar
  - Bamboo
  - Polythene Sheet
  - Chicks

- **Somewhat abundant/significant:**
  - Concrete Blocks
  - Lime
  - Sawn Timber
  - Structural Steel

- **Least abundant/significant:**
  - Reinforcing Steel
  - Nails
  - Screws
  - Straw
  - Cotton Rope
  - Nylon Rope
  - PVC Pipe
  - Reed Mat
  - Palm Mat
  - Galvanized Wire

- Values in the following slides will be given as “kg CO2 per kg of material”, subject to information from the Bill of Quantities (BoQ), which will vary from shelter to shelter

- The following additional materials are not listed on the BoQ but also feature in the survey data set:
  - Roof Tiles, Iron Girder, Dung, Thatch, Grass, Metal Sheets, Sindhi Rillii, Cloth, Metal Mesh, Plastic Mesh

**References**
- Lottie McCarthy emails (2016-12-14_145603, 2017-01-10_114252)
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
- https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Sabzi+Market/@27.9515849,68.6870003,5308m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x39343bef847412a9:0x51443ed2ff819d0e!8m2!3d27.9593082!4d68.6325145
- Rail http://pakistanrail.com/locotech/pages/ALU95.htm
- General https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transport_in_Pakistan

Typical examples:
- Truck
- Tractor trolley
- Animal drawn cart
Embodied Carbon – transport map assumptions

- **Assumed shelter location:**
  - Shikarpur
  - This is an example location chosen based on where the largest number of surveyed shelters are clustered

- **Assumed locations of raw materials/processing plants:**
  - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)
  - Lahore
  - Punjab
  - Karachi
  - Rohri
  - Kh\(^{}\)npur

  These are assumed based on locations of nearest suitable sources, or from information in stakeholder interviews, as referenced for each material

- **Assumed distance to market:**
  - 20 km from shelter
  - This is a reasonable worst case (20 km is the 90th percentile value) for the distance between a rural shelter and its nearest urban market

References

- [https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Sabzi+Market/@27.9515849,68.6870003,5308m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x39343bef847412a9:0x51443ed2ff819d0e!8m2!3d27.9593082!4d68.6325145](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Sabzi+Market/@27.9515849,68.6870003,5308m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x39343bef847412a9:0x51443ed2ff819d0e!8m2!3d27.9593082!4d68.6325145)

Embodied Carbon – transport modes assumptions

- **CO\(\)^2 emissions of the different transport modes (mentioned in the survey data), using closest-match vehicle types from the references given, with mass and emission values calculated accordingly:**
  - **Truck**
    - "Heavy diesel rigid" (7.5 tonne max. load): 0.17 kg CO\(\)^2 per km + 0.00005 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material
  - **Tractor trolley**
    - "Light diesel rigid" (3.5 tonne max. load): 0.12 kg CO\(\)^2 per km + 0.00006 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material
  - **Bus**
    - "Diesel minibus" (1.8 tonne max. load): 0.085 kg CO\(\)^2 per km + 0.00003 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material
  - **Motorcycle**
    - "Petrol motorbike" (0.2 tonne max. load): 0.034 kg CO\(\)^2 per km + 0.00017 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material
  - **Rail**
    - "Locomotive" (74 tonne max. load): 2.07 kg CO\(\)^2 per km + 0.00003 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material
  - **Animal drawn cart**
    - 0 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material
  - **Handcart**
    - 0 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material
  - **On foot**
    - 0 kg CO\(\)^2 per km per kg of material

Typical examples:
- Truck
- Tractor trolley
- Animal drawn cart

References

- [Bus](http://thisisjustajoke.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/FF0.pdf)
- [Bus](http://driver.pk/cars/toyota/toyota-hiace-2016-model-price-in-pakistan/)
- [Rail](http://www.scdc.gov.pk/sites/default/files/Pakistan%20Rail.pdf)
- [CO\(\)](http://pakistanrail.com/locotech/pages/ALU95.htm)
- [CO\(\)](http://www.winnipeg.ca/finance/findata/matmgt/documents/2012/682-2012/682-2012_Appendix_H_-_WSTP_South_End_Plant_Process_Selection_Report/Appendix%207.pdf)
- [General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transport_in_Pakistan)
Embodied Carbon – Cement (ordinary Portland cement, OPC)

**Used for**
walls (secondary component) / concrete component

**Description of production process**
- Raw material extraction, controlled mixing

**Production** (raw material extraction and manufacturing)
- According to [IOM](http://www.cement.org/cement-concrete-basics/how-cement-is-made), in the Kacha area of Punjab, it was more challenging to procure cement than to produce lime. Cement is less carbon friendly than lime – one aspect of this is transportation because there are only one or two cement factories in Sindh, versus lime kilns which are widely scattered all over the region, and typically burn twigs instead of fossil fuels.

**kg CO₂ per kg of material**
- 0.74 [ICE, based on UK weighted average]
- 0.89 [Winnipeg]

**Transport** (from production location to site)
- Assume originates from Karachi
- Distance from Karachi to market 400 km
- Mode from Karachi to market Truck: 0.17 kgCO₂/km + 0.00005 kgCO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter Tractor trolley: 0.12 kgCO₂/km + 0.00006 kgCO₂/kg material

**Transport Total CO₂ (kg CO₂) = (0.00005 * 400) + (0.00006 * 20) + (0.12 * 20) + (0.00005 * 400 +0.00006 * 20) = (0.10) per kg material + (0.6 kg CO₂)

**References**
- Email from Hasballah to Tim White (19 February 2017)
- ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls
- [http://www.apcma.com/members.html](http://www.apcma.com/members.html)

Embodied Carbon – Sand

**Used for**
walls (secondary component) / concrete component

**Description of production process**
- Excavating from riverbed (i.e. 50% river sand) and from quarry (50% hill sand, via market)

**kg CO₂ per kg of material**
- 0.0051 [ICE]
- 0.01 [Winnipeg]

**Transport** (from production location to site)
- Distance from nearest river (Sindh Wah) to shelter worst case 15 km
- Mode from nearest river (Sindhi Wah) to shelter Animal drawn cart: 0 kgCO₂/kg material
- Distance from Rohri (quarry, for hill sand) to market 40 km
- Mode from Rohri (quarry, for hill sand) to market Truck: 0.17 kgCO₂/km + 0.00005 kgCO₂/kg material
- Distance from market (for hill sand) to shelter 20 km
- Mode from market (for hill sand) to shelter Tractor trolley: 0.12 kgCO₂/km + 0.00006 kgCO₂/kg material

**Transport Total CO₂ (kg CO₂) = (0.00005 * 6.5 * 40) + (0.00005 * 0.5 * 20) + (0.12 * 20) + (0.00005 * 6.5 + 0.00006) = (0.30) per kg material + (3.2 kg CO₂)

**References**
- Email from Abdul Samad to Lottie McCarthy (27 Jan 2017)
- [http://www.apcma.com/members.html](http://www.apcma.com/members.html)
Embodied Carbon – Stone Aggregate

**Used for**
- Concrete component / foundations

**Description of production process**
- Quarrying, rock extraction, crushing

**Production**
- kg CO₂ per kg of material: 0.011 (UK Gov, primary production) 0.0002 (UK Gov, reused) 0.0052 (ICE)

**Transport**
- Typically bought from the market as “crushed aggregate” rather than obtaining loose rocks local to the shelter
- Distance from Rohri (quarry) to market: 40 km
- Mode from Rohri (quarry) to market: Truck: 0.17 kg CO₂ + 0.00005 kg CO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO₂ + 0.00004 kg CO₂/kg material

**References**
- Email from Abdul Samad to Lottie McCarthy (27 Jan 2017)

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Embodied Carbon – Concrete

**Used for**
- Roof structure / foundations / ring beams

**Description of production process**
- Cement production, aggregate production, mixing, compacting, curing

**Production**
- The raw materials (Cement, Sand, Stone Aggregate) are discussed on other slides
- Assume M10 concrete (cement:sand:aggregate, 1:3:6)

**Transport**
- Assume concrete mixed locally with the raw materials transported in
- The raw materials (Cement, Sand, Stone Aggregate) are discussed on other slides

**References**
- Email from Abdul Samad to Lottie McCarthy (27 Jan 2017)
Embodied Carbon – Burnt Brick

**Used for**

- walls (primary component) / foundations

**Description of production process**

- Raw material extraction, crushing, mixing, forming, firing in a kiln, coating, drying

**Production**

- ROM discouraged the use of burnt bricks due to environmental reasons – specifically because of the increasing scarcity of timber due to trees being cut down to burn in the brick kilns

**Transport**

- Assume originates from the local Mughal Bricks Kiln facility in Khnpur
- Distance from Khnpur to market: 11 km
- Mode from Khnpur to market: Truck: 0.17 kg CO₂/km + 0.00005 kg CO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO₂/km + 0.00006 kg CO₂/kg material

**References**

- ghg-conversion-factors-2016-update_MASTER__links_removed__v2.xls
- ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls
- KII Data.xlsx
- http://www.directoryforest.com/mughal-bricks-kiln-khanpur(shikarpur)/

Embodied Carbon – Burnt Brick – Kilns

- A lot of the environmental reservations for using burnt bricks originate from:
  - The uncertainty over the efficiency of the brick kilns
  - The choice of fuelled which is used inside the kilns to fire the bricks
- According to a study carried out in India in 2012, there are five commonly used varieties of brick kiln, each with different inherent carbon factors:

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- **DDK** are the least friendly of these kiln types, with a higher carbon factor than even the assumed “Production” value on the previous slide. **DDK** also ranks worst according to its particulate matter count (both SPM and PM2.5), and also for its carbon monoxide (CO) emissions. However did it emit very little sulphur dioxide (SO₂) according to the study.
- It can be seen that other designs have a far better carbon factor performance. **Zig-Zag and VSBK** in particular have low values for CO₂, CO, SO₂, and particulates.
- A further study could be done on selecting the most appropriate brick kiln for Pakistan

**References**

- Brick_Kilns_Performance_Assessment.pdf

ARUP
### Embodied Carbon – Mud Brick

**Used for**  
*walls (primary component) / foundations*

**Description of production process**
- Digging, shaping, sun-drying

**Production**  
*raw material extraction and manufacturing:
- Mud brick lifespan is typically more than 10 years
- Assume mud is excavated by hand and the bricks are dried naturally in the sun

| kg CO₂ per kg of material | 0.0 |

**Transport**  
*from production location to site:
- Assume that the mud is dug locally and carried or carted to the site of the shelter
- Distance from mud source to shelter: 1 km
- Mode from mud source to shelter: Animal drawn cart: 0 kgCO₂/kg/kg material

**References**
- **PROD**  
  - Stakeholder_Minutes_CESVI.docx – CESVI meeting (4 April 2016)
- **TRAN**  
  - 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx

### Embodied Carbon – Mud

**Used for**  
*walls (primary component) / foundations*

**Description of production process**
- Digging, sun-drying

**Production**  
*raw material extraction and manufacturing:
- Assume mud is excavated by hand and dried naturally in the sun
- Dung is also sometimes used as a component in the mud

| kg CO₂ per kg of material | 0.0 |

**Transport**  
*from production location to site:
- Assume that the mud is dug locally and carried or carted to the site of the shelter
- Distance from mud source to shelter: 1 km
- Mode from mud source to shelter: Animal drawn cart: 0 kgCO₂/kg/kg material

**References**
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Embodied Carbon – Poplar

Used for: walls (secondary component)

Description of production process:
- Logging, sizing, (treatment unlikely)
- Although fast growing, it is susceptible to termite attack whilst growing and once chopped
- According to CESVI, poor quality poplar (e.g. not seasoned properly, not straight) often had to be returned to the supplier

Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing):
- Alignment issues due to variety in the shapes and sizes of poplar trunks available
- kg CO₂ per kg of material: 0.44 [UK Gov, wood, primary production], 0.046 [UK Gov, wood, reusing], 0.20 [ICE, sawn softwood, from sustainable managed forest], 0.59 [ICE, sawn softwood, from non-sustainable managed forest]

Transport (from production location to site):
- Assume originates from KPK, as stated by the CRS agency – there are also various regional irrigated poplar plantations
- kg CO₂ per kg of material: 0.44 [ICE, sawn softwood, from sustainable managed forest]

ICE calculation for sawn softwood:
- fos = fossil fuel value for chopping wood etc.
- bio = biomass value for amount of CO₂ not anymore absorbed now that tree has been chopped down – only include if forest is not sustainably managed
- Beneficial effects of sequestration (i.e. carbon held molecularly within wood) not considered here

References:
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forestry_in_Pakistan
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- ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls
- Stakeholder_Minutes_CESVI.docx – CESVI meeting (4 April 2016)
- KII Data.xlsx
- Punjab suppliers contact details (ACTED).xlsx

Embodied Carbon – Bamboo

Used for: roof structure / ring beams

Description of production process:
- Chopping, baked at low heat, termite-resistant (car oil) coating, possible oxide paint coating

Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing):
- Alignment issues due to variety in the shapes and sizes of bamboo available
- According to CESVI, poor quality bamboo often had to be returned to the supplier
- Bamboo is expected to last 15 years, provided treatment is carried out regularly (oil/Diesel/paint/grass/lime coatings)

Transport (from production location to site):
- Assume originates from Punjab, as stated by the CRS agency
- kg CO₂ per kg of material: 0.40 [INBAR, page 24; steps 1, 2, 6, 11 + 0.20 added for treatment]

ICE calculation for sawn softwood:
- fos = fossil fuel value for chopping wood etc.
- bio = biomass value for amount of CO₂ no longer absorbed now that tree has been chopped down – only include if forest is not sustainably managed
- Beneficial effects of sequestration (i.e. carbon held molecularly within wood) not considered here

References:
- Stakeholder_Minutes_CESVI.docx – CESVI meeting (4 April 2016)
- Bamboo Information Sheets.xlsx
- KII Data.xlsx
- Punjab suppliers contact details (ACTEZ).xlsx
## Embodied Carbon – Polythene Sheet

**Used for**
- roof covering

**Description of production process**
- Cracking of crude oil, refining, heating, extruding

**Production** (raw material extraction and manufacturing):
- Assume LDPE (low density polyethylene)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>kg CO₂ per kg of material</th>
<th>2.62 [UK Gov]</th>
<th>2.08 [ICE]</th>
<th>2.06 [Winipeg, virgin]</th>
<th>1.01 [Winipeg, recycled]</th>
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</thead>
</table>

**Transport** (from production location to site):
- Assume originates from Lahore, in one of Pakistan’s largest manufacturers of plastic products
- Distance from Lahore to market: 760 km
- Mode from Lahore to market: Truck: 0.174 kg CO₂/km + 0.00065 kg CO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.122 kg CO₂/km + 0.00006 kg CO₂/kg material

Total CO₂ (one trip) = (0.00005 * 760) + (0.000065 * 760) + (0.174 * 20) + (0.122 * 20) = 0.0035 + 0.0476 + 3.48 + 2.44 = 6.36 kg CO₂

**References**
- ghg-conversion-factors-2016update_MASTER__links_removed__v2.xls
- ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls
- http://www.arcoplastics.com/contact-us.html

## Embodied Carbon – Chicks (bamboo)

**Used for**
- roof covering

**Description of production process**
- Chopping, heating, coating

**Production** (raw material extraction and manufacturing):
- Assume bamboo chicks
- Prepared claim that an increased harvesting of chicks material around rivers adversely affects the natural ecology

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<tr>
<th>kg CO₂ per kg of material</th>
<th>0.40 [INBAR, page 24; steps 1, 2, 6, 11 + 0.20 added for treatment]</th>
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**Transport** (from production location to site):
- Assume originates from Punjab, as stated by the CRS agency
- Distance from Punjab to market: 650 km
- Mode from Punjab to market: Truck: 0.174 kg CO₂/km + 0.00065 kg CO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.122 kg CO₂/km + 0.00006 kg CO₂/kg material

Total CO₂ (one trip) = (0.00005 * 650) + (0.000065 * 650) + (0.174 * 20) + (0.122 * 20) = 0.0325 + 0.4225 + 3.48 + 2.44 = 6.78 kg CO₂

**References**
- Bamboo Information Sheets.xlsx
- KII Data.xlsx
- Punjab suppliers contact details (ACTED).xlsx
Embodied Carbon – Concrete Blocks

Used for walls (primary component) / foundations

Description of production process
- Cement production, aggregate production, mixing, molding, curing

Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)
- Assume blocks made locally with the raw materials transported in
- The raw materials (Cement, Sand, Stone Aggregate) are discussed on other slides
- Assume M10 concrete (cement:sand:aggregate, 1:3:6)

<table>
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<th>M10 Carbon Factor</th>
<th>= (1/10 * 0.05) + (3/10 * 0.05) + (6/10 * 0.05)</th>
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<td>= 0.141 kg CO2/kg M10</td>
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Transport (from production location to site)
- Assume concrete mixed locally with the raw materials transported in
- The raw materials (Cement, Sand, Stone Aggregate) are discussed on other slides

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<th>Total CO2 (one trip)</th>
<th>= (1/10 * 0.05) + (3/10 * 0.05) + (6/10 * 0.05) + 0.005 kg CO2/kg material + 0.0005 kg CO2/kg material</th>
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<td>= 0.076 kg CO2 per kg material</td>
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</table>

References
- Email from Abdul Samad to Lottie McCarthy (27Jan2017)

Embodied Carbon – Lime

Used for walls (secondary component) / foundations

Description of production process
- Raw material extraction, crushing, preheating, calcining, forced cooling

Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)
- Lime typically used in shelters built from 2014 onwards, and heated locally from limestone in small-scale kilns
- Improves waterproofing qualities of the wall structure and so improves durability
- According to IOM, in the Kachar area of Punjab, it was less challenging to produce lime than to procure cement. Lime is more carbon friendly than cement – one aspect of this is transportation because there are only one or two cement factories in Sindh, versus lime kilns which are widely scattered all over the region, and which typically burn twigs/branches/straw/straw husks (mostly due to cost) instead of fossil fuels

<table>
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<tr>
<th>kg CO2 per kg of material</th>
<th>0.78 [ICE, based on UK weighted average]</th>
<th>0.74 [Winnipeg]</th>
<th>0.75 [IPCC-NGGIP]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Transport (from production location to site)
- Assume originates from KPK, at the Grey Limestone Quarry
- Distance from KPK to market 900 km
- Distance from KPK to shelter 20 km
- Mode from KPK to market Truck: 0.17 kg CO2/km + 0.00005 kg CO2/kg material
- Mode from market to shelter Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO2/km + 0.00006 kg CO2/kg material

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<tr>
<th>Total CO2 (one trip)</th>
<th>= (0.0005 * 900) + (0.00069 * 20) + (0.12 * 900) + (0.17 * 900)</th>
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<td>= 0.059 kg CO2 per kg material</td>
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References
- [Stakeholder Minutes_CESVI.docx](http://lime.org/lime-basics/how-lime-is-made/) – CESVI meeting (4 April 2016)
- [Email from Hasballah to Tim White (19 February 2017)](http://lime.org/lime-basics/how-lime-is-made/)
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Embodied Carbon – Sawn Timber

Used for:
- Roof structure

Description of production process:
- Logging, sawing, treating

Production:
- Species of timber: not specified

| kg CO2 per kg of material | 0.44 (UK Gov, wood, primary production) | 0.046 (UK Gov, wood, reused) | 0.26 [ICE, sawn softwood, from sustainably managed forest] | 0.59 [ICE, sawn softwood, not from sustainably managed forest] |

Transport:
- Mode from nearest forest to market: Truck: 0.17 kgCO2/km + 0.00005 kgCO2/kg material
- Distance from nearest forest to market: 250 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kgCO2/km + 0.00006 kgCO2/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km

ICE calculation for sawn softwood:
- \( f_{\text{fos}} \) = fossil fuel value for chopping wood etc.
- \( b_{\text{bio}} \) = biomass value for amount of CO2 no longer absorbed now that tree has been chopped down – only include if forest is not sustainably managed
- Beneficial effects of sequestration (i.e. carbon held molecularly within wood) not considered here

References:
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- ghg-conversion-factors-2016update_MASTER__links_removed__v2.xls
- ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls

Embodied Carbon – Structural Steel

Used for:
- Roof structure / Ring beams

Description of production process:
- Ore extraction, iron-making, furnace, possible cold forming, coating

Production:
- Assume a mixture of virgin steel (from China) and recycled steel from a market in Pakistan
- 1,600 million tonnes of steel were produced in 2015 according to World Steel Association, and 650 million tonnes of steel are recycled each year

| kg CO2 per kg of material | 2.89 [ICE, virgin] | 0.47 [ICE, recycled] | 3.29 [Winnipeg, virgin] | 0.88 [Winnipeg, recycled] |

Transport:
- Mode from Karachi to market: Truck: 0.17 kgCO2/km + 0.00005 kgCO2/kg material
- Distance from Karachi to market: 400 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kgCO2/km + 0.00006 kgCO2/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km

References:
- http://www.eef.org.uk/uksteel/About-the-industry/How-steel-is-made/
- 1655221-R2D-Meeting-notes.docx
- ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls
- World Steel in Figures 2016.pdf
- http://www.paksteel.com.pk/contact.html
Embodied Carbon – Reinforcing Steel

**Used for**: walls (secondary component) / roof structure

**Description of production process**
- Ore extraction, iron-making, furnace, possible cold forming, coating

**Production**

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<th>kg CO₂ per kg of material</th>
<th>2.89 [IkE, virgin]</th>
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- Assume a mixture of virgin steel (from China) and recycled steel from a market in Pakistan
- 1.6 million tonnes of steel were produced in 2015 according to World Steel Association, and 650 million tonnes of steel are recycled each year

- Steel Carbon Factor: *(605/1600)* ^0.48) + *(196/1600) * 3.29*  
- Steel Carbon Factor: *(605/1600)* ^0.48) + *(196/1600) * 3.29*

**Transport**

| Distance from production location to site | 400 km |

- Assume originates from Karachi
- Distance from Karachi to market: 400 km
- Mode from Karachi to market: Truck: 0.17 kgCO₂/km + 0.00005 kgCO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kgCO₂/km + 0.00006 kgCO₂/kg material

**References**

- http://www.eef.org.uk/uksteel/About-the-industry/How-steel-is-made/  
- 161020.NED Meeting notes.docx  
- ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls  
- World Steel in Figures 2016.pdf  
- http://www.paksteel.com.pk/contact.html  

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Embodied Carbon – Straw

**Used for**: walls (secondary component) / roof covering

**Description of production process**
- Harvesting, separation from grain (wheat), bailing

**Production**

- Using wheat map of Pakistan, can assume the nearest likely source
- Distance from wheat fields to market: 40 km
- Mode from wheat fields to market: Truck: 0.17 kgCO₂/km + 0.00005 kgCO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kgCO₂/km + 0.00006 kgCO₂/kg material

**Transport**

| Distance from production location to site | 400 km |

- Assume originates from Shikarpur
- Distance from Shikarpur to market: 40 km
- Mode from Shikarpur to market: Truck: 0.17 kgCO₂/km + 0.00005 kgCO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kgCO₂/km + 0.00006 kgCO₂/kg material

**References**

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- https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e1/Pakistan_Agriculture.png  
**Embodied Carbon – Nails (iron)**

**Used for**  
other

**Description of production process**
- Raw metal extraction, wire forming, shaping in nail-making machine, cleaning, finishing

**Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)**
- **Assume iron nails**
  - kg CO₂ per kg of material: 2.03 [ICE] 1.91 [Winnipeg]

**Transport (from production location to site)**
- **Assume originates from Karachi, at one of Pakistan’s largest fastener manufacturers**
- Distance from Karachi to market: 400 km
- Mode from Karachi to market: Truck: 0.17 kg CO₂/km + 0.00005 kg CO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO₂/km + 0.00006 kg CO₂/kg material

\[
\text{Total CO₂ (metric)} = (0.17 \times 400) + (0.00005 \times 400) + (0.12 \times 20) + (0.00006 \times 20) = 80.66 \text{ kg CO₂}
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**References**
- [http://www.adamjee-engg.com/fastener/contact.html](http://www.adamjee-engg.com/fastener/contact.html)

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**Embodied Carbon – Screws (steel)**

**Used for**  
other

**Description of production process**
- Raw metal extraction, forming into wire, thread rolling, cleaning, finishing

**Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)**
- **Assume steel screws**
  - kg CO₂ per kg of material: 2.89 [ICE, virgin] 0.47 [ICE, recycled] 3.29 [Winnipeg, virgin] 0.88 [Winnipeg, recycled]

**Transport (from production location to site)**
- **Assume originates from Karachi, at one of Pakistan’s largest fastener manufacturers**
- Distance from Karachi to market: 400 km
- Mode from Karachi to market: Truck: 0.17 kg CO₂/km + 0.00005 kg CO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO₂/km + 0.00006 kg CO₂/kg material

**References**
- [http://www.adamjee-engg.com/fastener/contact.html](http://www.adamjee-engg.com/fastener/contact.html)
### Embodied Carbon – Cotton Rope

**Used for:** other

**Description of production process**
- Extraction of natural materials, spinning, twisting

#### Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)

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#### Transport (from production location to site)

- Using wheat map of Pakistan, can assume the nearest likely source
- Mode from cotton fields to market: 40 km
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter:
  - Truck: 0.17 kg CO₂/km + 0.00005 kg CO₂/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter:
  - Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO₂/km + 0.00006 kg CO₂/kg material

**References**
- [https://wk101536103.company.weiku.com/](https://wk101536103.company.weiku.com/)

### Embodied Carbon – Nylon Rope

**Used for:** other

**Description of production process**
- Cracking of crude oil, refining, spinning, twisting

#### Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)

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<td>7.90</td>
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#### Transport (from production location to site)

- Assume originates from Lahore, the nearest known nylon rope manufacturer
- Mode from Lahore to market: 760 km
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter:
  - Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO₂/km + 0.00006 kg CO₂/kg material

**References**
- [http://wk101536103.company.weiku.com/](http://wk101536103.company.weiku.com/)
Embodied Carbon – PVC Pipe

**Used for**
- other

**Description of production process**
- Cracking of crude oil, refining, shaping, heating

**Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)**
- Assume manufactured pipe sections of PVC (polyvinyl chloride)

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<th>kg CO₂ per kg of material</th>
<th>(UK Gov)</th>
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<td>3.43</td>
<td>3.23</td>
<td>2.22</td>
<td>0.48</td>
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</table>

**Transport (from production location to site)**
- Assume originates from KPK, at Pakistan’s largest PVC products manufacturer
- Distance from KPK to market: 980 km
- Mode from KPK to market: Truck
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley

Total CO₂ (kg CO₂) = 0.0990 * 990 + (0.0006 * 20) + (0.12 * 980) + (0.12 * 20) + 0.06 per gram material * 151.16 * kg CO₂

**References**
- [ghg-conversion-factors-2016update_MASTER__links_removed__v2.xls](ghg-conversion-factors-2016update_MASTER__links_removed__v2.xls)
- [ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls](ice_v2.0_-_jan_2011.xls)

Embodied Carbon – Reed Mat

**Used for**
- walls (secondary component) / roof covering / other

**Description of production process**
- Reed plant harvesting, weaving (by hand?) into mats

**Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)**
- Assume reeds collected by hand, and from an environment where replenishment is assured
- Assume small volumes, obtained from local market, and woven by hand

| kg CO₂ per kg of material | 9 |

**Transport (from production location to site)**
- Point of origin unknown, assume within walking/carting distance of the market
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley

Total CO₂ (kg CO₂) = (0.0006 * 20) + (0.12 * 980) + 0.12 per gram material * 151.16 * kg CO₂

**References**
- [https://www.lime.org.uk/reed-matt.html](https://www.lime.org.uk/reed-matt.html)
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Embodied Carbon – Palm Mat

Used for: walls (secondary component) / roof covering / other

Description of production process
- Palm plant harvesting, weaving (by hand?) into mats

Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)
- Assume palm leaves stripped by hand, and that the trees themselves are not cut down
- Assume small volumes, obtained from local market, and woven by hand

Transport (from production location to site)
- Point of origin unknown, assume within walking/carting distance of the market
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO2/km + 0.00006 kg CO2/kg material

References
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forestry_in_Pakistan
- ghg-conversion-factors-2016update_MASTER__links_removed__v2.xls

Embodied Carbon – Galvanised Wire

Used for: other

Description of production process
- Raw metal extraction, formed into wire, coating

Production (raw material extraction and manufacturing)
- Assume steel wire with zinc coating

kg CO2 per kg of material: 1.54 kg CO2/kg material

Transport (from production location to site)
- Assume originates from Karachi, one of Pakistan’s only manufacturers of this kind
- Distance from Karachi to market: 400 km
- Mode from Karachi to market: Truck: 0.17 kg CO2/km + 0.00005 kg CO2/kg material
- Distance from market to shelter: 20 km
- Mode from market to shelter: Tractor trolley: 0.12 kg CO2/km + 0.00006 kg CO2/kg material

References
- Task_446_Carbon_Tool_v1.03.xlsm
- http://www.pwi.com.pk/Location.htm

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## Embodied Carbon – Summary table for shelters in Shikarpur region

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<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Used For</th>
<th>Production Carbon Factor (kg CO₂ per kg of material)</th>
<th>Transport Carbon Factor (kg CO₂)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cement (OPC)</strong></td>
<td>walls (secondary component)/concrete component</td>
<td>0.89</td>
<td>0.021 per kg of material + 70.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sand</strong></td>
<td>walls (secondary component)/concrete component</td>
<td>0.030</td>
<td>0.0016 per kg of material + 9.2</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Stone Aggregate</strong></td>
<td>concrete component/foundations</td>
<td>0.013</td>
<td>0.0002 per kg of material + 0.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Concrete</strong></td>
<td>roof structure / foundations / ring beams</td>
<td>0.009</td>
<td>0.0005 per kg of material + 88.8</td>
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<td><strong>Burnt Brick</strong></td>
<td>walls (primary component)/foundations</td>
<td>0.205</td>
<td>0.0035 per kg of material + 4.3</td>
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<td>walls (primary component)/foundations</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0 per kg of material</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Mud</strong></td>
<td>walls (primary component)/roof covering/foundations</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0 per kg of material</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Bamboo</strong></td>
<td>walls (secondary component)</td>
<td>0.20 / 0.59 *</td>
<td>0.066 per kg of material + 155.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Concrete Blocks</strong></td>
<td>(primary component)/foundations</td>
<td>0.039</td>
<td>0.0085 per kg of material + 38.8</td>
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<td><strong>Poplar</strong></td>
<td>walls (secondary component)</td>
<td>0.70</td>
<td>0.060 per kg of material + 155.4</td>
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<td><strong>Lime</strong></td>
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<td>0.70</td>
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<td><strong>Reinforcing Steel</strong></td>
<td>roof structure</td>
<td>2.55, recycled weight average</td>
<td>0.023 per kg of material + 70.4</td>
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* from a sustainably managed forest * not from a sustainably managed forest

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### 2. Material Availability
Material Availability – Transportation Options

- **Considerations:**
  - **Availability of each mode**: e.g., most people have access to some form of cart but there may be only a small number of trucks throughout a village, which would need to be hired/shared.
  - **Number of journeys needed**: to transport full amount of material from the market to the shelter location i.e., different modes have different capacities – a truck or large cart can carry large volumes whereas a motorcycle/handcart/on foot cannot.
  - **Human effort required** for each transport mode e.g., a bus may take a lot of trips but it is a relatively low energy option in comparison with using a motorcycle or carrying on foot.

- The survey question relating to transportation options was asked independently of the material types obtained. So there is a gap in the information given for this.

- Only 48% of homeowners (383 out of 800) stated having used some form of motorised transportation in order to collect materials. There may be additional homeowners who do have access to motorised transportation but who didn’t need to use it. And others without transportation may have borrowed it, however the data does not allow any insight into this.

- There were 9 instances of homeowners using only an animal drawn cart to collect wall materials from distances of between 10km and 19km.

- The furthest reported distance to collect materials on foot was 5km.

References
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
Material Availability – Materials vs transport modes

- Adobe, layered mud and loh kaat shelters typically had a greater percentage of homeowners using only non-motorised modes of transport to collect material, possibly due to motorised vehicles being unnecessary rather than them being unavailable.
- It was common for a mix of motorised and non-motorised transportation to be used by a single homeowner.
- For shelters containing concrete, greater than 60% of homeowners did not know how the material arrived to them, and similarly for those using burnt brick/iron/steel – presumably heavy materials were often delivered by agencies.

Material Availability – Ease of obtaining materials

- Overall, 70-80% of all materials were reported as “easy to obtain” in the surveys – this is positive, and suggests that both the surroundings and the local markets are well-stocked with materials appropriate for constructing some form of liveable shelter.
- Doors/windows are harder to obtain than wall/roof material because they are relatively complex, engineered products rather than basic raw materials. Second-hand doors/windows were often donated by members of the local community – HANDS state that >80% of beneficiaries installed used doors/windows.
- The survey data does not specify which materials may have been delivered by an agency, and which materials were collected (e.g. from a market) by the homeowners.

References:
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
- KII Data.xlsx
Material Availability – Repairs and Modifications

- Approximately 70% of homeowners said that local materials were sufficient to cover the repair and maintenance needs of their shelter. With a lot of “No comment” answers, only 7 examples of why local materials were insufficient were given, usually down to lack of availability in the local market.
- In general, homeowners believed repairing/maintaining their shelter with local materials was a challenge – of the 570 homeowners who commented, 78% of them described it as “Difficult”, with one additional homeowner describing their loh kaat and bamboo shelter as being “Impossible” to repair/maintain.
- Proportionally, burnt brick was the easiest to repair/maintain, with 27% of commenting homeowners stating that their burnt brick shelters were “Manageable” or “Easy” to repair/maintain.
- Worth noting that the wording of the question with “local” materials could be ambiguous to the homeowner. Do they consider the market to be local? Or did they take “local” to mean within a short walking distance of their shelter?

Material Availability – Other comments

- Design life for the shelters is typically quoted as being between 5 and 15 years for most agencies depending on whether they want the shelter to be transitional or “permanent”.
- IOM encouraged project communities to jointly procure materials.
- According to CESVI, getting good quality material such as poplar and bamboo was a problem and materials often had to be returned to the supplier.
- Sangtani had a “Complaint Response Mechanism” in place to ensure material quality – complaints made by the beneficiaries about poor quality burnt bricks/cement/wet bamboo.
- UN Habitat say that the quality of construction material in the local markets was identified as a major concern. CRS and SEAD also reported complaints from the beneficiaries.
- Maintenance activities (as part of structured agency programs) include mud plastering and anti-termite treatment.
- Trees are generally hard to come by in the hot and dry Sindh region. According to IOM, the limited tree population and the number of shelters that had to be built during the same period may have contributed to the low availability of branches to be used in shelter construction – homeowners did not wish to cut down “productive” trees (e.g. mango) for the purposes of construction.
- Materials were transported to warehouses near project sites. Beneficiaries transported them individually from there by tractor, according to ACTED.
- CESVI say much of the material was not local – from North Punjab, Sheikhupura, Lahore and KPK
- IOM brought up a particular issue with soil salinity in relation to quality of mud for layered mud shelters. Loh kaat became an attractive option for those homeowners who struggled with the mud due to a high salt content.
- Local partners stated a concern with the use of chicks, due to risk of it becoming an un-replenished resource.
- There were also anecdotal stories of landlords barring access to earth which homeowners would have used for mud-based shelter construction.

References

- 20161002 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
- KII Data.xlsx
- Email from Abdul Samad to Lottie McCarthy (1 February 2017)
- Email from Hasballah to Tim White (11 January 2017)
Material Availability – Summary of key findings

- In general, materials had good availability from local markets and suppliers – 70-80% of all materials were reported as “easy to obtain” in the surveys.
- Only 48% of homeowners used some form of motorised transportation in order to collect materials. For the other 52% (i.e. exclusively non-motorised means of collecting materials), typically small distances were involved – this ties in with mud-based shelters (i.e. adobe, layered mud and loh kaat) having a greater percentage of homeowners using only non-motorised modes of transport to collect material.
- There were 9 instances of homeowners using only an animal drawn cart to collect wall materials from distances of between 10km and 19km, and the furthest reported distance to collect materials on foot was 5km (i.e. a 2 hour roundtrip).
- It was common for a mix of motorised and non-motorised transportation to be used by a single homeowner.
- It is presumed that heavy materials were often delivered by agencies, because >50% of concrete/burnt brick/iron/steel homeowners did not know how the material arrived to them.
- Second-hand doors/windows were often donated by members of the local community – HANDS state that >80% of beneficiaries installed used doors/windows.
- Approximately 70% of homeowners said that local materials were sufficient to cover the repair and maintenance needs of their shelter, and the few comments given against this opinion usually mentioned a lack of availability in the local market.
- 78% of homeowners who commented described repairing/maintaining their shelter as “Difficult”.
- Burnt brick was the easiest to repair/maintain, with 27% of commenting homeowners describing it as “Manageable” or “Easy”.
- Getting good quality poplar/bamboo was a problem – materials often had to be returned to the supplier.

3. Labour Standards
Labour Standards – Overview

• “Labour Standards” is all about ensuring that:
  - human rights are respected and assured throughout the supply chain
  - reasonable precautions and standards are in place to actively mitigate against harm being done
    ▪ to any individuals involved in construction of the shelters
    ▪ to any individuals during the habitation phase of the shelters
  - efforts are made to maximise the positive contribution of the project on the homeowners and the wider community

• Labour Standards encourages the benefits of homeowner involvement, and tries to minimise any detriments due to his/her involvement

• Supplementary aspects include the quality of training provided to workers, and any reported cases of using child labour at the suppliers’ end

• IOM claimed that there were a lack of experts and technical staff observed from the implementing partner organisations

References
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx

Labour Standards – Involvement

• 91% of homeowners were involved in the entire construction process

• The combination least likely to have homeowner involvement was mud brick walls with iron girder roofs

• Only 6% of those who were involved would have liked less involvement, whereas 37% would have liked to have been even more involved in construction

• The trends for preferred involvement do not depend on material types used

• Those homeowners on the smallest monthly incomes were most likely to desire more involvement in their shelters, either to earn more money or perhaps due to having more free time

References
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
Labour Standards – Training

- All of the agencies organised some kind of training workshops for local workers to improve the construction quality of the shelters. Most were aimed at skilled labourers but some involved the community in general. Training sometimes extended to DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) techniques, repair and maintenance.
- Only 27 of the 800 homeowners were already skilled labourers, prior to this period of training.

### Agency | Training Arrangements
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ACTED | organised 2 day training workshops for workers on use of lime with mud bricks and its preparation
CESVI | training for community - DRR measures, foundation construction, maintenance
IOM | general training given to the community
Prepared | levels of training were good but needed further training related to maintenance and material treatments
Sangtani | 1 day training workshops for identified skilled workers where demo shelters were constructed
SEAD | training sessions organised for various stages of the project - especially for mud with lime use

### References
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Labour Standards – Was Training Sufficient?

- Approximately 43% of all homeowners received no training whatsoever – of the more significant districts, particularly poor ones were Dadu (68% untrained) and Jacobabad (61% untrained), whereas Ghotki was particularly good (96% received sufficient training).
- Only 3% of homeowners were taught repair skills, and only 7% were taught about maintenance for their shelter.
- Of those who received some form of training, 95% believed it to be sufficient, and the 5% who did not were all being taught construction skills, rather than the simpler repair/maintenance.
- The data states that training for layered mud shelters was often insufficient, however this could perhaps be due to the large correlation with having iron/steel on layered mud shelter, and hence the iron/steel being the aspect which required better training.

### References
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
Labour Standards – Injuries

- The survey contains 24 shelters where injuries were reported on site – equal to 3% of all shelters built
- The worst offending wall type was burnt brick, with nearly 6% of all of these shelters bringing about an injury of some kind during construction
- There is no known record of what these injuries were, or their severity, or what caused them to occur – it is recommended to track this information in future

The table opposite shows a comparison with number of injuries seen in the UK construction sector for 2015-16

In summary, injury rates appear to be comparable:
- Pakistan (this study) – 3%
- UK (annual rate) – 3%

Labour Standards – Child Labour

- It is important that agencies employ a policy strictly against using child labour on their projects, and to extend this policy back to all suppliers in the chain of obtaining materials (e.g. in brick factories and other manufacturing settings)
- Agencies insist that they follow a strict anti-child labour policy
  - ACTED say that worked hired were 18-60 years old
  - HANDS regularly monitored construction, and both they, Sangtani and CRS say that there was no case of child labour on their projects
  - IOM say there was an effective monitoring system in place for child labour violation, which also discouraged the use of burnt bricks due to the tradition of child labour being used in brick kilns. UN Habitat had a similar monitoring system
  - Prepared signed agreements with supplies not to tolerate child labour. No children were hired by Prepared
- Children of beneficiary families did regularly help out in building and collecting material for their own family’s shelter

References
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
- http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/industry/construction/
In summary:
- shelters with burnt brick or concrete block walls typically required lower number of repairs than others
- large number of repairs needed on most mud shelters

In summary:
- shelters with iron girders/steel roofs typically required lower number of repairs than others

Aside from concrete blocks, burnt brick had the largest proportion of shelters (70%) with fewer than one repair occurring per year.
- Mud-based shelters had the highest average number of repairs per year. Although more frequent, it should be noted that a repair to a mud house is typically less onerous than one to a house built from a less abundant form of building material.

References:
- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx

References:
- 20161101 Graphs - part 2.pptx
Labour Standards – Material vs Cost of Maintenance

- Average cost of maintenance for burnt brick is approximately twice that for adobe/mud brick
- Based on the typical low incomes of homeowners, it is most sustainable to maintain shelters with a low value for the product of “annual cost of maintenance” * “annual number of repairs” * “annual cost of repairs”

Labour Standards – Financial benefit to homeowner

- Benefit = (Construction Daily Income) / (Usual Daily Income)
- Assume:
  - Construction Daily Income = 350 rupees for unskilled labour
  - Based on the “Cash for Work Strategy” described by CESVI
  - (compared to 700 rupees for skilled labour)
- N.B. See Cost Analysis Study for further information

Need to multiply by number of days to construct each shelter for this to be meaningful
Labour Standards – Summary of key findings

• 91% of homeowners were involved in the entire construction process of their shelter
• Only 6% of those who were involved would have liked less involvement, whereas 37% would have liked to be more involved (especially those on the smallest monthly incomes). The trends for preferred involvement do not depend on material types used
• Approximately 43% of all homeowners received no training whatsoever, and the presence and standard of training varied considerably from region to region. Of those who received some form of training, 95% believed it to be sufficient. Only 3% of homeowners were taught repair skills, and only 7% were taught about maintenance for their shelter
• The survey contains 24 shelters where injuries were reported on site – equal to 3% of all shelters built. This injury rate is equal to the annual injury rate on construction sites in the UK. The worst offending wall type was burnt brick, with nearly 6% of all of these shelters resulting in injury
• The agencies insist that they and their suppliers follow a strict anti-child labour policy
• Shelters with burnt brick/concrete walls, or iron girder/steel roofs, typically required lower number of repairs than others. Mud-based shelters require the largest number of repairs
• Financial benefit to homeowner is an aspect of Labour Standards better covered by the Cost Analysis Study

4. Recyclability / Reusability
Recyclability / Reusability

- Homeowners are resourceful and reuse/repurpose as much material as they can, mostly due to their low level of wealth.
- ACTED say that homes are typically built using only what they need from the market, and are not wasteful. Only five instances were reported (out of the 800 shelters featured in the homeowner surveys) of materials being left unused following construction. On one occasion, this unused material (bamboo) was reused on a different shelter. And in one of the other instances, this material was mud, so it going “unused” was completely insignificant.
- Homeowners typically had limited knowledge about which materials they could reuse. 571 of 800 homeowners either said “none” (287) or did not answer (284). 142 homeowners thought they would be able to reuse steel at some point in the future, and 103 homeowners said the same about bamboo. A surprisingly low number (35) said they would be able to reuse mud, however perhaps they just did not consider it. CRS say that materials in the shelter can be reused easily.
- Also relevant to note that the nature of the waste from these shelters does not usually pose a significant environmental risk/hazard of any kind. For example, materials such as mud/bamboo/timber will naturally decompose. Also, no chemicals are used which could pollute water supplies or emit gaseous pollutants into the atmosphere, with the exception of bamboo which uses various toxic chemicals (e.g. Diesel) for treatment.
- As mentioned under Material Availability, second-hand doors/windows are often donated by members of the local community –Hands states that >80% of beneficiaries installed used doors/windows.
- Insecure land tenure is linked to the desire to be able to dismantle the roof of a homeowner’s shelter.
- According to Sangianti and UN Habitat, there was no availability for recycling technologies in the local area.

5. Homeowner Satisfaction
• Sustainable designs are also ones which homeowners are happy to be constructing and happy to live in for a number of years
• From the chart, it can be seen that homeowners overwhelmingly would have chosen a burnt brick house, given the choice. It is unclear as to whether each homeowner would know of somebody who owned a shelter of each typology, or whether the efficacy of burnt brick was simply passed on via word of mouth. Burnt brick is also seen as a status symbol, regardless of its structural performance level
• In the survey, homeowners were able to choose more than one “preferred construction material” but 674 selected exclusively “burnt brick”
• 11% of homeowners lived in bush huts before the floods, of which 97% considered their new shelters to be an upgrade (see next slide for more)
• Despite encouraging local construction materials, HANDS report that ~50% of beneficiaries preferred to use fired bricks

References
• 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx

Homeowner Satisfaction – old vs new shelters
• Homeowners were asked how they rated their post-flood shelter in comparison with their pre-flood shelter. The charts below are broken up into the 7 post-flood shelter types

• At the time of the survey, 70% of homeowners believed that they preferred their post-flood shelter to the one in which they lived prior to the flood
• However, this clearly wasn’t the case for those given a loh kaat shelter – greater than 50% of loh kaat homeowners declared it worse than what they were living in before the flood – note that many were living in huts made from either mud or bushes, so considered loh kaat worse than these
• Burnt brick shelters received particularly positive responses
• There was very little correlation between the typology of house lived in pre-flood and the better/worse response from the homeowner post-flood
• As explained by PEDa (a local partner), the majority of the beneficiaries live below the poverty line but are now very happy as at least they have a roof to protect them from sun and rain. As an old lady said; “we were living with buffalos and cows but thanks to you we have a roof now”

References
• 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
Final thoughts

Summary of Sustainability findings

- **Embodied Carbon** indicates that plastics and steel have particularly large production carbon footprints – most significant due to the abundance of steel used in roof structures and polythene used as covering. Lime has a reasonably high carbon factor but this must be weighed against the benefit it brings to the durability of the mud structures it is used with – and the main alternative, cement, has an even higher carbon factor. Bamboo and burnt bricks also have quite high carbon factor values based on the production assumptions made here. Obviously, mud has a low (nominally zero) carbon factor value, assuming it can be obtained locally, dug by hand and transported without motorised transportation. Transport carbon factors will vary significantly based on the location of any particular shelter, and the mode of transport chosen. Further conclusions can be drawn once factors are applied to these values based on the information in each shelter’s bill of quantities (BoQs), taking into account the mass of each material used in a shelter.

- **Material Availability** broadly suggests that the availability of construction materials at the local markets is high - 70-80% of materials reported as “easy to obtain”. However only 48% of homeowners used motorised transport to collect what they need. Short distance, especially mud-based shelters, had the greatest percentage of homeowners using only non-motorised modes of transport. Mud was most easy to obtain for homeowners, whereas bricks, concrete blocks, iron/steel and other engineered components were the least easy to obtain. 70% of homeowners said that local materials were sufficient to cover the repair and maintenance needs of their shelter, however 78% of homeowners who commented described repairing/maintaining their shelter as a “Difficult” process.

- **Labour Standards** tells us that homeowner involvement and quality of the workforce are both encouragingly good, and are essentially independent of the shelter typologies and materials used. Only 57% of homeowners were trained on how to construct their shelter, 3% how to repair, and 7% how to maintain – so dissemination of knowledge is something which will have to be improved. Of those who received some form of training, 95% believed it to be sufficient. Shelters which contain burnt brick/concrete/iron/steel are more sustainable from the standpoint of needing fewer repairs, whereas mud houses in particular require a lot more ongoing maintenance. Eliminating child labour in the supply chain and maximising financial benefit to the homeowners are also encouraged.

- **Recyclability / Reusability** should not be considered as an important factor when determining preferred shelter designs, for the reasons outlined above. The concepts of recyclability and reusability are not well understood, however people minimise waste out of necessity.

- **Homeowner Satisfaction** reveals that 91% of homeowners would prefer to live in a burnt brick shelter, when asked during the survey. There was a lot of dissatisfaction with lathi kaat design shelters, with 59% of homeowners saying it was worse than the place in which they resided before the flooding.

- According to Prepared, sustainability or environmental factors are not usually considered in emergency shelter programs in Pakistan.

References

- 20161102 Assessments Combined V5.xlsx
- Kit Data.xlsx
Overall Recommendations based on Sustainability

- Overall, this study swings slightly more towards favouring burnt brick shelters, possibly with a bamboo-dominated roof construction.
- Construction results are only sustainable if they obtain the support of the homeowners who will live in them and who will be willing to maintain them in a sustainable manner.
- Burnt brick can be made locally in small-scale kilns, which could potentially provide a stronger local economy, and have minimal negative environmental impacts if efficient kiln designs are adopted.
- IOM had concerns about trees being cut down to burn in the brick kilns – but this would not be a sustainability issue if the forests were managed sustainably.

References
- K2Data.xlsx