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HLP and Security of Tenure: key documents

A range of documents that provide an initial and practical way of getting familiar with HLP and security of tenure. All must-reads for anyone involved in the world of housing or land, including projects related to WASH, camp management, food security, livelihoods, protection, mine action and more!

For any additional resources, please see links below and for any information on HLP and support on technical response and coordination, please contact the Global Coordinator for the HLP Area of Responsibility (dalia.aranki@nrc.no)

Document	Brief description
Sphere standard on Security of Tenure, 2018	<i>Five key actions that set out the approach to including security of tenure in shelter and settlement programming so that the risk of forced eviction is not increased as a result of the intervention. The key actions can be used as standards for all types of programming involving housing or land.</i>
Security of tenure in urban areas, January 2017	<i>How to operationalise the Sphere standard's five key actions with a focus on urban areas.</i>
Security of Tenure in Shelter Operations, December 2018	<i>Technical guidance and practical case studies on considering what is secure enough for shelter interventions so that security of tenure is operational and not theoretical only. Useful for all types of interventions involving housing or land.</i>
Land Rights and Shelter: The Due Diligence Standard, 2013	<i>A checklist of critical issues to consider through the project cycle of interventions related to housing/land. Originally intended for Shelter interventions, the principles are useful for all types of programming where land is a factor.</i>
Home sweet home: housing practices and tools that support durable solutions for urban IDPS, March 2015 Extended version of case studies	<i>A collection of practices, tools and case studies for considering how to approach strengthening the right to adequate housing in practice with a focus on durable solutions for urban IDPs.</i>
Guiding Principles on Security of Tenure for the Urban Poor, 2014	<i>Booklet with ten guiding principles from the UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing</i>
Life Can Change: Securing housing, land and property rights for displaced women	<i>Research findings and analysis of the experience women have accessing HLP rights in displacement contexts with a range of case studies explored. Includes conclusions and recommendations which are practical and useful for programming.</i>



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	<i>Other case studies and reports at womenshlp.nrc.no</i>
<u>Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries, and Forests in the Context of National Food Security</u> , FAO 2012	<i>Voluntary guidelines for States to improve the governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests. Considers tenure systems from a food security perspective which includes relevant points for any intervention related to land or resources.</i>
<u>UNOHCHR/UN-Habitat: Forced evictions factsheet (No.25/Rev.1)</u> , 2014	<i>Explanation of the prohibition on forced evictions under the international human rights framework with an examination of the specific obligations of States and others and potential accountability and remedies.</i>
<u>Guidance Note: Integrating HLP Issues into Key Humanitarian, Transitional and Development Planning Processes</u> , July 2018	<i>A practical guide on why including HLP at all phases of a response is essential, with practical tips and steps for including HLP in assessments and analysis and a focus on key themes including (1) HLP rights in emergency contexts; (2) HLP rights and peace processes, peacekeeping and peacebuilding; (3) HLP rights and rule of law, development programming and durable solutions; (4) access to HLP for vulnerable groups; and (5) HLP rights and disaster risk reduction and climate change.</i>

Other resources

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