

Global Shelter Cluster Extreme Heat Working Group

Heat Action Day Information

Extreme heat can threaten lives and wellbeing and responding to these events is another critical area of response complexity in already challenging humanitarian operations.

June 2, 2025 is [Heat Action Day](#), coordinated by the IFRC. The theme for this year's day is *Recognizing and responding to heat stroke*.

While this year's theme is more Health Cluster oriented, it would be useful to alert Shelter Cluster partners to the issue of extreme heat and actions which can be taken by individual partners and the Cluster at large.

As background a briefing note on the Global Shelter Cluster [Extreme Heat Working Group](#) is attached. More broadly, the [Heat Action Day](#) and the [Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Center](#) web sites provide extensive background on the challenges posed by extreme heat.

Suggested actions at the country Shelter Cluster level include:

1. Acknowledging the impact of extreme heat on the people including children, elders, people with chronic illnesses, women doing cooking and workers building shelters.
2. Reviewing Shelter and Settlement options to respond to extreme heat including the possible use of shade nets and other ways to provide shade on very hot days. Global Shelter Cluster guidance on shade nets can be found [here](#).
3. Sharing experiences on past extreme heat events and how shelter and settlements-related actions could have reduced the impact of these events.
4. Discussing how early warning and anticipatory action plans currently consider extreme heat and how extreme heat could be better integrated into warnings and plans.

Additional options are available at the [Heat Action Day](#) web site.

Discussions on extreme heat can take place at regular Cluster meetings as close to June 2 as practicable.

Please feel free to contact the Extreme Heat Working Group via an email to environmentoperations@sheltercluster.org for support on any activities planned for the **Heat Action Day**.

