In 2013, the total number of refugees and IDPs in the world was higher than any other year in the last 25 years, with approximately 50 million people displaced from their homes. Displacement by conflict increased during 2014 due to the Syrian regional crisis and the increased need for shelter assistance, including for those affected by natural disasters, is more frequently in the context of complex urban settings. This presents intensive challenges for the humanitarian shelter community.

Spanning humanitarian responses from all over the world, Shelter Projects 2013-2014 is the fifth in a series of compilations of shelter case studies, overviews of emergencies and opinion pieces. The projects represent both post-disaster and post-conflict responses, demonstrating some of the implementation options available.

The book is intended to support learning by highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of different projects and featuring responses that try to maximise emergency funds to support sustainable recovery.

The target audience is humanitarian managers and shelter programme staff from local, national and international organisations at all levels of experience.