In 2015 and 2016, the total number of people displaced by crises in the world was higher than any other year in the last 25 years. In 2015, 65.3 million people were displaced due to conflict or violence, and there were 19.2 million new displacements due to natural disasters. With such large scale sheltering needs, there is also an imperative to ensure that the assistance that is delivered makes best use of often limited resources.

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The book is intended to support learning by highlighting the strengths, weaknesses and some of the lessons that can be learned from different projects, which try to maximize emergency funds to safeguard the health, security and dignity of affected people, whilst – wherever possible – supporting longer-term shelter needs and sustainable recovery.

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