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Shelter Research Unit
Innovating shelter

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**IFRC-SRU exhibition during the
Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement General Assembly and Statutory Meeting**
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Activity report

01 IFRC-SRU Objective

The 21st session of the GA and the statutory meeting is a platform for National Societies to discuss the strategic direction of the RC movement for coming years. Taking advantage of this major event, the IFRC-SRU held a booth within the Kizilay tent factory exhibition site, located beside the General Assembly conference centre.

The idea was to highlight the existence of the IFRC-SRU. Presenting the different services that the Unit can offer to NSs with an exhibition illustrating some examples of our research.

To summarize, the presence of the IFRC-SRU have the objectives to:

- Give visibility of the IFRC-SRU
- Present the aims of the IFRC-SRU - to build up innovative material and technical shelter solutions.
- Present the 4 pillars / activities of the IFRC-SRU : to Test, to Document, to Analyse and disseminate and to Assess and propose shelter products and innovative solutions dedicated to people in need)
- Present the IFRC SRU's services addressed to NSs:
 - Shelter Design development
 - Field testing
 - Capacity building on construction practices and local techniques
 - Monitoring and evaluation of shelter responses
- Present the existing partners the IFRC Shelter Research Unit - Supported by the Red Cross Societies of the Benelux and more recently the Turkish Red Crescent in collaboration with the IFRC Shelter & Settlements Department)
- Disseminate existing tools - including the Shelter Database, technical guidelines and shelter solutions)
- Identify potential “partners” and technical issues subject of interest
- Reinforce the collaboration with existing partners including notably the Turkish RC and the German RC



Between the two demonstration areas, a meeting zone has been settled to welcome the visitors interested by the shelter sector in general. At the same time, the idea was also to share a moment with RC managers by deepening together different themes, problematics or specificities encountered during interventions by sister national societies and better understand where IFRC-SRU could offer assistance.





This would allow us to foresee studies where the IFRC-SRU could support decision makers in terms of efficiency strengthening and improving potential cooperation based on a new concept of collaboration.



Four main IFRC-SRU results showcasing axel of research and services:

Content of the exhibition

- Four “shelters solutions”: Sahel Shelter, Clever Roof & Cocoon, Geodesic Family tent, Winter tent,
- Dissemination material: CGI guidelines, Guidelines for sheltering refugees in Europe, Shelter Database and Solar Shelter Kit prototype.

Innovation R&D of shelter or component	Document and Analyze	Testing	Assessment and Evaluation
Shelter type to illustrate the objectives:			
Geodesic tent	Winterized tent	Clever roof + cocoon	Sahel Shelter
			
Specific activities to reinforce the visibility			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Material research findings *New Shelter Solar Light kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Data base official launching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Anchoring results *CGI Manual *Beneficiary satisfaction survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *GRC Emergency Sheltering guidelines *Shade net performance manual

Note:
Throughout the all event, a specific stand was especially dedicated to the GRC Sheltering guideline, which received a lot of attention. Several dozens of manuals have been distributed as this specific theme has attracted many national societies, which were facing this issue as well.

02 Human Resources

Use of resources:
 *on site during the event: 2 IFRC-SRU staff members + Acting Head, 10 days' mission
 *preparation including logistics with dissemination material and shipment: 1 IFRC-SRU staff, 3weeks

03 Outcomes

More than 100 visitors part of at least 51 National Societies attended the exhibition site and asked for complementary information during the event.
 The IFRC President and Vice-President came to meet us. During the Tour visit, we had also opportunity to report our activities.
 We had a special interview from the RCRC magazine (<http://www.rcrcmagazine.org/>) and normally a special article should be published in the forthcoming release (expended for end of spring). It will present the IFRC-SRU findings focusing on the importance of the low-tech and contextual approaches.

Visitors' trends:

