



## The Shelter “Shopping List”

What kinds of shelter does UNHCR provide to refugees and displaced persons, and what does it cost? The UN Refugee Agency provides shelter during emergencies, such as in Chad; as well as for prolonged situations, when refugees might live in host countries for years while they wait for peace. Families who do return home to rebuild their lives are, when the means are available, provided with materials and assistance to build homes for their families.

Here is a sample of some of the shelter items on the UN Refugee Agency’s Shopping List

- \$10** 1 piece of blue plastic sheeting (4x5 m.),  
that will weather-proof a shelter or act as a roof.

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- \$43** A bale of 5 blue plastic sheets

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- \$58** 1 canvas tarpaulin

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- \$66** A roll of green multi-purpose plastic sheeting  
Used to build hospitals, schools, and public buildings

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- \$68** 2 metal frame windows for a permanent home

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- \$80** An all-season canvas tent for a family of five

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- \$83** A package including a metal door, handsaw, nails, &  
wheelbarrow to help a family rebuild their home.

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- \$140** A durable roof for a permanent house

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- \$260** An emergency lightweight double-fly tent

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- \$274** 24 wooden beams to build the frame of a house

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- \$357** Can provide 17 iron roofing beams

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- \$586** Can build a complete house for a refugee family  
returning home to rebuild their lives.

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- \$635** Can provide a classroom tent