WASTE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

When a shelter unit reaches the end of its useful life, leaving it behind isn't an option. We follow and recommend the humanitarian sector's best practices to ensure it's handled responsibly. This waste management hierarchy should guide decision-making when shelter materials reach the end of their useful life. In order of preference, the steps are:



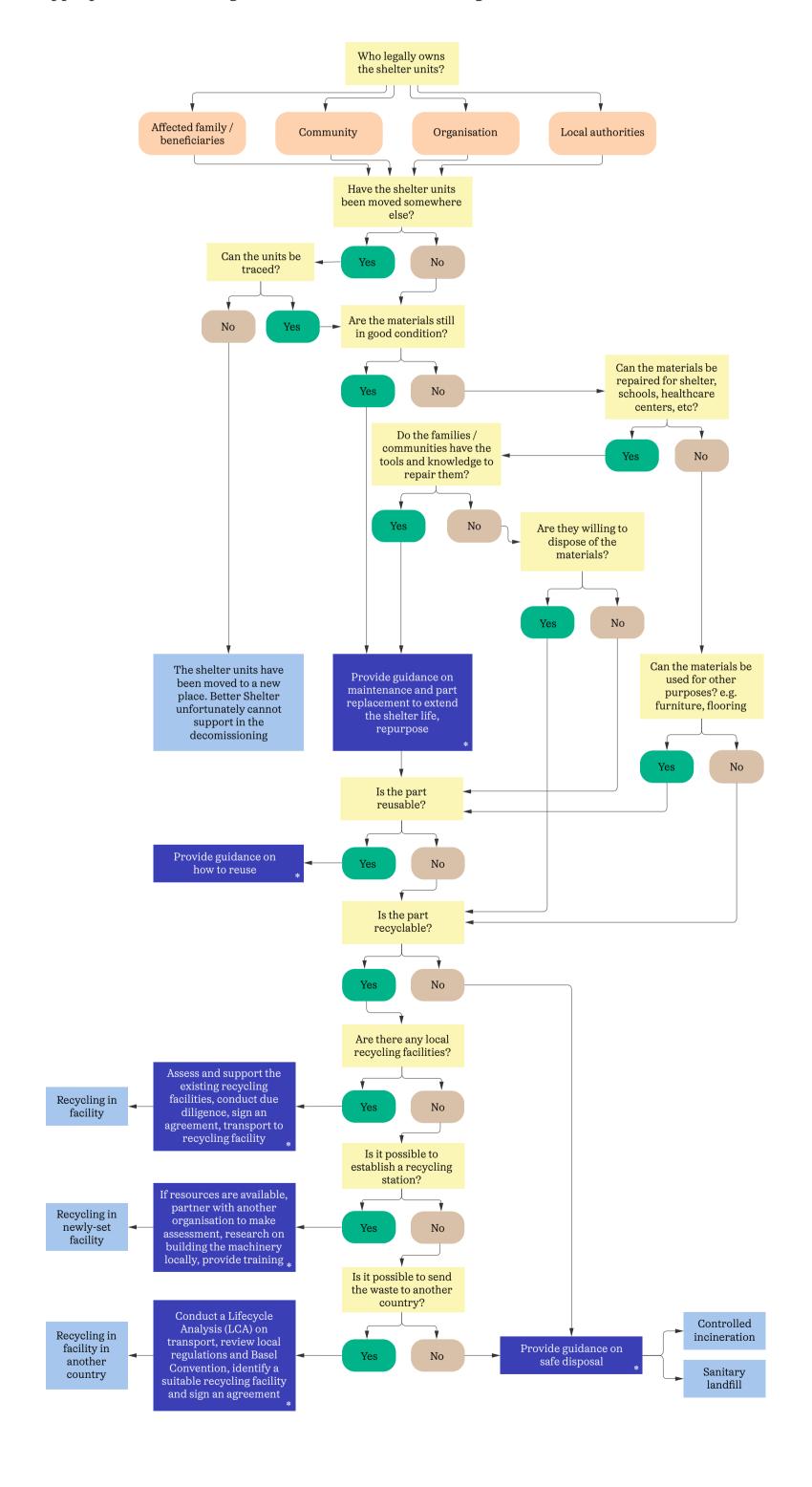
Use of the shelter more than once in its original form, and/or find a new alternative use for it, either similar or diverging from its original intended purpose. Managed by beneficiaries and community

Very often there are existing recycling facilities in the local context. In this case, we recommend bringing the unreusable items to such facilities. Managed by community and/or organisation

Take the materials back to the supplier or to already existing recycling facilities in other countries with stronger recycling capacities if rules and regulations allow. Managed by organisation Safely manage waste to minimise the negative impacts on human health and the environment. Managed by organisation and/or local authorities

END OF LIFE DECISION TREE

This tool aims to guide the team responsible for the decomissioning of the shelter units from Better Shelter in selecting appropriate waste management interventions, facilitating informed choices and collaboration



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