



WHAT MAKES A GOOD SHELTER?

When children have to leave their homes because of conflict, many leave everything behind and make the long journey to settle in camps – in search of a life without fear or danger. When children get to the camp, most don't have a house to go to. Every child should have a shelter where they can stay healthy and be protected.



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SIRAJ*, 13, helps his younger sister **Nirmeen***, 10, with her school work in their family's tent in an informal tented settlement for Syrian refugees in the Bekaa valley, Lebanon.

WHAT ARE THEY MADE FROM?

For example, thousands of children have escaped war in Myanmar. Many travelled hundreds of miles to live in a refugee camp in Bangladesh. Save the Children supports families there with Emergency Shelter Kits. These kits contain:

- Plastic sheets
- Ropes
- Nails
- Kitchen sets

But the kits aren't enough on their own. To build a strong shelter, people also need:

- Wood
- Stone
- Bamboo
- Other materials from their local area

A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERYONE

All children should feel comfy in their new home. So before the Save the Children team builds a family a shelter, they ask them what it should be like and what is important to them. No matter what, all shelters must:

- Be right for everyone, including people with disabilities
- Give families privacy
- Look like local homes to respect local cultures
- Be able to withstand extreme weather
- Have strong foundations, a sturdy structure, and a tightly connected roof



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