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Sphere Standards are set out and explained in the following format:

- **Minimum standards:** specify the minimum performance levels to be attained
- **Key actions:** the inputs and practical activities needed to meet the standards.
- **Key indicators:** 'signals' to show whether a standard has been attained
- **Guidance notes:** on practical difficulties and critical and context-specific issues

The key actions and indicators used must reflect the emergency context.

3) SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT STANDARDS

Strategies, and implementation	1: Assistance option 2: Implementation mode
Enabling environment	1: Security of tenure 2: Environmental sustainability
Habitation and physical living space	1: Shelter location and settlement planning 2: Habitable living space 3: Technical assistance and quality assurance

4) HEALTH ACTION STANDARDS

Essential health services	Health systems
1: Prioritising health services	1: Health service delivery 2: Human workforce 3: Essential medicines and medical devices 4: Health financing 5: Health information management 6: Leadership and coordination
Communicable diseases	1: Communicable disease prevention 2: Communicable disease diagnosis and case management 3: Outbreak preparedness, detection and response
Child health	1: Prevention of vaccine preventable disease 2: Management of new born and child illness
Sexual and reproductive health	1: Coordination of sexual and reproductive health services 2: Maternal and new born health services 3: HIV 4: Sexual violence and rape
Injury care	1: Injury care
Mental health	1: Mental health
NCDs	1: Non-communicable diseases
Relief and end of life care	1: Palliative care

Annex: Delivering through markets

This applies to the four life-saving areas (WASH, Food Security and Nutrition, Shelter and Settlement and Health) covered by Sphere. It provides guidance for **understanding, using and supporting markets** for supply of goods and services. It also considers **how to best source goods and services** through either international and local procurement and / or cash based assistance.

- Humanitarian assistance should be '**market aware**' so that local markets are considered and accounted for in the design, implementation and monitoring of humanitarian responses.
- **Market analysis** is essential for assessing and defining response options and identifying opportunities to support local markets while recognizing that some goods may need to be procured internationally to meet quality standards.

Additional resources on All In Diary website

The Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability - One core standard with nine commitments (from Draft Introduction to the 2018 Sphere handbook)

Web links for further information

<http://www.sphereproject.org/standards-partners/>
Cash Based Assistance Programme Quality toolbox, CaLP 2017:
<http://pqtoolbox.cashlearning.org/>

Companion standards

- that complement Sphere

Minimum Standards for Education (INEE)

- Promote strategies for physical and psychosocial protection, welfare and development of children through education

Minimum Standards for Child Protection (The Alliance)

- Enable predictable, accountable, effective child protection

Minimum Economic Recovery Standards (SEEP)

- Promote enterprise, livelihoods, cash flow and asset management for economic recovery

Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS)

- Guide emergency livestock interventions.

Minimum Standards for Age and Disability Inclusion (ADCAP)

- Guide the inclusion and care of older and disabled persons.