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Timber is a construction material used by those affected by disaster and by the organisations that offer assistance.

Hundreds of thousands of cubic meters of timber costing millions of dollars are consumed in relief and reconstruction programmes worldwide. Poorly planned timber procurement can result in significant delays in responding to people's needs, environmental degradation, financial inefficiency and operational challenges.

This book aims to consolidate published information and practical experiences on how humanitarian organisations go about procuring and using timber. It provides information on selecting, specifying, procuring, using, and distributing timber and bamboo as construction materials for small and medium-sized buildings in humanitarian operations.

This book is aimed at programme managers, logisticians, engineers and others working in humanitarian programmes involving construction.

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A guide to the planning, use, procurement and logistics of timber as a construction material in humanitarian relief

