

# **Sheltering & Feeding Capabilities Definitions**

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Purpose: The intent in defining mass care capabilities and capacities is to assist NVOAD agencies in communicating to emergency management the kinds and quantities of resources necessary to deliver mass care services at the level required to meet the needs of the community.

### **NVOAD definitions:**

Capability - The ability to deliver a service with the kinds of available resources.

Capacity - The measure of capability which may be delivered with the available resource quantities and the strategies employed.

Strategies – Methods that agencies can employ to achieve desired levels of service.

### **NIMS Definitions:**

Resources - Personnel, equipment, teams, supplies, and facilities available or potentially available for assignment to incident operations and for which status is maintained.

Available Resource - A resource assigned to an incident, checked in, and available for assignment.

Kind - A broad characterization, such as personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and supplies.

Type - A NIMS resource classification that refers to capability of a specific kind of resource to which a metric is applied to designate it as a specific numbered class.

## Sheltering

**Sheltering:** Sheltering is the overall term for the facility and all functions performed to assist clients on the path towards recovery from a disaster by providing a safe place to sleep, eat, get information, maintain personal hygiene, and access core services and situational services in shelters. **Source:** American Red Cross, Sheltering Standards & Procedures, July 2016.

**Sheltering:** Provides life-sustaining services in congregate facilities that provide a safe, sanitary, and secure environment for individuals and households displaced by disasters. Also includes support to survivors sheltering in place and in ESF #8 medical shelters. **Source:** ESF #6 –Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing and Human Services Annex, National Response Framework, June 2016.

A sheltering capability can be delivered when the kinds of resources in the table below are assembled and employed. The number of persons that can be sheltered, or the capacity, is dependent on the sheltering strategy selected and the quantities available of each of the kinds of resources in the sheltering capability.

Sheltering strategies can be either congregate or non-congregate.

<b>Sheltering Capability</b>				
<b>Item #</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Kind</b>	<b>Available Measure</b>
1	Congregate	Shelter facilities	Facility	# of facilities
2		Bed spaces available	Facility	# of bed spaces
3		Shelter Supervisors	Personnel	# qualified
4		Shelter Workers	Personnel	# qualified
5		Disaster Mental Health	Personnel	# qualified
6		Disaster Health	Personnel	# qualified
7		Reunification	Personnel	# qualified
8		Cot, Standard	Supplies	# available
9		Cot, Medical	Supplies	# available
10		Blankets	Supplies	# available
11		Comfort kits	Supplies	# available
12		Health Services kits	Supplies	# available

## Disaster Feeding

**Feeding:** Provides feeding services at fixed sites and distribution sites and through mobile feeding units. Feeding services may include hot or shelf-stable meals, infant formula, baby food, snacks, beverages, and food packages, as well as diverse dietary and culturally appropriate meals (e.g., low sodium, low fat, vegetarian/vegan, halal, kosher). ESF #6 works in concert with ESF #11 and local, state, and tribal governments; NGOs; and the private sector to acquire, prepare, cook and/or distribute food and food supplies. Additional support may include the provision of technical assistance for the development of state feeding plans. **Source:** ESF #6 –Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing and Human Services Annex, National Response Framework, June 2016.

**Disaster Feeding:** The provision of food, snacks and hydration to the affected population and emergency workers, from fixed sites or through mobile routes. **Source:** Multi-Agency Feeding Support Plan Template, June 2015 (MAFSPT)

A feeding capability can be delivered when the kinds of resources in the tables below are assembled and employed. The number of meals/day that can be produced or distributed, or the capacity, is dependent on the feeding strategy selected and the quantities available of each of the kinds of resources in the feeding capability.

Feeding capabilities are divided into feeding production or feeding distribution. Feeding production strategies can be fixed kitchen, field kitchen, mobile kitchen, catered or shelf-stable meals. Feed distribution strategies can be fixed or mobile.

<b>Feeding Production Capability</b>				
<b>Item #</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Kind</b>	<b>Available Measure</b>
1	Fixed Kitchen	Facility	Facility	Meals/day
2		Kitchen Site Manager	Personnel	# qualified
3		Kitchen Supervisor	Personnel	# qualified
4		Kitchen Worker	Personnel	# qualified
6		Dumpster (40 yard)	Equipment	# available
7		Cambros	Equipment	# available
8		Clamshells	Supplies	# available
9		Banquet packs	Supplies	# available
10		Food safety supplies	Supplies	# available
12		Food for kitchen	Supplies	Meals/day

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<b>Item #</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Kind</b>	<b>Available Measure</b>
1	Field Kitchen	Kitchen equipment	Equipment	Meals/day
2		Kitchen Site Manager	Personnel	# qualified
3		Kitchen Supervisor	Personnel	# qualified
4		Kitchen Worker	Personnel	# qualified
5		Forklift, outdoor	Equipment	# available
6		Pallet jack	Equipment	# available
7		Reefer Trailers	Equipment	# available
8		Dry Trailer	Equipment	# available
9		Dumpster (40 yard)	Equipment	# available
10		Portable Toilets	Equipment	# available
11		Handwashing Stations	Equipment	# available
12		Cambros	Equipment	# available
13		Clamshells	Supplies	# available
14		Banquet packs	Supplies	# available
15		Ice (potable, bagged)	Supplies	Pallets/day
16		Propane fill and resupply order	Supplies	Pounds/day
17		Diesel resupply order	Supplies	Gallons/day
18		Gas resupply order	Supplies	Gallons/day
19		Order for removal of grey water	Supplies	Gallons/day
20		Water source	Supplies	Gallons/day
21		Food for kitchen	Supplies	Meals/day
1	Mobile kitchen	Mobile Kitchen Unit	Equipment	# available
2		Crew	Crew	# qualified
3		Cambros	Equipment	# available
4		Clamshells	Supplies	# available
5		Banquet packs	Supplies	# available
6		Food for kitchen	Supplies	Meals/day