Temporary rapid rehousing initiatives, as part of a housing-led approach

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Background

6 guiding principles as compass

Housing is a human right

Preventing homelessness is always the optimum

Support is flexible and tailored to individual needs

Separation of housing and care

Respect for own choice and control

Recovery-oriented support and involvement of people with first-hand experience

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Problem

- To end homelessness, rapid rehousing is key[1]
- Suitable, permanent housing is hard to find[2]
- Initiatives developed to temporarily house those with an urgent need

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[1] Sheikh, S., and Teeman, D. (2018). *A rapid evidence assessment of what works in homelessness services.* Social Care Institute for Excellence.
[2] Werkgroep IBO Woningbouw en Grond (2024). *Op grond kun je bouwen.*

Study aims

Generate knowledge about…

Outcomes and working mechanisms

Frameworks to strengthen & scale up

Process of transition and challenges

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Part 1

Assess which temporary rapid rehousing initiatives have been developed in the Netherlands

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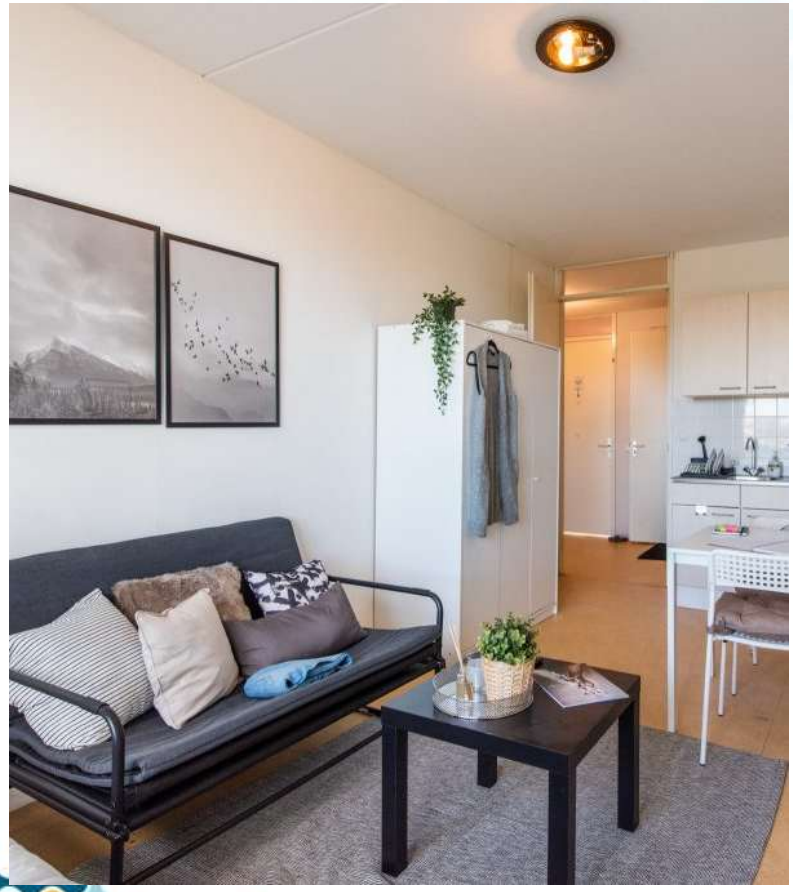
Temporary rental agreements in social housing



Youths:

- Kamers met Kansen (throughout the Netherlands)
- Kansrijk Wonen (Noord-Veluwe)

Adults:

- Tijdelijk Onder Dak (Amsterdam)

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Movable housing units in temporary locations

Adults:

- Fruinlaan (Leiden)
- Alwel flexwoning (Breda, Etten-Leur en Roosendaal)
- Tijdelijk Wonen Plus (Wezep)

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Temporary accommodation in repurposed buildings

Adults:

- Binder (Nijmegen)
- Montana (Ermelo)
- Welkom (Veenendaal)

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Host schemes

Youths:

- Kamer met Aandacht (throughout the Netherlands)

Adults:

- Onder de Pannen (throughout the Netherlands)

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How do these initiatives fit into a housing-led approach?

- Assess how these initiatives adhere to the principles set out in the Dutch National Action Plan on Homelessness
  - Using the framework that will be developed in the larger project
- Summarize scientific evidence available for their effectiveness

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Part 2

Conduct an in-depth empirical study into two host scheme initiatives

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Onder de Pannen

Kamers met Aandacht

Data collection

Focus: Extent to which these initiatives contribute to permanent housing, quality of life & destigmatisation

- Quantitative interviews
  - All renters matched with a host in one-year period
  - Follow-up: after 1 year
- Qualitative interviews
  - Sample of 36 renters
  - Follow-up: end of stay & after 1 year
  - Hosts and professional supports are also interviewed

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Data collection

Focus: Challenges faced by these initiatives and action frameworks that help to strengthen & scale up

- Desk research
- Focus-group interviews with local coordinators
- Qualitative interviews with employees of central organizations and chain partners

Expected results

End date:
January 31, 2028

Output:

- Webinar
- Publication in professional journal
- Interactive report

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Concluding remarks

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Thank you for listening!

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