

SHELTER AND NFI CLUSTER COVID-19 RESPONSE PUBLICATION INDEX

Introduction

In order to ensure that adequate preparedness and mitigation measures are put in place by humanitarian aid organizations to continue carrying out shelter and NFI programs during COVID-19 outbreaks in and out of camps, the Iraq Shelter Cluster in cooperation with other clusters and partners has drafted several guidelines, training materials, leaflets and an advocacy note. This set of documents is intended to provide guidance to partners in the field so that they are able to take the necessary measures utilizing available resources in the best - and especially fastest - manner.

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1- COVID-19 Outbreak Preparedness and Response Operations in IDP Camps

Jointly prepared by the Iraq Health and Shelter Clusters, the aim of this document is to provide manageable solutions for the respect of quarantine and isolation health protocols related to COVID-19 cases (suspected or confirmed), in the less-than-optimal context of IDP camps. The document has been reviewed by the Strategic Advisory Group of the Health Cluster, as well as CCCM, Protection, Food Security and WASH clusters.

This document provides technical guidance for partners in the field on how to plan, establish and manage Quarantine and Isolation Areas in IDP camps taking into consideration the consultation of the targeted communities. The document describes in detail both the specialized health care as well as the non-medical management for the Q/I areas. Sample of Quarantine and Isolation areas layout are also presented in the annexes.

¹ All publications are available on the Shelter Cluster Iraq webpage under the following link:
<https://www.sheltercluster.org/iraq/covid-19-shelter-nfi-response>

2- Advocacy Note on Tents for IDPs Departing Camps

This advocacy note is inspired by potential public health risks if tents in IDP camps are reused without proper cleaning and disinfection processes prior re-use or storage. There is a different document outlining recommendations, risks and mitigation measures for the use of tents in the context of camp consolidation / camp closure which could be found [here](#).

Several elements should be considered when deciding whether families should be permitted to take their tent upon departure from camps. These documents list the risk associated and the mitigation measures for each one, considering that the overall preference of the IDPs is to take their used tents when departing IDP camps.

3- Tent Replacement during Covid-19 - v1.1

This leaflet (in powerpoint format) was drafted in light of the regular tent replacement programs conducted during the current pandemic. Such activity may increase the risk of spreading the SARS-CoV-2 virus which is responsible for the COVID-19 disease. Hence it is of crucial importance to inform beneficiaries, camp managers, partners, contractors and any other relevant actor of preventative and mitigation measures to undertake before and during tent replacement activities.

The slides give an initial briefing about the COVID-19 symptoms and best prevention practices during daily life. The second part of the slides focuses on the activities before and during the tent replacement. They are detailed by modality, e.g. whether the information shall address tent replacement carried out by workers/contractors, or in the case it is beneficiaries-driven.

4- 4- Construction Site Safety Protocol (CSSP) Toolkit for COVID-19 contexts

a. Construction Site Safety Protocol – FULL PROTOCOL

Strongly inspired by current new regulations issued by European countries on the “on-site safety in COVID-19 contexts”, this document covers how to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection during engineering works for humanitarian partners, beneficiaries, contractors, third parties, suppliers and relevant authorities. Based on the “Do No Harm” principle, the Shelter Cluster strongly recommends all partners involved in engineering/infrastructural/construction projects to follow the protocol and make sure its measures are implemented at all times on all sites.

The document includes basic notions around the COVID-19 disease, health practices, brief information about the most common symptoms, best prevention practices and the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Management and organizational measures at work, access control measures, etc. are presented in detail, as well as the introduction of a new job profile (the COVID-19 Safety Manager, for which a brief Job Description is also drafted). The protocol also covers as recommendations on information dissemination and accountability mechanisms.

b. Construction Site Safety Protocol – TRAINING

Following the protocol, a training material was created. This PPT gives intense information and can be used to train organization staff, contractors, beneficiaries, third parties/suppliers/visitors and anyone accessing a construction site. Most visuals are from WHO, as the most official source of IEC material in epidemic situations.

c. Construction Site Safety Protocol – POSTERS

The posters included in this PPT are based on the training material of the safety protocol. These slides can be used as an IEC material and distributed at site work as awareness material.

d. Construction Site Safety Protocol – CHECKLIST

A new job profile was created in the construction site safety protocol (COVID-19 Safety Manager). This check list will support the Safety Manager in following up and recording all safety measures (or the non-respect thereof) at a construction site. It can also be of help for any monitoring officer, and eventually for beneficiaries who want to ensure that they are not exposed to any risk during rehabilitation works. The document gives examples of tables to be used at various levels.