

Shelter Tool Kit Distribution Guidelines

Background

There have been several levels of IDP involvement in temporary shelter construction across Kachin and Northern Shan States. During the early displacement period, when outside assistance was limited, many displaced communities built their own shelter using a conventional, basic design. Frequently the displaced community would contribute manpower while more technical persons were often contracted from outside the camp. While involvement of IDPs in construction might have led to some concerns about quality it had *the* significant value of ownership and keeping communities engaged. In some camps with strong camp management committees (CMCs) community-based care and maintenance programs have been successfully introduced. In an effort to support such community-based maintenance of temporary shelters and infrastructure shelter tools kits are distributed.

Objectives

1. Encourage and develop more autonomy of camps in regards to temporary shelter and infrastructure maintenance, mobilizing communities towards greater self-reliance plus enhance carpentry skills
2. Equip the displaced with tools and further carpentry knowledge in preparation for *life after displacement*
3. Support livelihood opportunities through carpentry, using the tool for construction activities outside as well as inside the camp

Tool Kit Distribution & Design

A tool kit is designed for a group of five persons to engage in the repair and construction of shelter, which also can include WaSH related facilities. The suggestion is ideally one kit per 20 households (HH) but it may depend on the size of the camp. For a small camp, approximately 30 HH, one kit should be sufficient.

The kits are designed to be portable, manual, handheld and easy to use such that those with little carpentry background can benefit. Since the kits include different sets of tools and replenishment likely, there should be a single person or group responsible for management of the kit. The latter might be a shelter committee or a carpentry group.

Suggestions for Group/Committee

1. Individuals interested in carpentry should be encouraged to join the group/committee
2. Group/committee should be committed to repairing shelters as well as installing new shelters/infrastructure in the camp
3. Group/committee will be responsible to replace lost, damaged or consumed items from the kit
4. Under the management of shelter committee the group/committee will monitor regularly shelter conditions and address the relevant repair needs