

4.2 Women's Dignity Kit

4.2.1 What is the Women's Dignity Kit?

This is a package comprising the basic necessities that displaced women and girls require to maintain feminine hygiene, dignity and respect in their daily lives, in spite of displacement.

The kit comprises

- 3 Dresses (*Dirac*)
- 3 Shawls (*Garbasar*)
- 9 Pieces of Sanitary Cloth
- 6 Panties (Different Sizes)
- 3 Pieces of bar soap (250gms)
- 3 packets powder soap (100gms)
- 3 Petticoats (*Gorgorat*)
- 3 Head scarves (*Shash*)

Recent pre-tests conducted by the Cluster in December 2011, have strongly recommended that the items in the kit must be culturally appropriate, sufficient in numbers and hygienic for their use.

For family, assume 3 women often distributed with a traditional NFI. In case of targeting women and not families, numbers can be reduced accordingly.

4.2.2 Why the Women's Dignity Kit

When people are displaced, women, especially, carry very little with them and often, their personal items like clothing and sanitary items are left behind in favour of other items that are considered essential for the family. Lack of these personal items exposes any woman to ridicule and lack of respect and denies her the dignity she deserves in her community.

In Somalia, to be able to maintain dignity and respect, a Somali woman needs to cover her head, wear a loose fitting dress that is not transparent and be able to comfortably manage her menstruation. Pretests conducted amongst displaced women and girls in Somalia, have indicated that many displaced women and girls lack these essential, yet very basic items.

Providing women and girls with the dignity kit, attempts to restore their dignity and respect which is lost when they have no clothes to wear, no under wear, no scarves to cover their heads and no sanitary items to manage their monthly menstrual flow. For any woman, this situation is disastrous and denies them a claim to a life with dignity.

This standardized dignity kit, lays a foundation for predictable response that displaced women and girls can rely on and ensures accountability on the part of all cluster members who distribute dignity kits.

4.2.3 The Standardized Women's Dignity Kit








Partners within the Shelter Cluster have been distributing what is commonly referred to as the Dignity Kit based on their individual assessments of the needs of displaced girls and women.

material, content, quantities and pricing of the kit has not been standardized by the Cluster and may not always be practical and at par with the stated needs of the displaced girls and women.

Like the emergency assistance packages, the dignity kit should be predictable, to enable a displaced woman continue her daily routine, with dignity and respect in spite of displacement. The items contained in the dignity kit should also be culturally appropriate, sufficient and should be hygienic for use by the girls and women.

There is a sense of security and assuredness in predictable and standardized emergency response where the people in need know what to expect. The cluster proposes to create this response by standardizing the Women's Dignity Kit to include the items listed in the information guide which has been distributed to cluster members.

Standardized Women's Dignity Kit –USD 65.7

					
<p>Shash: This is the inner black scarf in picture above Material: Preferably cotton or cotton viscose Size: At least 36 inches x 36 inches Cost: USD 3 Per Piece Colour: Any Quantity: 3 pieces</p>		<p>Garbasar: Orange shawl in picture above Material: Preferably cotton or cotton viscose Size: At least 52 inches x 68 inches Cost: USD 4 Per piece Colour: Any Quantity: 3 pieces</p>		<p>Dirac: Orange dress with blue and white prints in the picture above Material: Preferably cotton or cotton viscose Size: At least 62 inches x 40 inches Cost: USD 5.30 Per piece Colour: Any Quantity: 3 pieces</p>	
					
<p>Under Pant: Material: Cotton Size: Small, medium, Large Cost: USD 1 Per Piece Colour: Any Quantity: 2 pieces of each size = 6</p>	<p>Sanitary Cloth: This is a piece of cloth that is folded and worn in the panty to absorb menstrual flow. Size: At least 36 inches x 36 inches Cost: USD 1 Per Piece Colour: Any Quantity: 9 pieces</p>	<p>Gorgorat: This is a petticoat worn underneath the <i>dirac</i> (dress). Size: At least 37 inches x 27 inches Cost: USD 4 Per Piece Colour: Any Quantity: 3 pieces</p>	<p>Powder Soap Brand: Available brand Size: 100gms Cost: USD 0.30 Per Packet Quantity: 3 pieces</p>	<p>Bar Soap: Brand: Available brand Size 250gms Cost: USD 0.30 Quantity: 3 pieces</p>	