

Report on the Site visit to the Syrian new arrivals camp in Domiz / Dohuk Governorate.

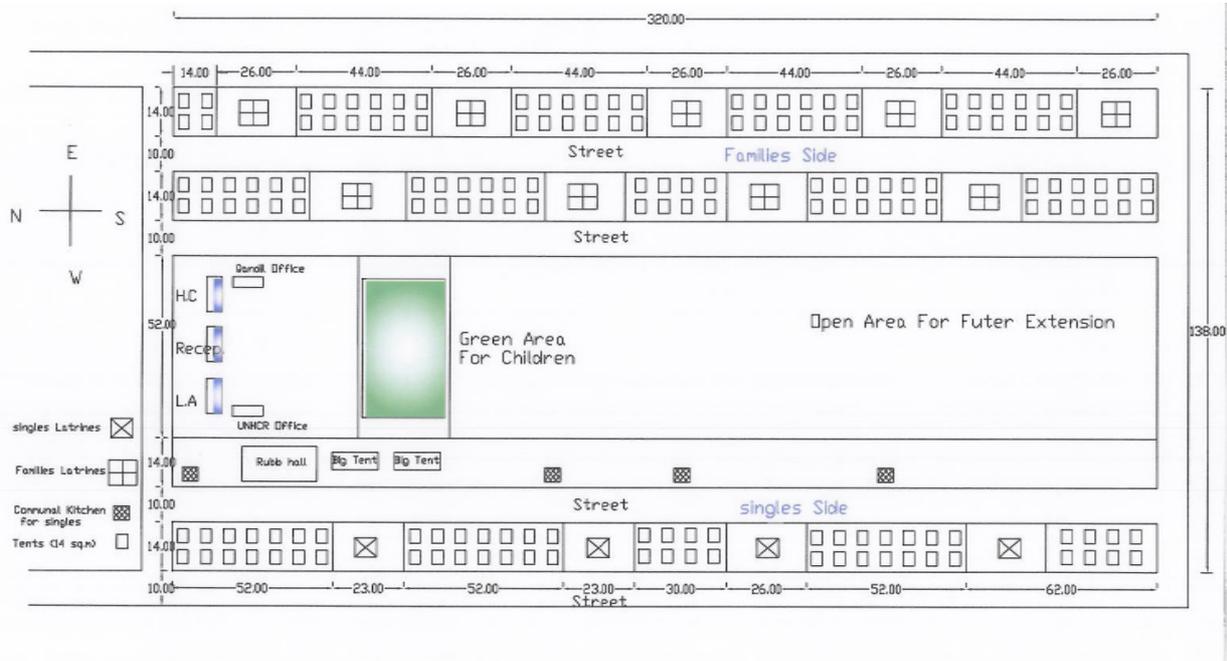
Introduction

Works were started by DDM (Directorate of Displacement and Migration in Dohuk) on 4th of Apr. 2012 to cover the camp streets with sub base and to build two communal latrines; UNHCR and Qandil started works inside the camp on the 7th of Apr. 2012. On the date of visit the number of registered PoCs stood at 157 families and 577 singles. The former are hosted by Syrian families settled near the camp, while the latter are assembled mainly in a mosque and one big tent near the camp as well. Works are going well through good cooperation between the concerned parties, including UNHCR, Qandil and DDM.

Below are comments regarding the ongoing works in the camp.

- Site Planning:

It was agreed to adjust the site plan to accommodate the increased number of tents and the new locations of the service places, including a clinic, UNHCR registration tent and DDM administration caravan, which was agreed to be shifted to the mid point in the northern side of the camp. UNHCR and Qandil submitted the draft sketch of the amended site plan. Places of the Rubber hall, two big tents, 2 caravans for UNHCR and Qandil staff, and a green area (playground for children) were included in the amended site plan, (See below).



-Roads:

The main roads in the camp are covered with layer of sub base.



- Number and kind of tents:

It was agreed that 100 tents (3.5X4 sq.m) for families and 50 for singles will be erected, at a 1st stage, and the numbers will be increased in case of new arrivals. Each tent will be occupied by 4 persons (ratio: 3.5 - 4.5 sq.m /person, according to UNHCR standers). The tent is surrounded by fence of solid blocks of 0.7 m height and the floor is covered with plain concrete (thickness 10 cm).

Families with 5 or more members will receive more than one tent.



- Communal Latrines:

5 communal latrines, with septic tanks, are under construction (4 for the families and 1 for singles). Each latrine contains 4 toilets and 3 baths. In addition, one mobile latrine (with 4 toilets and 4 baths) currently exists in the families' side. As per UNHCR standards, all toilets are equipped with wash basins (for hand washing).

It was agreed to provide sufficient latrines (separately for men and women) in accordance with UNHCR standards (1 toilet for 20 persons). Water tanks of the latrines will be based on steel stands of 2.5 m high.

Two communal latrines were constructed by DDM, but these still need UNHCR intervention to complete. The shortcomings of these latrines were identified and communicated to Qandil for necessary action.



Latrines implemented by UNHCR IP Qandil



Latrines implemented by DDM

- Water supply:

Every tent has a galvanized steel tank (1000 liter) placed on blocks. The tank is filled with water on a daily basis by LA tankers to ensure that the refugees have access for sufficient quantity of clean water for drinking, cooking and washing (ration 7.5-15 l/person/day).



-Electricity:

Electricity power is delivered to the camp through new poles and cables; discussions regarding camp lighting were conducted, but a final decision on that is pending.



-Garbage collection:

It was agreed with DDM, that the municipality will collect camp garbage at least twice a week; UNHCR will distribute plastic bags for the families.



Meetings:

Two meetings were conducted after the site visit:

- With the director of DDM / Dohuk branch, the main issues raised were:

1- Reallocation of the services caravans/tents to the mid point in the northern part of the camp.

2- Garbage collection (as mentioned above).

3- How to achieve the needed number and types of latrines in the camps according to UNHCR standards.

4- Provision of food and water to refugees (by DDM, for the time being).

5- Participation of refugees in the camp works.

DDM director agreed on all UNHCR suggestions.

-With Qandil staff, the main issue raised was the cooking area for families and singles. It was agreed to built an individual kitchen with an area of 5 sqm for each family, with solid blocks walls, and roofs covered with corrugated sheets placed on steel frames. The estimated cost would be about **752 \$** per unit. It was also agreed to build a communal cooking area (kitchen) of 20 sqm, using solid blocks, and corrugated sheets for the roof, which would serve 14 (single) tents. The estimated cost is about **2374 \$** per unit. On 12 Apr. Qandil distributed the tenders of building 75 individual kitchen to the contractors (according the specifications mentioned above); the same will be done soon for the building of 4 communal cooking areas in the singles' part of the camp.

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