

Guidance Note on Tents Installation

The CCCM cluster has developed several guidance notes on camp establishment, camp management, tents installation and other technical humanitarian standards. All recommendations were communicated to the cluster members on several occasions, including but not limited to the meetings and technical discussions respecting the winterization initiatives.

In the light of the recent developments and while we are advocating for more tents to be provided, it is important to ensure the stability of the shelter to protect it from harsh weather conditions. The summary of the recommendation is as below:

- Before pitching on a new tent or replacing existing damaged one, cluster member agencies and their field team must ensure the land preparation and level including adequate compacting.
- Raise the tent foundation using the below specifications:
 - Raise the tent floor using 10-15 cm from the Natural Ground Level (**NGL**) by using Concrete Hollow Blocks (**CHB**) 20*40*10 cm as a foundation of the tent,
 - Fill the tent floor with small fine cracked rocks not more 2.0 - 2.5 cm
 - Add soil but make sure not to exceed 5% and the soil should be pure and clean soil (*No organic Materials*).
 - Ensure proper compacting of the foundation.
 - The tent floor should be covered with a plastic sheet in order to be good insulator from the ground moisture.
 - The tent pillars should be fixed during the work to enforce stability.
 - The external clothing of the tents should be fixed on the ground using CHBs or alternative materials.
 - The roof of the tent should be covered with plastic sheet to ensure it is properly waterproofed.
- Internal tent insulation using a special materials in order to ensure that HHs inside the tents have acceptable degree of warmth.

In addition to tents Installation, members have to be able to:

- Ensure that the site where tents are installed are properly gravelled,
- IDPs are aware of safety measures and regulations,
- Other key services are secured in the area
- Last but not least, the CCCM Cluster guidelines on safety and security measures and camp management are applied.