

# **UNHCR Post Emergency Handpump Apron**

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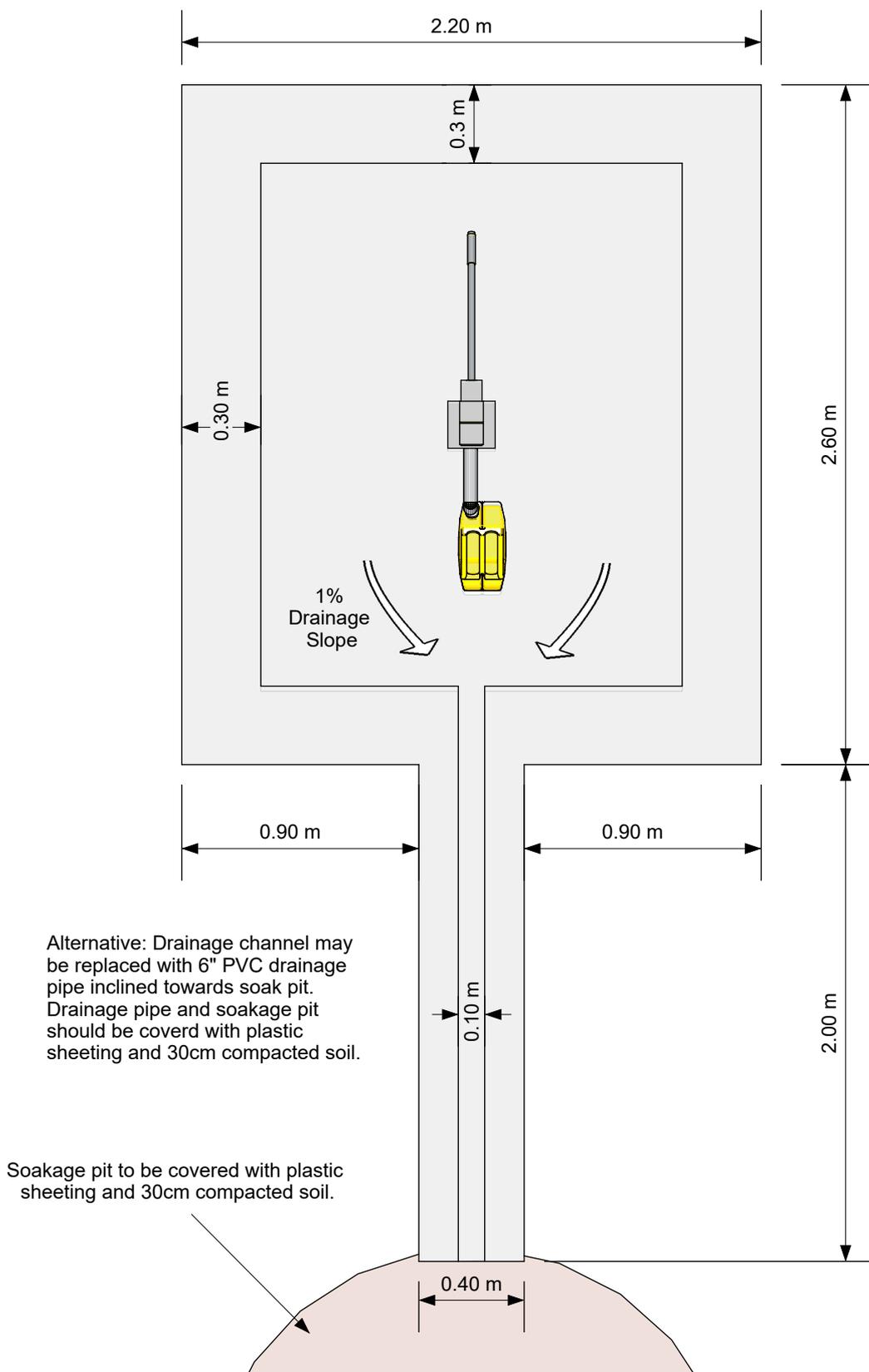
## UNHCR Standardized Designs for Refugee Settings Post Emergency Handpump Apron with Drainage

### FOREWORD

These post emergency handpump apron designs form part of UNHCR’s series of Standardized WASH Design Guidelines for Refugee Settings which are the result of an extensive review process with WASH actors active in refugee settings. It is recognized that the Standardized WASH Designs will require continuous review and amendment in response to changes in engineering best-practice and feedback from the field. Therefore further review will be managed by a Technical Review Committee which will meet regularly to discuss issues related to the use of the design and an annual review will be reported back to the WASH community. More urgent amendments will be reported as, and when, required. Note that this tapstand is based on a design shared by OXFAM GB.

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# General Layout



**NOTES**

1. Handpump to be positioned centrally with spout exactly 50cm above concrete surface.
2. Concrete surface to be finished with non-slip (lightly brushed) surface with 1% slope to soakage pit.
3. Soakage pit dimensions to be determined by on-site soil infiltration test (see Appendix 20 of Engineering in Emergencies. Alternatively refer to the table of typical soil infiltration rates on page 213 of the UNHCR WASH Manual).

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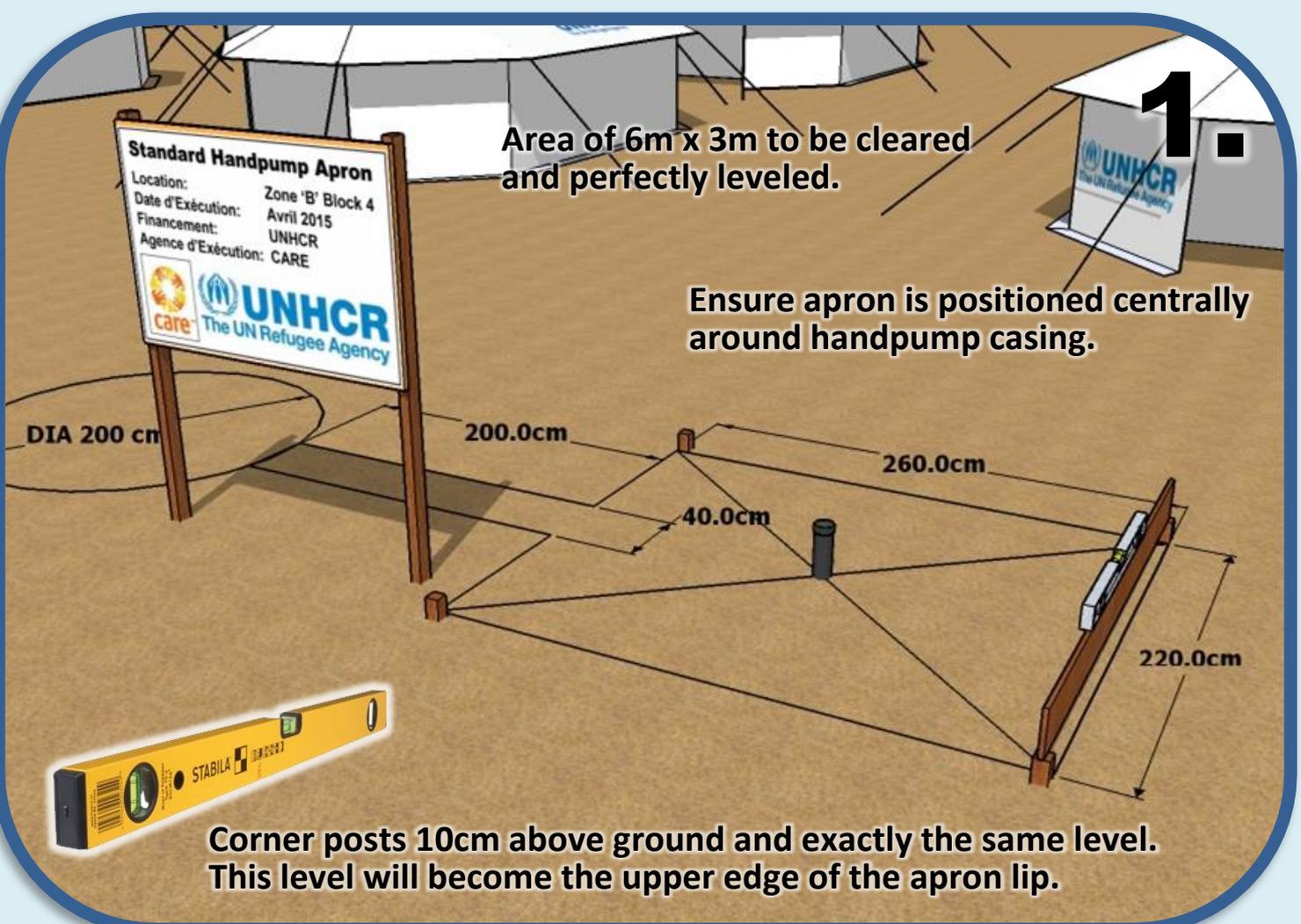




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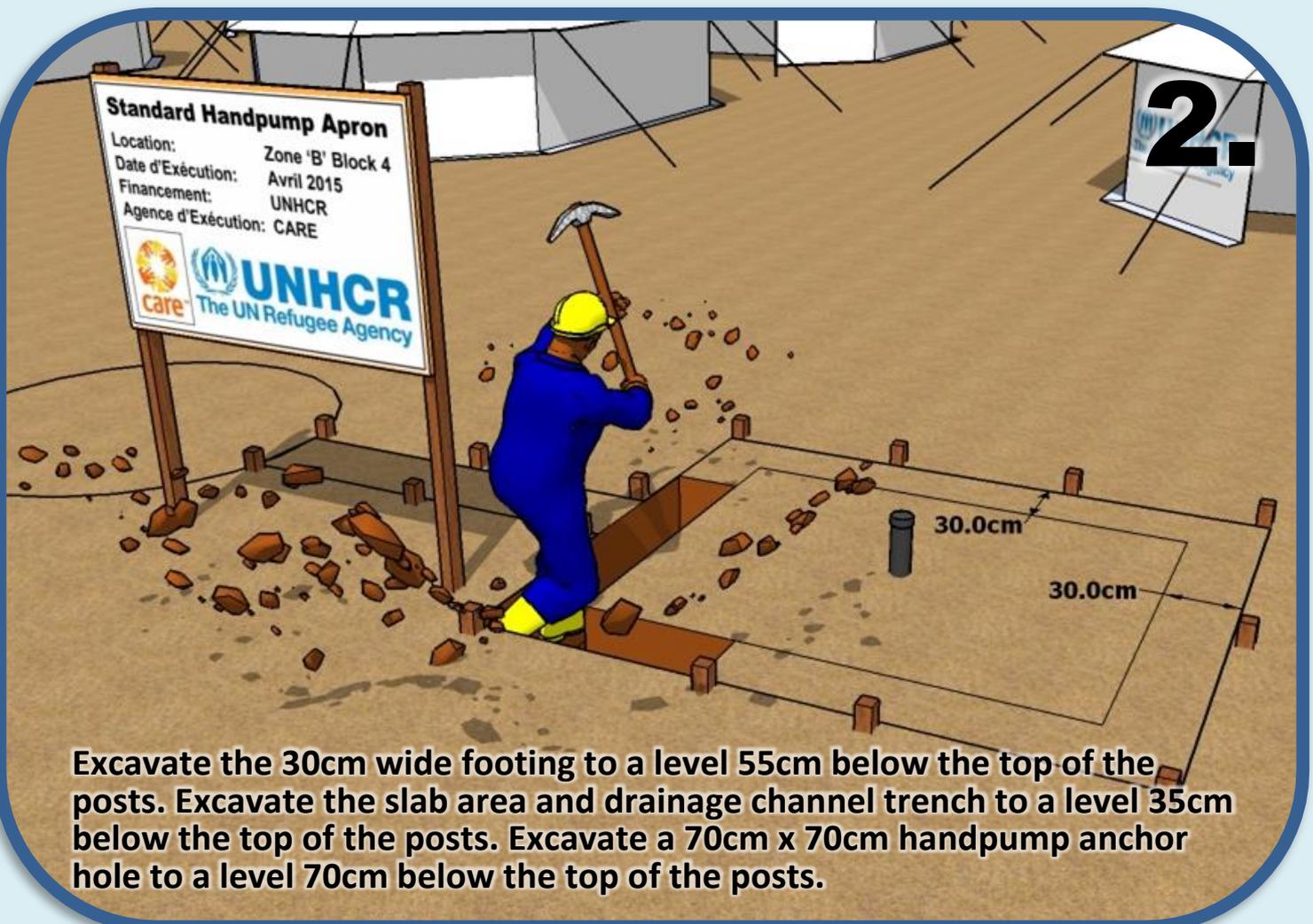
Area of 6m x 3m to be cleared and perfectly leveled.

Ensure apron is positioned centrally around handpump casing.

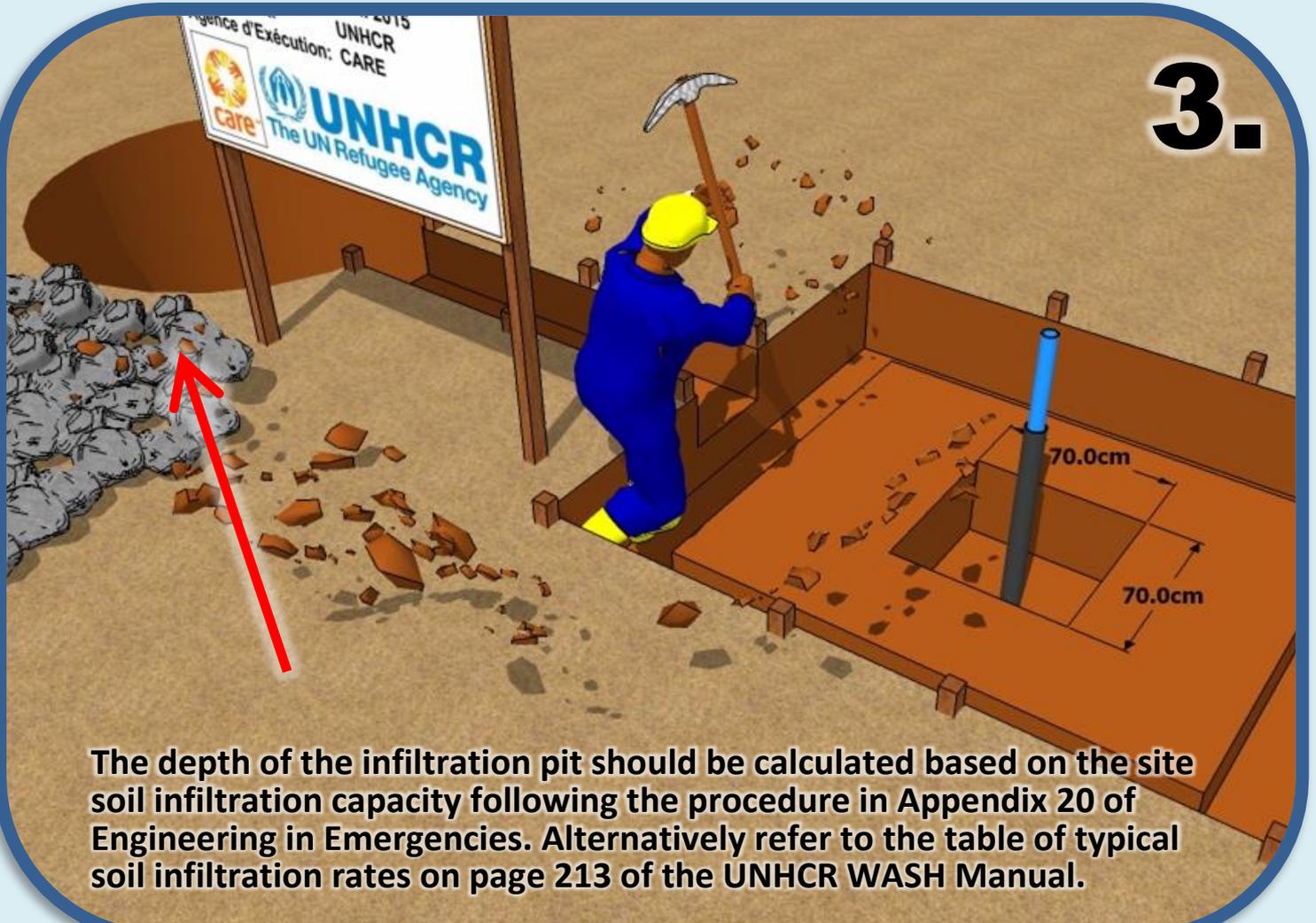


Corner posts 10cm above ground and exactly the same level. This level will become the upper edge of the apron lip.

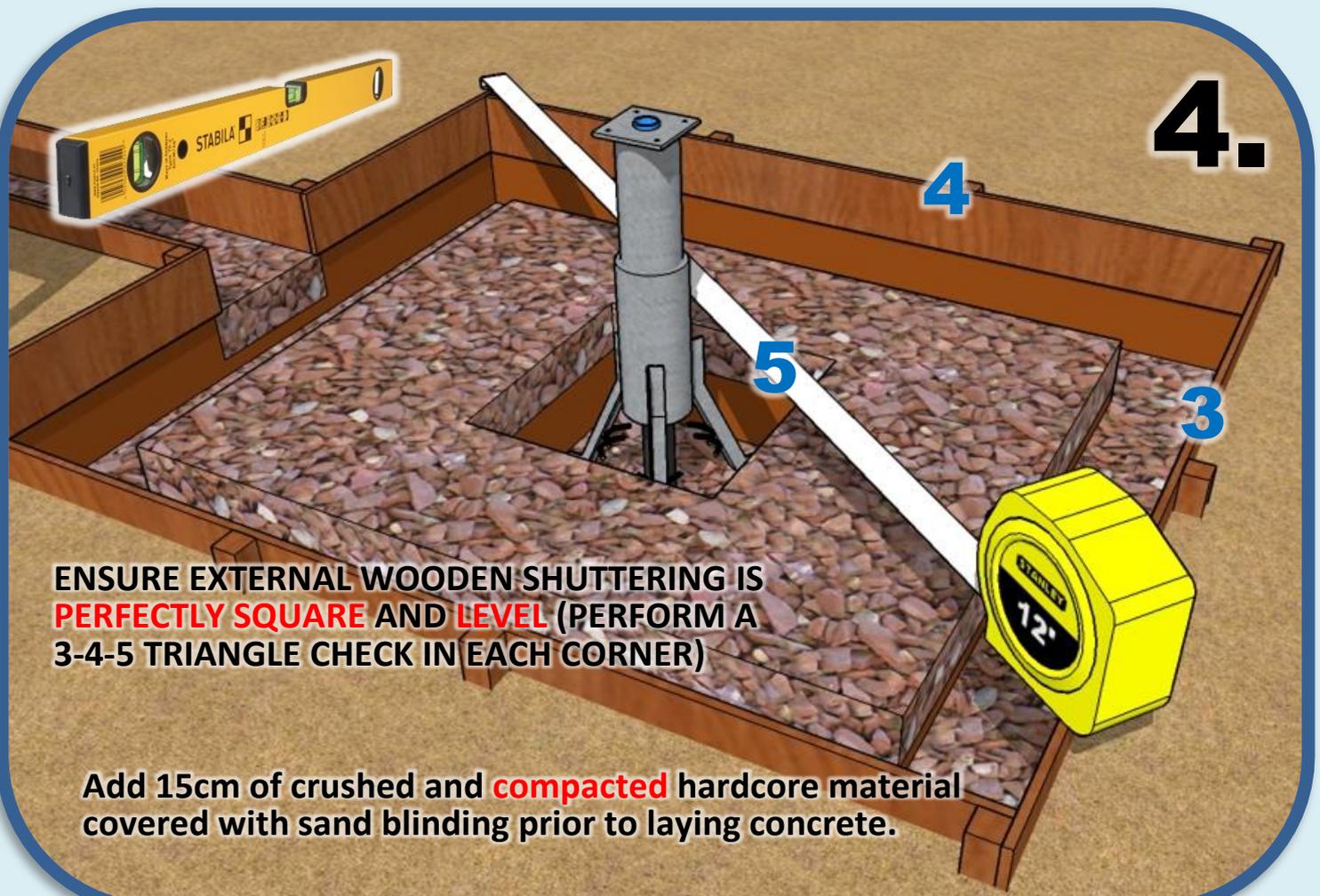
# 2.



Excavate the 30cm wide footing to a level 55cm below the top of the posts. Excavate the slab area and drainage channel trench to a level 35cm below the top of the posts. Excavate a 70cm x 70cm handpump anchor hole to a level 70cm below the top of the posts.



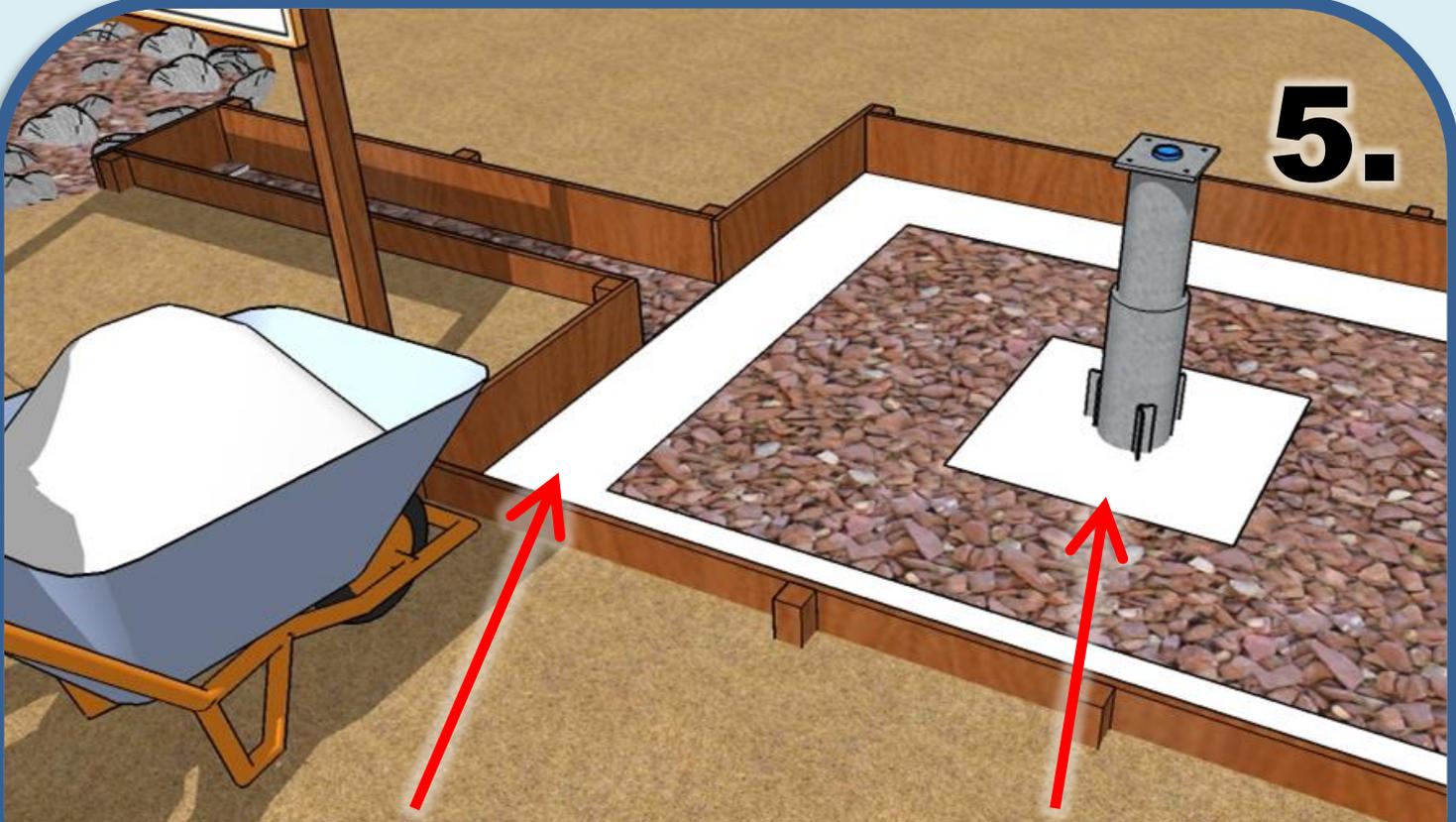
The depth of the infiltration pit should be calculated based on the site soil infiltration capacity following the procedure in Appendix 20 of Engineering in Emergencies. Alternatively refer to the table of typical soil infiltration rates on page 213 of the UNHCR WASH Manual.



ENSURE EXTERNAL WOODEN SHUTTERING IS **PERFECTLY SQUARE** AND **LEVEL** (PERFORM A 3-4-5 TRIANGLE CHECK IN EACH CORNER)

Add 15cm of crushed and **compacted** hardcore material covered with sand blinding prior to laying concrete.

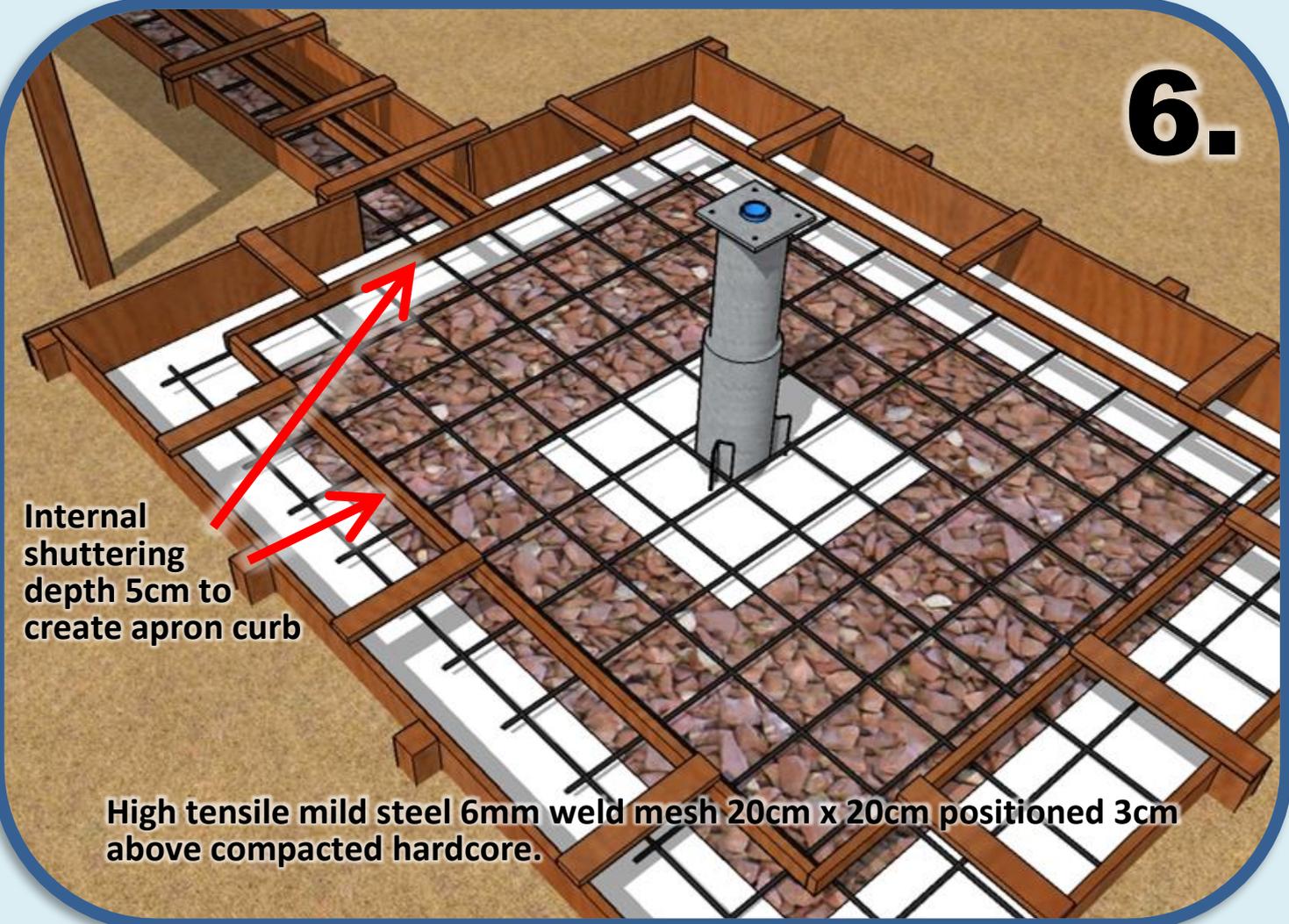
**5.**



0.50m<sup>3</sup> footing concrete 20cm thick  
(1:3:6 cement dosage 240 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

0.18m<sup>3</sup> concrete anchor 35cm thick  
(1:3:6 cement dosage 240 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

**6.**



Internal shuttering depth 5cm to create apron curb

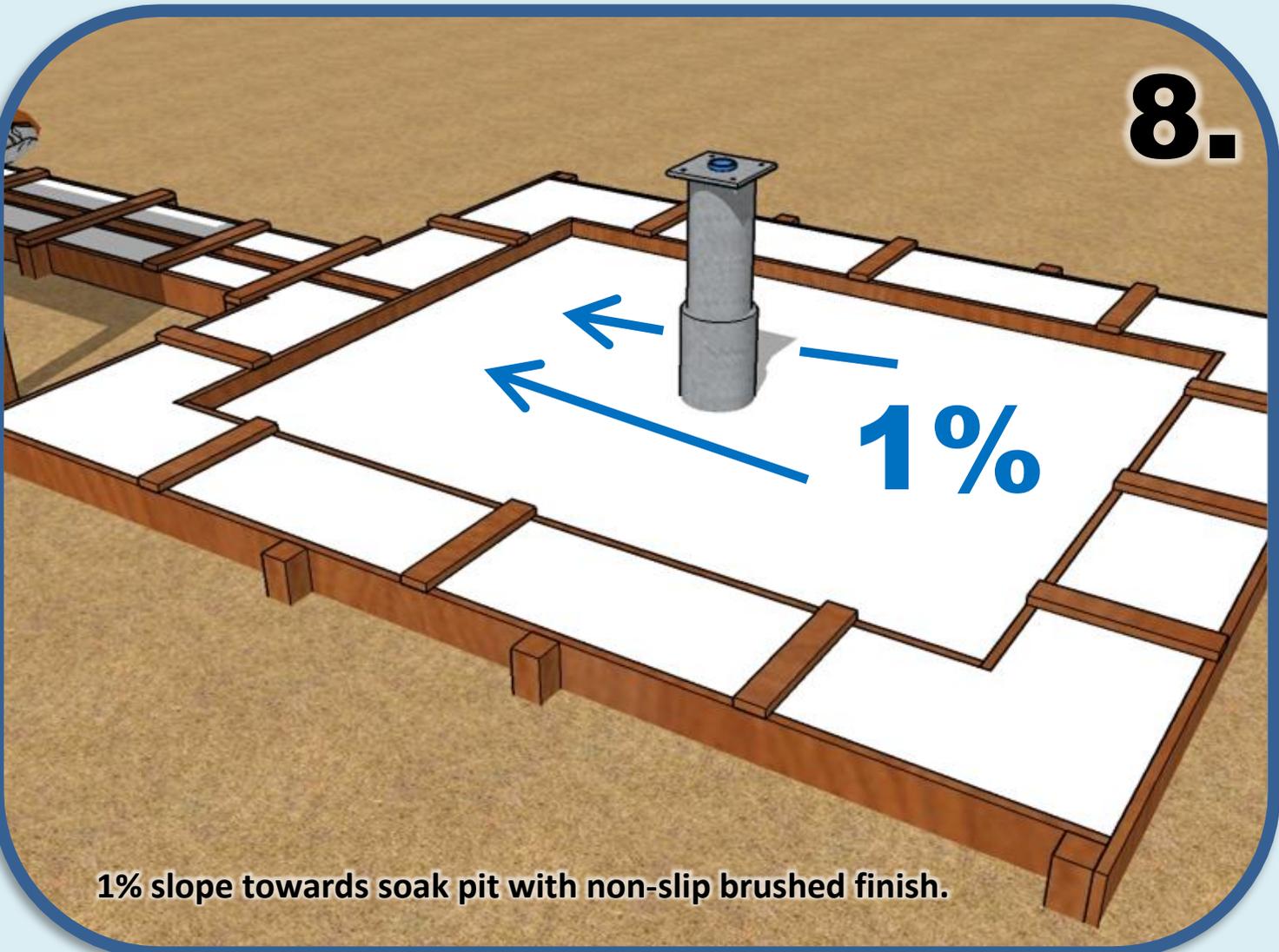
High tensile mild steel 6mm weld mesh 20cm x 20cm positioned 3cm above compacted hardcore.

**7.**

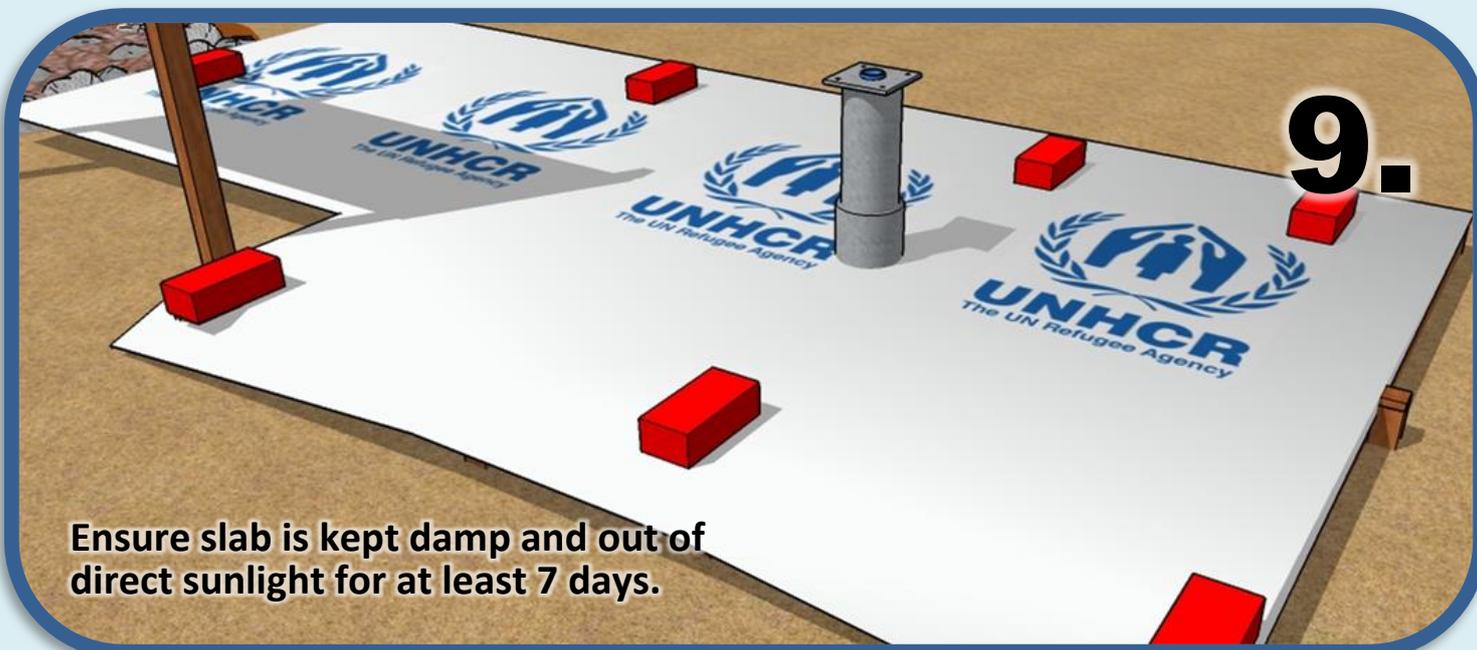


1.1m<sup>3</sup> concrete 15cm thick slab with 20cm thick side curbs (1:2:4 cement dosage 320 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

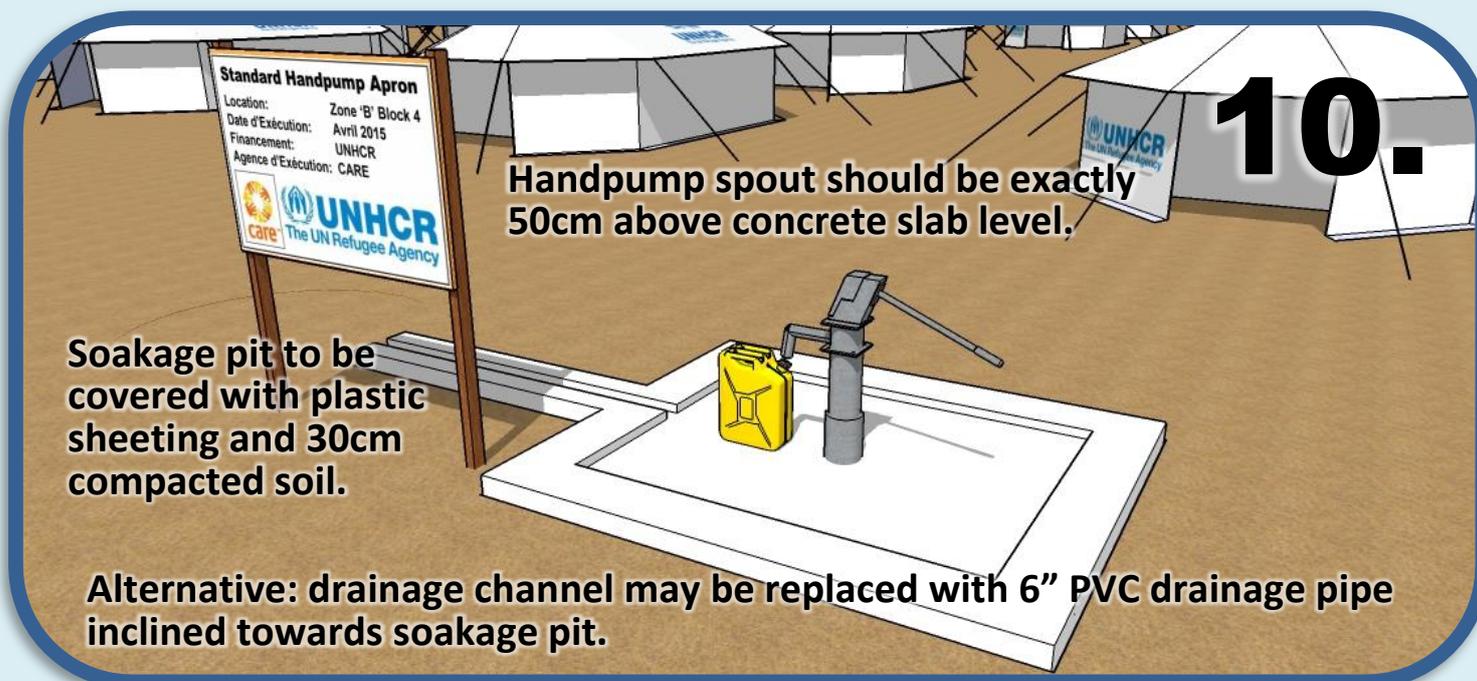
**8.**



1% slope towards soak pit with non-slip brushed finish.



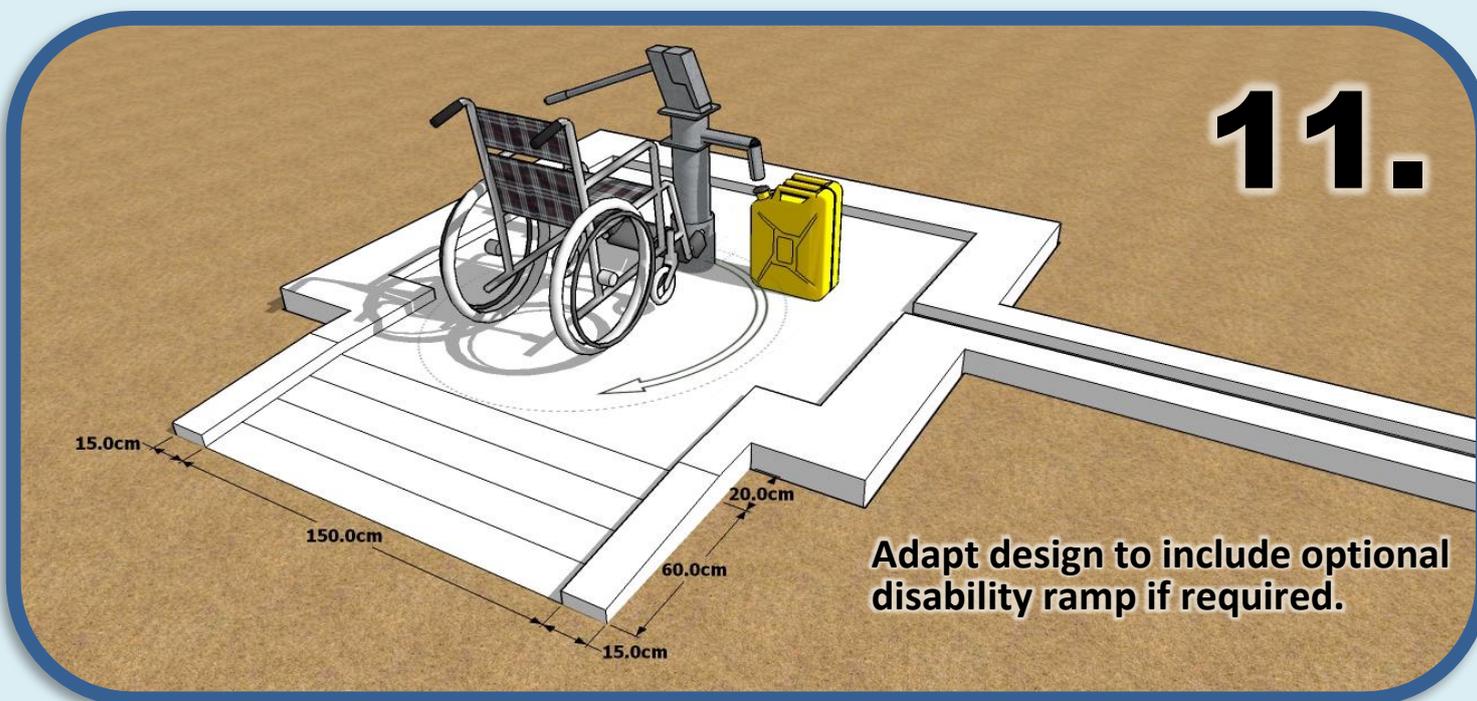
Ensure slab is kept damp and out of direct sunlight for at least 7 days.



Handpump spout should be exactly 50cm above concrete slab level.

Soakage pit to be covered with plastic sheeting and 30cm compacted soil.

Alternative: drainage channel may be replaced with 6" PVC drainage pipe inclined towards soakage pit.



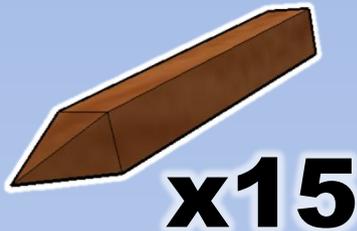
Adapt design to include optional disability ramp if required.

## BILL OF QUANTITIES

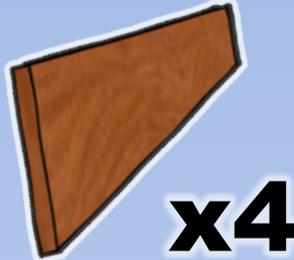
Description	QTY
Wooden Posts (65cm x 5cm x 5cm)	15 pcs
Wooden Planks (4m x 20cm x 2.5cm)	4 pcs
Wooden Planks (4m x 5cm x 2.5cm)	5 pcs
Nails (6cm Galvanized)	1 kg
High Tensile Steel Weld-Mesh Ø6mm 20cm x 20cm	10 m <sup>2</sup>
Plastic Sheeting	10 m <sup>2</sup>
Complete Handpump Assembly	1 pc
Coarse Sand	0.9 m <sup>3</sup>
Coarse Gravel (6mm – 10mm)	1.5 m <sup>3</sup>
Cement (50kg sacks)	10 sacks
Compacted Hardcore Sub-Base	1.5 m <sup>3</sup>

# Bill of Quantities

1. *Wooden Posts (pc)*  
5cm x 5cm x 65cm



2. *Wooden Planks (pc)*  
2.5cm x 20cm x 4m



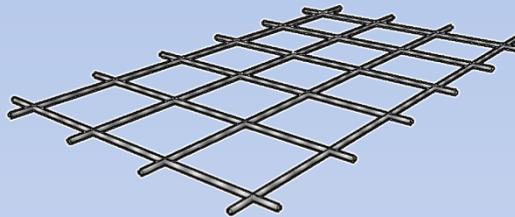
3. *Wooden Planks (pc)*  
2.5cm x 5cm x 4m



4. *Nails 6cm (kg)*



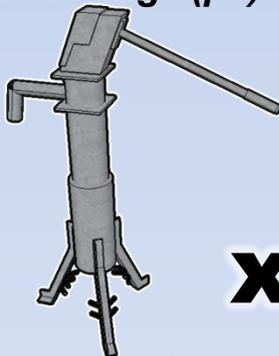
5. *Steel Weld-Mesh*  
6mmØ x 20cm x 20cm



6. *Plastic Sheeting*



7. *Handpump Assembly and Fittings (pc)*



8. *Cement 50kg (sacks)*



9. *Sand (m3)*



10. *Gravel (m3)*



11. *Compacted Hardcore Sub-Base (m3)*



## **SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN REFUGEE SETTINGS**

### **300 SCOPE**

300.1 These design guidelines specifically define the quality of materials and workmanship to be used when constructing water supply related infrastructure in refugee settings. A description of principles of water supply programmes in refugee settings, in addition to technical options and their advantages and disadvantages, can be found in the UNHCR WASH Manual.

### **301 SITE SELECTION**

301.1 A basic requirement is that the site selected for water supply related infrastructure is free from the risk of high winds, flooding, subsidence, or erosion.

### **302 PREVENTION OF SURFACE OR GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION**

302.1 UNHCR and WASH actors must ensure that all water supply related infrastructure including treatment systems and soakaway systems do not contaminate surface water or shallow groundwater sources. Risks are generally low and related to contamination from water treatment chemicals, water treatment by-products and sludges and contamination from wastewater.

302.2 All tapstands, or other water collection and usage points, should be equipped with adequately designed soakage systems located at least 30 metres away from groundwater sources. The bottom of any pit or soakaway must be at least 1.5m above the highest average groundwater table level. These distances should be increased for fissured rocks and limestone.

302.3 In some situations temporary groundwater contamination from on-site soakage systems may not be of immediate concern if the groundwater is non-potable. An example of this can be found in areas where groundwater is heavily saline beyond drinking water health limits of  $1,500\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}^2$ . In all cases, local legislation should be respected.

### **303 SPECIFICATIONS OF COMMON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

303.1 Gravel used for constructing concrete footings and slabs must be clean and free from mud, dust and plant material. UNHCR and WASH actors must ensure that only aggregates between 6mm and 10mm are used to prevent inter granular crack propagation across load bearing concrete structures (e.g. tapstand floor slabs, water reservoir roof slabs, and columns used in reinforced concrete water towers) and to ensure an adequate covering of steel reinforcement bars.

303.2 Sand used for water supply related concrete works should be coarse (no fines), clean and free from mud, dust and plant material.

- 303.3 Water should be non-saline and free from organic matter.
- 303.4 Cement must be fresh (manufactured in the last three months) dry, and should be stored in a safe, dry, place at least 15cm off the ground. Mass concrete footings should be cast with a 1:3:6 concrete mixture with a minimum cement dosage of 240 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Concrete slabs and drainage channels should be cast as single continuous structures using a 1:2:4 concrete mixture with a minimum cement dosage of 320kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Care should be taken to ensure that concrete mixtures are not over watered (bucket slump test should show no greater than ¼ reduction in the slump height). Cast concrete works should be immediately covered with plastic sheeting, straw, cement bags, sacking or leaves to keep the concrete moist and cool during the full curing period. The concrete should be cured with frequent watering at least twice daily for at least 10 days before use.
- 303.5 Reinforcement bars should be free from rust and of the correct type and size for concrete construction work (typically a characteristic yield stress of at least 210 N/mm<sup>2</sup>). Steel reinforcement should be placed as per the designs (to ensure the bars function correctly in tension) with at least 12mm concrete covering under every bar.

## 304 SOAKAGE PIT SIZING BASED ON SOIL INFILTRATION RATES

- 304.1 The sizing of soakage pits, trenches and drain fields is dependent upon local site soil infiltration rates, the number of users and the quantity of waste water that is expected to be generated per person. Soakage pit dimensions should be determined by on-site soil infiltration tests (see Appendix 20 of Engineering in Emergencies. Alternatively refer to the table of typical soil infiltration rates on page 213 of the UNHCR WASH Manual). Soakage pits for wastewater from showers or septic tanks are likely to be much bigger than those for wastage from tapstands (see table below). In some cases communal shower blocks and septic tank installations may require drain fields rather than soakage pits.

	Clean Water (litres/m <sup>2</sup> /day)	Wastewater (Sewage and Sullage) (litres/m <sup>2</sup> /day)
Sand	720 – 2,400	33 - 50
Sandy Loam	480 – 720	24
Silt Loam	240 - 480	18
Clay Loam	120 - 240	8
Clay	24 - 120	Unsuitable

Source: Engineering in Emergencies (RedR, 2010)

## 305 SLOPES FOR WATER COLLECTION POINTS AND DRAINAGE CHANNELS

- 305.1 All water collection surfaces and drainage channels should be inclined to ensure that there is no standing water at water points. In general a slope

of 1% should be sufficient to ensure that the water is gradually evacuated towards soakage pits.

## 306 SURFACE FINISHES AT PUBLIC WATER COLLECTION POINTS

306.1 All concrete surfaces at water collection points should be given a non-slip finish (the surfaces should be lightly brushed with a yard brush before the surface has cured) to ensure safe access by all users including the elderly, pregnant women, disabled users and small children. The surface should be sufficient to facilitate cleaning while also preventing slipping.

## 307 UNHCR STANDARD DESIGNS FOR WATER SUPPLY

307.1 The following drawings should be used in conjunction with these technical design guidelines.

D-300/2015a	Emergency Tapstand (Wooden Pallets) with Drainage
D-301/2015a	Tapstand Design with Drainage (Rectangular Concrete)
D-302/2015a	Handpump Apron with Drainage (Rectangular Concrete)
D-303/2015a	Hand Dug Well Apron (Circular Concrete) with Drainage
D-304/2015a	Borehole Design (Fractured Rock)
D-305/2015a	Borehole Design (Alluvial Aquifer)
D-306/2015a	Emergency Raised Water Platform (Sandbags)
D-307/2015a	Emergency Raised Water Platform (Concrete Rings)
D-308/2015a	Emergency Raised Water Platform (Corrugated Steel Rings)
D-309/2015a	Elevated Tower (Reinforced Concrete)

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