

## CCCM Cluster

### Guidelines for the Fire Safety in Formal and Informal Settlements

- 1- Cluster Members need to ensure a Fire Assessment conducted either by existing civil defence, technical staff with knowledge in the safety field or an independent consultant whether NGO or individual<sup>1</sup>. The Fire Assessment should consider the below points:
  - a. Type of fire extinguishers needed, Size, how many and Information about whether to be provided by tent, block or at the camp- management level and why. Also, assessment should take into consideration other means of firefighting like sand and water hoses stations.
  - b. Number of fire breakers required for each camp keeping in mind the standards of 50 meters for each 300 meters.
  - c. The distance between shelters considering the type of the shelters and maintaining the minimum standards.
  - d. Assembly points
  - e. Emergency exists (doors or run away paths) in case the camps have fences.
  - f. Advise on the roads access for fire fighting vehicles.
- 2- Making sure that the community is engaged into this process by selecting young people and community leaders.
- 3- Composing committees for firefighting and first aid. You can have one committee which function both. The committee(s) should receive a proper training from specialized team. The committee tasks should include the below:
  - a. Intervene in putting down a fire or stop the expansion of fire till fire brigade arrive.
  - b. Guiding the IDPs to the assembly points.
  - c. Providing first aid interventions to wounded people.
  - d. Help elderly people and children.
- 4- Conduct awareness sessions related to fire safety and dissemination of [awareness materials](#)<sup>2</sup>.

*Further details can be found on Camp Coordination Camp Management and Protection of Persons of Concern Manuals*

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<sup>1</sup> Please make sure to document any cost related to this activity i.e. if you hire an individual contractor you need to have the contract and other admin paperwork.

<sup>2</sup> This is considered as one of the good practices collected from other operations.