

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Shelter Cluster Technical Working Group – Site planning

Background

Transitional sites are considered planned t-shelters (transitional shelter) camps built in private or public land as a transitional solution. Transitional sites differ from spontaneous camps; the first are planned and built at a secondary state of the emergency; the second are not planned and have been developing since the first stages of the emergency.

The number of planned transitional sites in Haiti is increasing. The total quantity of transitional sites doesn't seem to be significant at this stage but there seems to be currently an increase in the number of sites. Municipalities are starting to be more proactive in the search of public land as a solution to decongest existing spontaneous camps that are usually located in private land (at risk for evictions) or in public open spaces (squares, sport fields and others).

The Shelter cluster has been approached by shelter partners to raise the need of site planning technical support.

Objectives

To provide technical support to requesting Agencies and Municipalities by:

1. Defining appropriate design criterias for Haiti context.
2. Providing specific design solutions in the form of recommendations and sketches while ensuring best practices and the use of minimum standards.
3. Encouraging the application of minimum standards.
4. Raising awareness on best practices and use of standards.
5. Reflecting on emergency/transitional vs development/permanent resettlement standards and best practices.

Organisations involved

- CCCM
- Habitat for Humanity
- CBM
- Cordaid