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Settlement of Displaced Populations
What is a Refugee?

Refugee

• Fear of persecution
• Outside Country of National origin
• Unwilling or unable to return home
What is an Internally Displaced Person?

• Persons who, for different reasons, have been compelled to leave their home

• May be living outside their country but not legally regarded as refugees
Settlements
As A Last Choice

Disadvantages of Settlements
• Long Term
• Health problems
• Security Issues
• Logistics Issues
• Political Problems
• Impact on Local Community
• Looting of Properties

Options
• Shelter in place or on site
• Shelter with friends or family
• Hotels
• Mobile Feeding/Outreach
Site Selection Issues

- Ownership/rental
- Insurance
- No Good Sites
- Access
- Environmental Issue
- Cross-cultural
- Security
Criteria For Camp Selection

- Water
- Topography
- Surface Area
- Security and Protection
- Accessibility
- Environmental
- Soil Conditions
- Social/Cultural
Camp Management
“Running a Small City”

1. Administration
2. Site Planning
3. Reception & Screening Systems
4. Distribution & Logistics Systems
5. Administration Systems
6. Staffing
Administrative Components of Settlements

• Administration
• Health
• Food and nutrition
• Water
• Sanitation
• Social services
• Security issues
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Administration

- Coordination – Internal Functions
- External Coordination
- Media
- Staffing/Personnel
- Security
Health Programs

• Immediate Trauma Care
• Vaccination Campaigns
• Maternity Reproductive Health
• Disease Surveillance & Control
• Health Information
• Child Care
Water Programs

- Water treatment
- Water Distribution
- Water Systems – Repair, Installation, Promotion
Sanitation Programs

- Latrine Installation & promotion
- Solid Waste Clean up
- Drainage & Standing Water
- Vector Control
Shelter Operations

- Temporary Shelters
- Rehab Damaged Shelters
- Home Water Supply
- Kitchen Supplies
- Clothing/Blankets
- Soap
Food & Nutrition

- General Food
- Vulnerable Groups
- Supplemental & Therapeutic Feeding
- Surveillance
- Food Security
Logistics Operations

- Warehousing
- Supply Chain
- Transportation
Social Services

- Education
- Trauma Counseling
- Child Care/Orphans
- Religious
- Sports
Security Issues

- Open/Closed Camp
- Perimeter Security
- Internal Security
- Lighting
- Staff/Resident Identification
- Camp Regulations
- Access denied areas
3.3 SITE AND SHELTER PROBLEMS

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10 Problems with emergency sites, camps, and shelters

1. No resources for site and shelter
2. Conflicts about location, priorities, and design
3. Exposure to elements while waiting for materials
4. Difficult site conditions
5. Short term solutions to long term problems
6. Constant site work
7. Different shelter types/strategies in same location
8. Overcrowding, spread of disease
9. Rape
10. Failure to build or occupy emergency shelter
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