IOM REFUGEE SHELTER ASSISTANCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

THE CONFLICT AND DROUGHT DISPLACED REFUGEES ARRIVING IN DADAAB AND DOLLO ADO FROM SOMALIA FOUND NO PROPER SHELTERS AND MOST LIVED UNDER TREES OR IN STRUCTURES COVERED BY POLYTHENE PAPER OR CLOTHES. THEY ALSO HAD NO ACCESS TO PROPER SANITATION FACILITIES.

Refugee Camps in Kenya and Ethiopia are currently overcrowded as conflict and drought displaced Somalis continue to migrate in search of a safe haven. IOM is coordinating and setting up emergency shelters at the Ifo 2 East Camp in Dadaab Kenya, to help provide decent shelters for the displaced Somalis.

The Dadaab Refugee Camp which was planned to accommodate 90,000 people now accommodates over 450,000 refugees in four locations: Hagadera Camp, Dagahaley Camp, Ifo and Ifo Extension Camps. An average of 14,753 displaced Somalis continue to arrive in Dadaab every month.

In August 2011, IOM and UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding that saw IOM take up site planning and preparations which included plotting of the Ifo 2 East Camp site to allow for the setting up of emergency shelters that would accommodate the arriving refugees.

IOM has finished to set up phase one of the shelters at the Ifo 2 East Camp on a 360 hectares piece of land. By December 14 2012, the shelter team managed to pitch a total of 8,315 tents. The Ifo 2 East Camp is well planned and allows partner agencies to provide essential water and sanitation services to the refugees in an organized and coordinated manner. It also enhances the protection of these refugees.

In 2010, IOM constructed transitional shelters at the Ifo Camp. The shelters were constructed using Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks (ISSB) technology.

ISSB technology is less expensive and allows for on-site construction as most of the materials needed are available on site. The technology reduces the use of cement mortar needed between the block joints due to their interlocking mechanism and leaves a neat glossy finish to the walls.

IOM has finished phase one of the emergency shelter construction and has set up 8,315 shelters. The process included:

- Site planning
- Site demarcation
- The actual set up of the tents

IOM hired 57 local man power to demarcate and set up the emergency shelters. The team worked in a group of five SEVEN people to finish all the 8,315 shelters.
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WE ASSIST:
- Irregular migrants
- Trafficked persons

IOM constructed these permanent shelters in Dadaab using the ISSB technology.