**WatSan and Health NFI’s**

**Overview and guidelines**

In addition to water supply, sanitation, and health support, people affected by crisis also need certain non-food items (NFIs) for their immediate survival and eventual recovery. To increase the efficiency and the effectiveness of our emergency response, a standard **Household Kit** containing the most essential relief items was developed by Relief in consultation with Logistics and other technical departments. Following multi-sectoral discussion and consultation with various Red Cross Red Crescent WatSan and Health stakeholders, the Federation has decided to reduce the number of standard WatSan and Health NFIs stocked for distribution in the early phase of disasters and limit the contents of the Household Kit to water storage and soap.

Timely delivery of NFIs is essential. However, it is critical that recipients have a say in the items distributed and this consultation process should be conducted prior to procurement and distribution. While it is expected that this will result in delays of delivery of certain items which are not considered necessary for immediate survival, it is hoped that this will ensure that health and hygiene NFIs will be more appropriate to beneficiary needs by allowing WatSan and Health technicians to first engage the population in direct discussion about their situation and desires as well as time to train them in the proper use of those items.

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| **Household Kits (Emergency Relief Items Catalogue Code: KRELHOUSKA or KRELHOUSKB** | | |
| **Catalogue Code** | **Description** | **Qty** |
| [APACBOXSPHHK](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=APACBOXSPHHK&from=kit) | BOX, heavy duty, plastic, for the household kit | 1 |
| [EELELAMPTORR](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=EELELAMPTORR&from=kit) | LAMP, TORCH/FM-RADIO, rechargeable, with tel.charger | 1 |
| [HCONBUCKP14L](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=HCONBUCKP14L&from=kit) | BUCKET, plastic, 14L with clip cover and 50mm outlet | 1 |
| [HCONJCANPF10](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=HCONJCANPF10&from=kit) | JERRYCAN, foldable,10L, food grade plastic,screw cap | 1 |
| [HHYGSOAP100G](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=HHYGSOAP100G&from=kit) | SOAP, body soap, 100g, piece | 13 |
| [HHYGSOAP200G](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=HHYGSOAP200G&from=kit) | SOAP, laundry soap, 200g, piece | 2 |
| [HSHEBLANPMT1](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=HSHEBLANPMT1&from=kit) | BLANKET, SYNTHETIC, 1.5x2m, medium thermal | 3 |
| [HSHEROPE12PB](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=HSHEROPE12PB&from=kit) | ROPE, POLYPROPYLENE, black, diam. 12mm, twisted | 20 m |
| [HSHETARPW406](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=HSHETARPW406&from=kit) | TARPAULINS, woven plastic, 4 x 6 m, white/white, piece | 1 |
| [KRELCOOSETA](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=KRELCOOSETA&from=kit) | KITCHEN SET familly of 5 persons, type "A" | 1 or 0 |
| [KRELCOOSETB](http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/detail.aspx?itemcode=KRELCOOSETB&from=kit) | KITCHEN SET familly of 5 persons, type "B" | 0 or 1 |

Please note that the only WatSan and Health items included in the Household Kit, as per Sphere guidelines, are soap and water storage containers[[1]](#footnote-1). Hygiene kits will no longer be stocked or automatically distributed by relief teams. Some regions and countries will maintain stocks of hygiene parcels that have been determined suitable for their target populations. However, the WatSan and Health teams’ role in training remains essential in these locations.

In line with Sphere guidelines, it is the responsibility of the WatSan and Health focal points (FACT, RDRT, NDRT, ERU, or delegate) to determine the needs of the target population through direct discussion with them and to ensure that beneficiaries receive training in the use of these items, particularly the more complex items like household water treatment. Relief teams will maintain responsibility for distribution.

**WatSan and Health Role in NFI Distribution**

**Before Distribution**

* Identification of target population
* Identification of needs based on direct discussion with a variety of members of the target population
* Determination of NFIs, if any, required in addition to those included in the Household Kit (see below)
* Verification that NFIs (particularly household water treatment products) function in this context
* Work with Logistics to procure those items
* Ensure RC RC Volunteers are capable of training beneficiaries in NFI use

**During Distribution**

* Hygiene promotion including training beneficiaries in NFI use

**After Distribution**

* Household visits to monitor use of items, address population concerns

Depending on context and beneficiary desires, additional hygiene items may be necessary and it is now the responsibility of the WatSan and Health teams to request these items from Logistics. The Federation has developed a framework agreement for the following items which will allow for rapid assembly and dispatch of NFI packages customized to the target population.

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| **Additional Hygiene NFIs to be considered** | |
| **Catalogue Code** | **Description** |
| HHYGPERSPADN | HYGIENIC PADS, normal |
| HHYGDIAPWA01 | DIAPER, washable |
| HHYGDIAPWACO | DIAPER COVER, pants, reusable |
| HHYGPERSRAZO | RAZOR, disposable |
| HHYGPERSTO73 | BATH TOWEL, small, 100% cotton, 70x30cm |
| HHYGPERSTOBR | TOOTH BRUSH, medium |
| HHYGPERSTOP1 | TOOTH PASTE, tube 75 ml |
| HHYGSHAMB250 | SHAMPOO, for baby, 250ml |
| HHYGSHAMN250 | SHAMPOO, 250 ml |
| HHYGTOILPAPR | TOILET, paper, hygienic, roll |
| WASDVASD0010 | WATER PURIFICATION AGENT, for 10L of water (Watermaker or PUR) |
| WASDCHLA0040T | CHLORINE, 40mg (NaDCC 67mg), for 10L water, 1 tablet |
| HSHEMNET2S or HSHEMNETRL | MOSQUITO NET, LLIN, circular, dble bed, d:1050cm, H:220cm or MOSQUITO NET, LLIN, rectangular large 160 x 180 x 150cm |
| MMRECONDM or MMRECONDF or KMEDKREP101A or KMEDKREP101B | CONDOM, MALE or CONDOM, FEMALE or RHK, SET, CONDOM, MALE, PHC 10000 per./ 3 mon, sbk.1A or RHK, SET, CONDOM, FEMALE, PHC 10000 per./ 3mo., sbk.1B |

Additional health and hygiene items are available in the Emergency Relief Items Catalogue: <http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue/>

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1. Sphere states: “All women and girls of menstruating age are provided with appropriate materials for menstrual hygiene following consultation with the affected population”. However, as the Household Kit may be distributed prior to community consultation it was not included. Menstrual hygiene should be addressed as soon as possible [↑](#footnote-ref-1)