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Key Resources Humanitarian Aid

Humanitarian Aid General

The Sphere Handbook. Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response. New Edition
The Sphere (2018)

The 2018 Sphere Handbook builds on the latest developments and learning in the humanitarian sector. Among the improvements of the new edition, readers will find a stronger focus on the role of local authorities and communities as actors of their own recovery. Guidance on context analysis to apply the standards has also been strengthened. New standards have also been developed, informed by recent practice and learning, such as WASH and healthcare settings in disease outbreaks, security of tenure in shelter and settlement, and palliative care in health. Different ways to deliver or enable assistance, including cash-based assistance, are also integrated into the Handbook.

https://medbox.org/document/the-sphere-handbook-humanitarian-charter-and-minimum-standards-in-humanitarian-response-new-edition

Available as interactive Version and in different languages
https://www.spherestandards.org/handbook-2018/

The Johns Hopkins and Red Cross Red Crescent Public Health Guide in Emergencies
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (2008)

2nd edition. Essential guideline for humanitarian assistance

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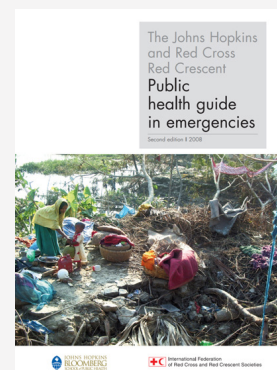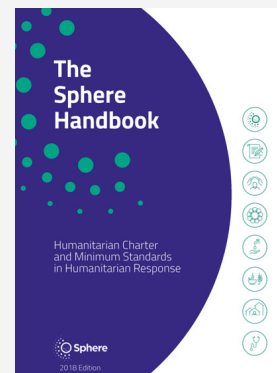
Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action (CPMS)
Child Protection Working Group (2019)

The Child Protection handbook provides a synthesis of good practice and learning and enables better advocacy and communication on child protection risks, needs and responses. Standards addressing child protection needs cover core work areas and critical issues. Those addressing strategy relate to case management, community-based child protection, child-friendly spaces and protection of excluded children. A fourth set of standards gives guidance on how workers in other sectors can ensure that their programmes are accessible and beneficial to children. DOCUMENT ALSO AVAILABLE IN: Arabic, Chinese, French, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu

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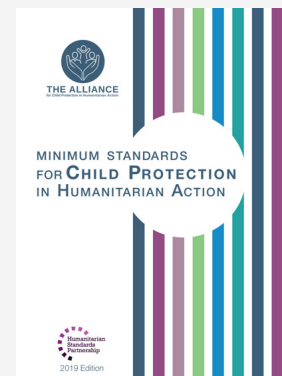
The Interagency Emergency Health Kit 2017
World Health Organization WHO (2019)

Interagency Guidelines; Medicines and medical devices for 10 000 people for approximately three months.

https://medbox.org/document/the-interagency-emergency-health-kit-2017
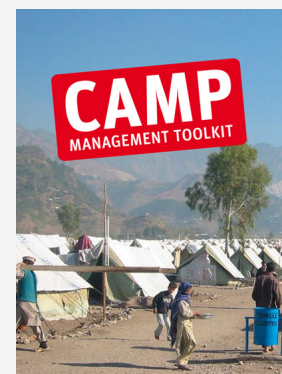
The Camp Management Toolkit
Nina M. Birkeland, Gunhild Louise Forselv, Veit Vogel, et al. NRC/The Camp Management Project (CMP) (2008)

https://medbox.org/document/the-camp-managment-toolkit

More information and documents you can find in MEDBOX Category Humanitarian Aid.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Worth of Water. Technical briefs on health, water and sanitation
Pickford, J. (1991)

Brings together a series of short, highly illustrated introductions to many of the main technologies and processes in the field of village and community level water and sanitation, ranging from household water storage to public standposts.
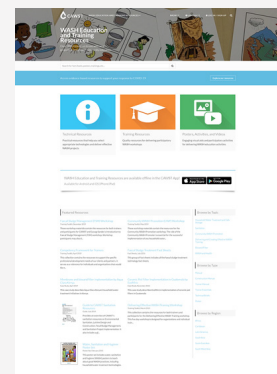
https://practicalactionpublishing.com/book/2465/worth-of-water
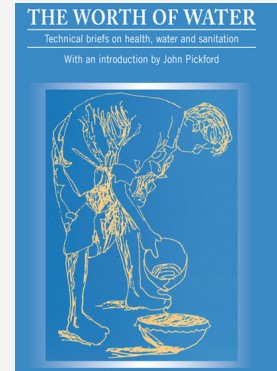
WASH Education and Training Resources
World Health Organization

Over 3000 resources to use with your projects, training, and community education in different languages

https://resources.cawst.org/

How to build a Tippy Tap?
Tippy Tap; Watershed Management Group; Grampari (2014)

Want to build a tippy tap? Want to teach someone else how to? Here is a graphical manual that works for both literate and illiterate populations.

https://medbox.org/document/how-to-build-a-tippy-tap

You can download posters & videos in different languages here:
https://www.tippytap.org/the-tippy-tap

Standard Precautions: Hand Hygiene. Online Course
OPEN WHO (2019)

Most health care-associated infections are preventable through good hand hygiene – cleaning hands at the right times and in the right way. The WHO Guidelines on hand hygiene in health care support hand hygiene promotion and improvement in health care facilities worldwide and are complemented by the WHO multimodal hand hygiene improvement strategy, the guide to implementation, and implementation toolkit, which contain many ready-to-use practical tools. This module has been prepared to help summarize the WHO guidelines on hand hygiene, associated tools and ideas for effective implementation.

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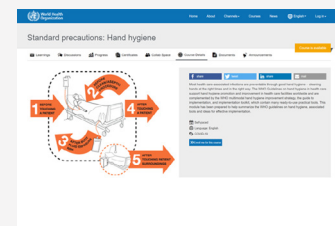
Built a Latrine

How to Construct Five Cabin Latrine
Global Water (2015)

https://medbox.org/document/how-to-construct-five-cabin-latrine

Simple Pit latrines
Reed, B.; B. Skinner, and R. Shaw (2013)

Pit latrines are one of the oldest forms of sanitation, and for many people today they are still the most appropriate. Pit latrines are simple to construct, can be built using local materials and local technologies. They are relatively cheap, easy to operate and maintain and, if properly used with suitable handwashing facilities, can help prevent the spread of many excreta-related diseases.

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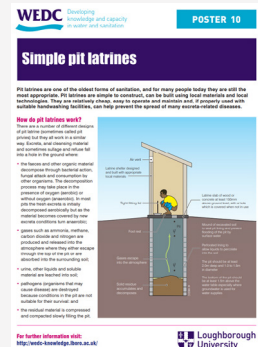
Please find further documents on WASH, Hand Hygiene; Hygiene Promotion; Waste Management, Infection Control and Construction Plans to build a latrine here.

Waste Management

Best Practices in Water and Sanitation
Dennis Warner, and Christopher Seremet (2008)

https://medbox.org/document/best-practices-in-water-and-sanitation

Standard precautions: Waste management. Online Course
Open WHO (2019)

In this course, you will learn about the different categories of waste and the process for waste management. Health care waste includes all waste generated by health, research and laboratory facilities in the course of providing health care services. Health care waste in a facility should be managed from point of generation to final disposal and removal.

https://openwho.org/courses/IPC-WM-EN

Safe Management of Wastes from Health-Care Activities, 2nd. ed
World Health Organization WHO (2014)

https://medbox.org/document/safe-management-of-wastes-from-health-care-activities-2nd-ed

Cholera

Posters for the Prevention & Control of Cholera
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC (2020)

These posters can be used to help educate people about good hygiene practices, methods for disinfecting water, and caring for family members who may be at risk of contracting cholera. They are designed for all audiences and the graphics have been made regionally specific.

https://www.cdc.gov/cholera/posters.html#hygiene

How to prevent Cholera
Hesperian (2016)

The Cholera Fact Sheet is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, French, and Haitian Kreyol. This heavily-illustrated, easy-to-read handout provides information for preventing, diagnosing and treating cholera with limited resources. It offers instructions for purifying drinking water and preparing a rehydration drink at home. Available in different languages.

https://medbox.org/document/how-to-prevent-cholera

Cholera Prevention Video
Scientific Animation without Borders SAWBO (2016)

Cholera is an intestinal infection caused by bacteria known as Vibrio cholerae. The main symptoms of this disease are diarrhea and vomiting. Transmission of cholera primarily occurs by consumption of contaminated food or drinking water. In the video, which can be used on smart phones, we describe several techniques that can be used to help prevent cholera, including methods of treating water, washing of hands, and seeking medical advice if/when one has the symptoms of cholera You can download more than 40 Languages i.e. Arabic; Farsi, Hausa, Igbo, Krio,Lingala, French.

https://medbox.org/document/cholera-prevention-video

Cholera Introduction Online Course
Open WHO (2019)

Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by ingestion of contaminated water or food. This course provides a general introduction to cholera and is intended for personnel responding to outbreaks in complex emergencies or in settings where the basic environmental infrastructures have been damaged or destroyed. It includes materials that can be accessed in English and Hausa.

https://medbox.org/document/cholera-introduction-englishportuguesearabic-aarbhausa

Cholera: Revised cholera kits and calculation tool. Online Course
Open WHO (2018)

The Cholera Kit is designed to be flexible and adaptable for preparedness and outbreak response in different contexts. The overall Cholera Kit is made up of an Investigation Kit, Laboratory materials, 3 Treatment Kits (community, periphery and central) and a Hardware Kit. The Treatment and Hardware Kits are each composed of individual modules. Each of the kits and modules can be ordered independently based on field need. To support orders, a Cholera Kit Calculation Tool was developed.

https://medbox.org/document/cholera-revised-cholera-kits-and-calculation-tool

More information you can find in the CHOLERA TOOLBOX.

Mental Health

Emerging Practices: Mental health and psychosocial support in refugee operations during the COVID-19 pandemic
UN High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR (2020)

This document presents a brief overview of how UNHCR adapts its activities for mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to the changing context of the pandemic. Staff of UNHCR and partners, in country offices in all regions of the world, have developed innovative field practices to continue providing essential MHPSS services to refugees. The examples in this document are testimony to the commitment and creativity of our staff and can serve as inspiration and encouragement for others to continue integrating MHPSS in the humanitarian work during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

https://medbox.org/document/emerging-practices-mental-health-and-psychoso-cial-support-in-refugee-operations-during-the-covid-19-pandemic

IASC Guidelines on Mental and Psychological Support in Health Emergency Settings
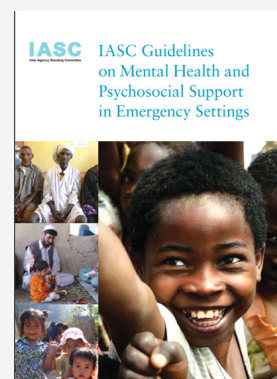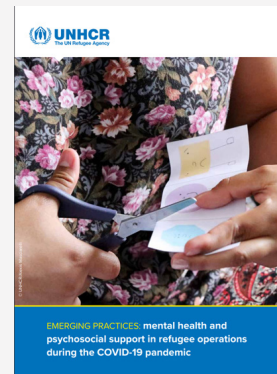*Inter-Agency Standing Committee IASC (2007)*

Specific action sheets offer useful guidance on mental health and psychosocial support, and cover the following areas: Coordination, Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation, Protection and Human Rights Standards, Human Resources, Community Mobilisation and Support, Health Services, Education, Dissemination of Information, Food Security and Nutrition, Shelter and Site Planning and Water and Sanitation.
The Guidelines include a matrix, with guidance for emergency planning, actions to be taken in the early stages of an emergency and comprehensive responses needed in the recovery and rehabilitation phases.

https://medbox.org/document/iasc-guidelines-for-mental-health-and-psychosocial-sup-port-in-emergency-settings

More information you can find in the MENTAL HEALTH TOOLBOX.