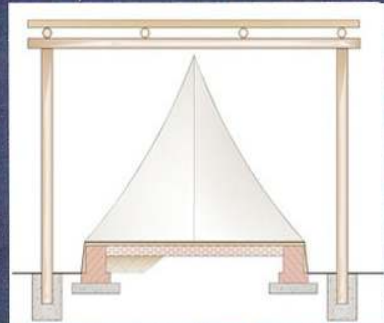
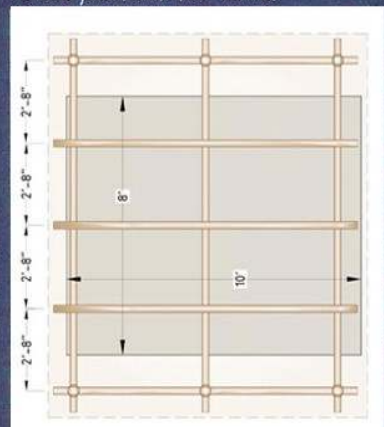




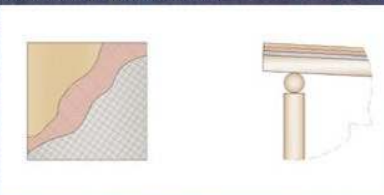
Side Elevation of roof cover & raised platform for tents.



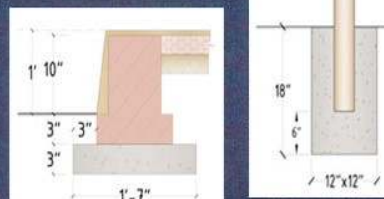
Front Elevation of roof cover & raised platform for tents.



Plan showing raised platform & roof structure above tent.



Roof Detail: cover with matting and mud leepai.



Foundation Details: tent platform (left), Bamboo founds (right).

TENT PLATFORM AND ROOF COVER

Report

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INTRODUCTION

During the last few days, as we have consulted with various friends in Pakistan and abroad, our strategy is now being crystallized. It is clear that, faced with enormous odds and dispersed population in camps as well as in various localities, conducting a focused program is likely to be more beneficial to the community. It also seems worthwhile to start in one camp where it might be possible to achieve demonstration effect leading to replication in other camps

Accordingly, four key areas have been selected for interventions by KaravanPakistan. These interventions will be carried out by volunteers consisting of university students or professionals representing different fields. It will be our endeavour to engage as many of the camp residents as possible to achieve results. Among the most important objectives is to make the residents self reliant and to engage them in productive activities as well as camp improvement programmes so that they could live with dignity in a situation which is beyond their control.

The areas of focus are as follows:

1. Environmental Improvement & Construction Focus Team

The team will provide guidance and supervision to camp residents for construction of tent platforms, light roof cover (chappar) over tents, small household kitchens and wash spaces, rain water drainage arrangement. Volunteers are expected to have a background of architecture, civil engineering and/or surveying. Karavan Pakistan's experience in Earthquake 2005 affected area will be used in the utilization of vernacular techniques and local materials to provide low-cost structures. In this effort the assistance provided by Heritage Foundation's Karachi office and Chattar Base Camp, and M/s Amin Tariq Associates, structural consultants, is gratefully acknowledged.

2. WASH Focus Team for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

This team will concentrate on the following: Provision of clean drinking water through the use of water purifying tablets as well as promotion of SODIS-sunlight treated drinking water; emphasis on garbage collection and clean environment by working with teams of residents

for cleanliness; and ensuring that toilets are clean. Workshops will be conducted for hygiene, and general cleanliness etc. Volunteers are expected to be university students with a background of sociology and social mobilization. For this and the following section, input in devising the programme by Swiss Pakistan Society is gratefully acknowledged.

3. Women's Focus Team

This team will be responsible for delivery of packs containing sanitary napkins, soap, tooth paste and tooth brushes etc.; conducting adult literacy classes, and making arrangements for enabling women residents to use sewing machines in camp community centres for stitching clothes, which can also become a source of income. Recreational activities for women of all ages consisting of board games and interaction in community centres will be encouraged. If lady doctor volunteers could be motivated, immeasurable service can be provided to women with gynecological issues. Volunteers for this team are expected to be women university students and lady doctors.

We believe that mobilizing volunteers is essential to reach out to the displaced families, particularly women and children, in order to engage them in recreational & productive pastimes.

4. Children's Focus Team

The team will be engaged in organizing sports activities, art and painting workshops, skits and plays workshops, promoting writing and reading and organizing children's plays etc. These activities are important in order to keep children engaged in productive pastimes. For this section, input from Heritage Foundation members and Sports Manager KPT is gratefully acknowledged. Volunteers are expected to have a background of sports, fine arts, theatre and love of children.

SETTING UP VOLUNTEERS CAMP

KaravanPakistan Volunteers Camp is being set up at Sheikh Shahzad Camp, Mardan. Assistance is needed for setting up the camp in the form of transport, board and lodging costs of volunteers, camp running costs, provision of telephone and computer. Any help provided will be gratefully received and acknowledged in a mutually agreed manner.