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Setting Up Community Care Centres in Refugee Camps

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UNHCR Mpox Response – Overview



- Strengthened surveillance and reporting
- Support to laboratory capacity
- Strengthening case management and IPC
- Reinforcing water supply systems
- Handwashing facilities & hygiene kits
- Enhanced waste management
- **Establishing temporary centres/quarantine facilities**
- **Community engagement to reduce stigma**



Why Community Care Centres?

- Home isolation not feasible in camps
- High risk of transmission due to overcrowding
- Psychosocial distress and stigma issues

Core Principles

- Voluntary, informed admission
- Gender-responsive spaces
- Strong IPC/WASH systems
- Continuous community engagement



Setting up Centres (UNHCR Refugee camps)



- Joint site assessments
- Repurposed structures
- Dedicated WASH and waste systems
- Staffing incl. CHWs

CHW Roles & Lessons

- Health education
- Psychosocial support
- Feedback collection
- Early community engagement critical

