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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AMG- African Mission Global

GBMs- Green Building Materials

IDMC- Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

IOM- International Organization for Migration

LAWMA- Lagos State Waste Management Authority

OCHA- Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

OHCHR- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

UNHCR- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

NCFRMI- National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons

MSU- Maintenance Support Unit

ABSTRACT

Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp is a secured shelter for the protection and provision of displaced persons' needs before moving back home. These people abandoned or left their homes due to conflict, war or violence within their locality. This traumatic experience of losing their abode makes them vulnerable to health challenges and diseases. This study aims to investigate Green Building Materials for the design and construction of camps to improve the quality of health of the displaced persons. The objectives are to; ascertain the extent to which green building materials specifications are used in an IDP camp, examine the health benefits of green building materials used in the IDP camp, analyse the physical architectural characteristics of the IDP camp and design a healthy, cost-effective and sustainable IDP camp in Lagos, Nigeria. A review of relevant literature identified Green Building Materials; their purposes and health benefits, IDP camps; their health issues and the benefits of applying green building materials for the design. The research methodology employed for this research work was focused on the indicated research objectives. A mixed research approach which is qualitative and quantitative was adopted, and case studies were executed on selected IDP Camps in Nigeria with emphasis on the physical architectural characteristics of their facilities. Questionnaires were administered to 400 IDPs in the selected camps to examine the application of green building materials in the design of the camps and their health benefits on the occupants. An observation guide was used to analyse the physical architectural characteristics of the selected IDP camps. An interview was conducted with the camp manager and a volunteer teacher at African Mission Global IDP camp and New Kuchingoro IDP camp respectively to identify the common health challenges at the camp while the architect that designed Igando Emergency Relief/Resettlement camp was interviewed to identify the considerations for the design of an IDP camp to achieve a sustainable design. The findings revealed that tarpaulin, plywood, aluminium nails, corrugated zinc sheets and cement bags were used for construction by the IDPs in the New Kuchingoro IDP camp. Thatch, Timber, tent flex, screed, and corrugated zinc roofing sheets were primarily used for construction by the IDPs in AMG IDP camp and Stretcher bond block laying was used for the conventional construction of some facilities. Generally, the conventional construction method was applied in Iganthe do Emergency Relief/Resettlement camp with the use of concrete, emulsion paint, ceramic tiles, gypsum board, wood panels and corrugated zinc roofing sheets. The IDPs in AMG IDP and Igando Emergency Relief/Resettlement camp enjoy comfort and improved health whereas those in the New Kuchingoro IDP camp experience poor living conditions due to low-quality building materials. The IDPs in the three IDP camps chose blue, cream, ash and pink colours for the proposed design facilities. This study concludes that green building materials such as wood, zinc sheets, emulsion paint and ceramic tiles have positive impacts on human health which makes them suitable for a sustainable IDP camp design.

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