ANNEX 3    Planning and Setting Up the Isolation Area

Checklist: Supplies for a Changing Room

Storage Outside the Changing Room:

1. Shelf or cabinet with lock
2. Supply of clean scrub suits, gowns, aprons, gloves, masks, headcovering, and eyewear
3. Covered shelf for storing disinfected boots
4. Bucket for collecting non-infectious waste

Inside the Changing Room:

1. Hooks, nails, or hangers for hanging reusable gowns, scrub suits
2. Roll of plastic tape
3. Handwashing supplies: bucket or pan, clean water, soap, one-use towels
4. Bucket or pan, 1:100 bleach solution for disinfecting gloved hands
5. Container with soapy water for collecting discarded gloves
6. Container with soapy water for collecting used instruments to be sterilized*
7. Container with soapy water for collecting reusable gowns, masks, sheets to launder*

*Place outside the changing room if the changing room is too small

If large amounts of waste on floor:

Sprayer, bucket or shallow pan with 1:100 bleach solution for disinfecting boots

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Checklist: Supplies for Patient Area

1. 1 bed with clean mattress or sleeping mat and at least a bottom sheet and blanket for each bed

2. Plastic sheeting to cover mattress or sleeping mat

3. 1 thermometer, 1 stethoscope, and 1 blood pressure cuff for each patient or for each patient area

4. 1 puncture-resistant container for collecting non-reusable needles, syringes, and discarded sharp instruments

5. 1 bedside table or shelf

6. 1 large wall clock with a second hand

7. Pan with 1:100 bleach solution or alcohol and one-use towels for disinfecting the thermometer and stethoscope between use with each patient

8. Bucket or pan, 1:100 bleach solution, one-use towels for disinfecting gloved hands between patients

9. Supplies for disinfecting patient excreta (bedpan, urinal, 1:10 bleach solution)

10. Sprayer, 1:100 bleach solution, clear water, and mop for disinfecting spills on floor and walls

11. Container with soapy water for collecting discarded gloves

12. Screens (or sheets hung from ropes or lines) placed between VHF patients’ beds

13. Extra supply of gowns and gloves

14. Container for collecting infectious waste to be burned
Use the grid on the next page to draw the layout of an isolation area in your own health facility. Be sure to include:

- Area for patient isolation
- Changing room for health care workers to use for changing clothes
- Area for cleaning and laundering VHF-contaminated supplies
- Changing area for cleaning staff who handle VHF-contaminated waste but who do not do direct patient-care activities.
Planning Grid: Layout for Isolation Area in Your Health Facility