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Following a review by the two packing teams we have made some changes to current practice. So if you are doing some packing already or are interested to start please note.

1. On advice from Bishop Hilkiyah we no longer send dedicated boxes to individual parishes. Bishop Hilkiyah will ensure that *all* parishes are included in the handouts.
2. Golden rule: We are sending goods in love. How would you feel receiving this particular item? Would you wear or use it? If not, don't send it! Use jumble to raise funds for transportation.
3. We will from now on only take in goods in boxes (Diocesan guidelines on health and safety).
4. Equipment you need for packing:
 - lidded boxes (apple, bananas, peppers or baked potatoes)
 - pieces of carton (i.e. cereal packets) to cover any holes in the boxes
 - rough contents lists – loosely fastened to the top of the box.
5. For type of items to send see leaflet.
6. *Not allowed* to send: underwear, luxury items (i.e. shampoo, body lotion; soap is o.k.), liquids, medicines, mercury, food, inflammable or corrosive items (including batteries), pressurised containers (i.e. spray cans etc.).
7. We have decided *not* to send: felt tip pens (dry out too quickly) and any electrical items (apart from computers capable of running Microsoft 98 and above – St Thomas packing team only).
8. Books: we will send bibles and bible reading notes only. Other books only, if somebody who has experience with books in Mara specifically tells us, yes that is o.k. to send.
9. Any new items need to be taken out of its original packaging (we are not supposed to send new things – custom regulations).
10. Please have separate boxes for men's clothes, ladies' and children's, bedding and household goods. When sorting make sure that clothes are clean, in good repair and suitable for a hot climate.
11. For paper and stationary use baby banana boxes or smaller A4 boxes as used for 5 reams of copying paper: the full sized boxes full of paper become very heavy and difficult to handle.
12. If sending sewing machines: manual ones with bobbins only (no shuttles)
13. When taking boxes to the packing teams, please send a cheque made out to WDBF – Faith in Action to Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP, FAO Mrs Joanne Arnold. It cost £ 8 - £10 to send one apple / banana box to Mara.

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