Ensuring the safety and protection of persons with disabilities including mine survivors in situations of risk

Initiatives in Uganda, Afghanistan and Colombia

Introduction

- What are the risks faced by persons with disabilities including mine survivors?
- The additional risks for women and girls with disabilities
- The policies of three countries, women and men with disabilities including mine survivors, and existing documentation.
- Focus on Disaster Risk Management: pre, during, and post disaster



Gestión Inclusiva del Riesgo de Desastres en Discapacidad y Adulto Mayor



Source: Red Discapacidad y Desastres http://desastresydiscapacidad.net

In the words of mine survivors...

 "The main risks we face are violence from armed conflict, flooding and landslides. But those most at risk are the ones who live close to the river, who are also those displaced by conflict, and many of them are persons with disabilities. They live in irregular settlements."

• "Women and girls with disabilities are at higher risk of sexual abuse, including in shelters. They also face sexual harassment in exchange of food."

 Mine survivors in rural areas face additional barriers because of lack of accessible transportation, poor services and insufficient attention from local authorities to facilitate our protection in the many situations of emergency we face."



- National Policy for Disaster Preparedness and Management 2011: community awareness, food and non-food items, ensuring all government instances and local governments are equipped for disaster preparedness and response.
- Gender and disability in cross-cutting principles: gender analysis, inclusion in disaster preparedeness and decision-making processes.



The National Policy For Disaster Preparedness And Management

> DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

> > APRIL 2011

Uganda

- Examples of measures that contribute to the safety and protection of persons with disabilities including survivors
 - Accessible communications.
 - Immediate evacuations for persons with disabilities.
 - Consultations of organisations of persons with disabilities.



Picture 3: The facilitator holding an FGD at Nametsi in Bukalasi Sub - count



- Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy 2018: mentions the need to include persons with disabilities
- National Disability Action Plan: Area of work on Humanitarian Assistance, to ensure clear actions and engage mainstream stakeholders. Examples:

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Afghanistan Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reductio (SEDDD)

November, 2018

State Ministry of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affair (SMDM) Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA

- Improve efforts to collect data on existing barriers,
- Encourage stakeholders in DRM and humanitarian assistance to incorporate accessibility throghout their actions,
- Facilitate coordination.

Afghanistan

- Examples of measures taken by stakeholders
 - Support victims of floods, including those with disabilities.
 - Community-based disaster risk management.
 - Facilitate the participation of persons with disabilities including mine survivors in the Disability Strategy.



Colombia

- National Disaster Risk Management that incorporates an intersectional approach recognizing diversity.
- Specific law recognizes certain groups as subjects of special protection
- Examples of measures
 - Mine survivors receive information on how to acces their rights in the framework of the *Comprehensive Referral System*
 - In situations of emergencies, OACP provides information and referral services for mine survivors (ex. COVID-19 and landslide)



Actions that contribute to the safety and protection of persons with disabilities including mine survivors

- **1. Mention disability and some accessibility measures** in Risk Management Policies and Strategies.
- 2. Include Humanitarian Assistance and DRM in the National Disability Plan, with clear objectives and actions.
- **3. Victim Assistance Unit** as a referral service for mine survivors.

To reach more persons with disabilities including survivors...

- Involve persons with disabilities and mine survivors.
- Ensure the availability of **sufficient data**.
- Allocate a specific **budget for accessibility**.
- Train stakeholders at community level and ensure the relevant knowledge and resources are available in high risk areas.
- Create accessible tools to raise awareness on risks.
- Monitor and evaluate provincial and district level activities on disaster risk management and humanitarian assistance.

Twin track approach applied to Action 40

Specific initiatives to ensure persons with disabilities including mine survivors know their rights and are empowered to participate in safety and protection policies and programmes



Mainstream safety and protection policies and programmes that ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities including mine survivors



Photo of video by CBM India, available in the website of the Disability and Disaster Risk Reduction Network at https://www.didrrn.net

Considerations on the role of VA experts and coordination mechanisms

- 1. Encourage the disaggregation of data and assess the current situation and the needs of persons with disabilities.
- 2. Facilitate the participation of persons with disabilities, including mine survivors, in all stages on DRM and humanitarian assistance.
- 3. Raise awareness on existing accessibility and gender guidelines and coordiante with relevant authorities and main stakeholders working in DRM and humanitarian assistance.
- 4. Include DRM and Humanitarian Assistance in National Disability Plans
- 5. Monitor and report on progress and challenges.

Spotlight on key publications





Inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action 39 examples of field practices, and learnings from 20 countries, for all phases of humanitarian response





Disability Inclusive Community Based Disaster Risk Management

A toolkit for practice in South Asia Technical Resources Division October 2012

SP/PG 01 HANDICAP

WONEN'S Building Capacity for Disability Inclusion in Gender-Based Violence Programming in Humanitarian Settings A Toolkit for GBV Practitioners



DG ECHO Operational Guidance

The Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in EU-funded Humanitarian Aid Operations





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DIRECTIVES DU COMITE PERMANENT INTERORGANISATIONS (CPI) RIPOSTE À LA COVID-19 : MESSAGES CLÉS SUR L'APPLICATION DES LIGNES

DIRECTRICES DU CPI CONCERNANT L'INCLUSION DES PERSONNES HANDICAPÉES DANS L'ACTION HUMANITAIRE

RÉDIGÉS PAR LE GROUPE DE RÉFÉRENCE SUR L'INCLUSION DES PERSONNES HANDICAPÉES SOUS L'ÉGIDE DU GROUPE DE RÉSULTATS 2 DU CPI SUR LA RESPONSABILITE ET L'INCLUSION

La présente note d'orientation élevit les factaises supportibles d'autonar les personnes handcapies à un la presenta dens la cuella de la parellema de COVID-13 et de la reporte à cette parelemie dans la contente humanitaire, et propose des mesures pour répondre à ces risques. Elle c'appué sur les <u>lacres</u> directions du CPI concernant (inclusion des personnes hand-capies dars l'actes homanitairs' et les applique à la pandème de CDVD-19². La présente note d'internation est destruiet aux conditiantes à se in terrains, pas i responsables de comp, son professionnel de suitair publique ente de l'aux pouvernements in terrains, pas i responsables de comp, son professionnel de suitair publique ente de l'aux pouvernements internation de la comp construient de la comp des professionnes de la comp nationaux et locaux et à la communauté humanitaire dans son ensemble, y sompris les organisations de personnes handicapies participant aux prives de décision et à la mise en œuvre des activités plurisectorielles de préparation et de riposte à la CDVID-19 en conteate humanitaire.

Prise an compte de l'intersectionnalité

Les facteurs qui exposent les personnes handicapées à un risque accru dans le cadre de la pandémie de (OV/D-13 persient être exacerbés par l'âge, le genre et le lieu, entre sutres, il est essentiel que la riporte à la COVID 19 envisage les personnes handuigetes dans toute leur diversité, qu'il l'agose d'hommes, de hommes, de gargors et de files, d'anfants, d'adolescents et de personnes ligées touches par différents types de handicape. La réporte doit également tenir compte des personnes handicapés vivant dans differents santaistes hanamitaires, instantment dans les sonns rundes recolein, les bilimilies, les impliantations sanager, les compte d'Austra avviconsements y apparentaite.





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