

Inclusion in Humanitarian Action

Humanitarian actions must benefit all, including women, men, children, older persons marginalised groups and persons with disabilities. Everyone can be affected by emergency situations, however, individuals that belong to most-at-risk groups face higher risks and are disproportionately affected due to a wide range of barriers. The often life-threatening impact on most at risk groups can be attributed to the absence of inclusive perspectives in humanitarian actions.

Facts & figures:



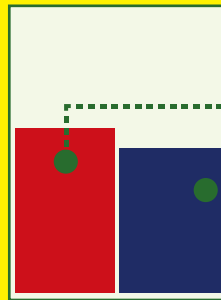
15-20% of the world population are persons with disabilities (WHO, 2011)



75% of those who died in Hurricane Cathrina in the US (2005) were aged 60+ (HelpAge, 2017)



Mortality rates among persons with disabilities were 2-4 times higher compared to those without disabilities during the Great East Japan Earthquake 2011 (Japan Disability Forum, 2011)



63% of persons with disabilities need assistance evacuating in emergencies

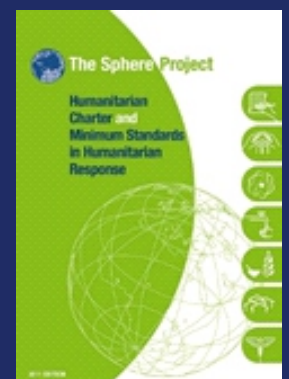
57% of persons with disabilities face barriers accessing disaster risk reduction information (ASB & University of Sydney, 2014)

POLICY & GUIDELINE

"States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters."

- **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 11**

"..ensure that persons with disabilities have access to humanitarian response.. without discrimination.." - **Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action**



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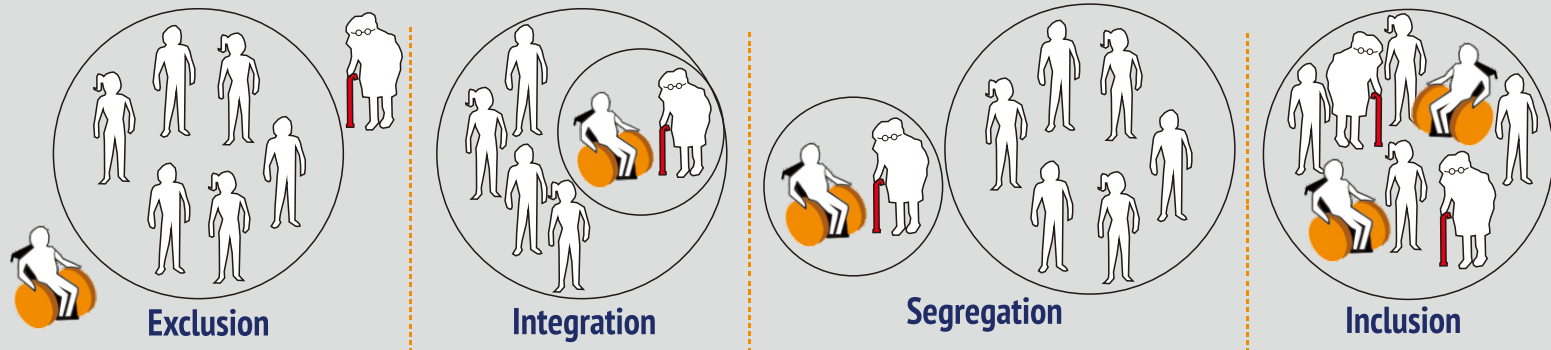
Key messages:

1. Those affected by disaster or conflict have a right to life with dignity and, therefore, a right to assistance.
2. All possible steps should be taken to alleviate human suffering arising out of disaster or conflict.



2030 Agenda
Leave no one behind

DISABILITY = FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION X ENVIRONMENT



Key to inclusion:

- ✓ Awareness
- ✓ Accessibility
- ✓ Empowerment
- ✓ Participation

Disability happens when a person with **functional limitations encounters barriers** which could be one or a combination of the following: physical, environmental, communication and attitudinal barriers.

INCLUSION = ACCESS + PARTICIPATION

Make humanitarian work inclusive

- ☉ Involve most-at-risk groups in all phases of humanitarian action: from initial assessment, to planning, implementation and evaluation
- ☉ Disaggregate data by age, gender and disability (GADDD)
- ☉ Accessibility - ensure persons most-at-risk have access to humanitarian action and related information
- ☉ Priority of protection - not only pertains to physical harm, but also protection against stigma and discrimination
- ☉ Capacity building - encourage meaningful participation and leadership roles of persons with disability

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Nothing about us
without us
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Further info about inclusion

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