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**“The Health Imperative for Safer and Resilient
Communities”**



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People with disabilities are often not identified before, during and after an emergency



Staff and volunteers are often uncertain about how to engage with people with disabilities.



Actively engaging people with disabilities in emergency risk management can significantly reduce their vulnerability and enhance the effectiveness of policies and practices



A guideline is required for health actors working in emergency and disaster risk management at the local, national or international level



WHO - Guidance Note on Disability and Emergency Risk Management for Health



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Principles

- Equality and Non Discrimination
- Accessibility
- Participation and dignity
- Resourcefulness and capacities

3 sections

1. The impact of emergencies on people with disabilities, describes the principles that should underpin practical action related to emergencies. Recognising that disability is a multisectoral issue
2. Outlines the minimum actions required across all sectors/clusters with a specific focus on the contribution of health actors.
3. Focuses on specific disability related actions that can be undertaken by health actors.

Nutrition and food security

- Identify people with disabilities who may be more vulnerable to undernutrition in emergency contexts, and ensure they are targeted in emergency preparedness, including response planning.
- Ensure rations are accessible for people with disabilities. For example create separate queues for people with disabilities.
- Manage malnutrition in people with mobility and feeding difficulties, for example access to supplementary feeding sites.
- Ensure the particular needs of people with disabilities are addressed to ensure access to food and an adequate nutritional status are assessed and addressed in on-going programmes.