

IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

Pacific Consultation Workshop

Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji,

24th and 25th January 2018

Introduction:

In 2016, the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Working Group agreed to establish a Task Team on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action. The Task Team membership spans UN agencies, humanitarian actors, NGOs and organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) and includes Member States as observers. The Task Team is led by three co-chairs: the International Disability Alliance, Handicap International and UNICEF.¹ Further details on the Task Team, including Terms of Reference and Work Plan, can be found on the IASC website:

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-task-team-inclusion-persons-disabilities-humanitarian-action>

The Task Team is mandated to create the IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action between January 2017 and December 2018. The Guidelines will assist humanitarian actors, governments, affected communities and organizations of persons with disabilities to coordinate, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate essential actions that foster the full and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. Guidelines will be based in international legal frameworks – International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law – and drive change in practice across all sectors and in all phases of humanitarian action.

Following a desk review and multi-stakeholder workshop in Geneva, it was decided that the primary target for the Guidelines would be humanitarian actors, including Humanitarian Country Teams, local governments, and then key focal points within the humanitarian architecture (e.g. Inter-agency coordinators; Cluster / Working Group Coordinator; Sector / Sub-Sector Leads). The Guidelines will also target organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) as a key humanitarian stakeholder.

The Guidelines will include an overview of the different roles of policy makers, coordinators, program managers, and other implementers, directing people to more detailed products and / or practice guides for inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action as appropriate. Furthermore, the Guidelines will include both guiding principles and approaches that can be applied to all programs and sectors, as well as more detailed sector-specific guidance.

Objectives:

The Regional Consultation Workshops will seek to:

- Review, discuss and comment on the Guidelines Draft 0
- Review initial draft content and agree on priority areas/key components for the guidelines.
- Obtain feedback from stakeholders on the level of details required for the guidelines to be effective and relevant in the field.
- Collect existing information, promising practices and other relevant information from participants to support the content development of the guidelines.
- Identify how regional humanitarian actors can contribute to later phases of the Guidelines development process, including establishing appropriate feedback mechanisms.

Agenda :

Note: each sessions closing by a plenary feedback will end with clear and agreed recommendations that will be used for the development of the IASC guidelines draft 1

Wednesday – January 24, 2018	Topic
8h45 to 9h00	Arrival of participants and registration
9h00 to 9h45	Welcome ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IASC Co-Chairs - UN Resident Representative - Pacific Disability Forum Introduction to the workshop, background
9h45 to 10h00	Introduction of participants Ground rules Agenda
10h00 to 10h30	Presentation of the draft outline of the IASC Guidelines
10h30 to 11h00	Coffee break
11h00 to 11h45	Review and Feedback on the Guideline Outline: In a plenary participant will share view on: Is the outline reflecting their expectations? Is there any gap, missing chapter/ points to be included?
11h45 to 12h30	Presentation of regional experiences / good practices

12h30-1h30pm	Lunch
1h30pm to 2h30	<p>Review and feedback on draft 0 of the IASC guidelines:</p> <p>Part 1.1.2 : Target Audience</p> <p>Part 1.2.1: Context of the IASC guidelines development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ What are the gaps for inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action that the IASC guidelines should address ➔ What are the opportunities for inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action <p>Part 1.3.2: Risk, barriers and capacity</p> <p>The participants will be requested to share experiences from the region (context , crisis specific and relevant to different types of impairments) that could be used to develop further and illustrate that section.</p>
2h30 to 4h including break	<p>Review and feedbacks on the IASC guidelines</p> <p>Section 1.5: How can persons with disabilities and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities participate effectively in all stages of humanitarian action?</p> <p>How collaboration with and support from humanitarian stakeholders (UN, government, NGO, etc.) can empower, develop leadership and capacity of DPO to contribute to humanitarian action?</p> <p>What are the positive practices from the region?</p> <p>Section 1.6: What are the priority crosscutting issues and transversal themes to be addressed in the pacific context?</p> <p>What are the good practices from the region?</p>
4h to 5h	<p>Agree on list of key points and recommendations to be used for the development of the IASC guidelines draft 1.</p> <p>Closing word – Australia, New Zealand, UN RR, PDF and IASC co-chairs.</p>
Thursday – January 25 th , 2018	
9h00 to 9h30	Welcome participant – repeating ground rules, introduction of new comers and summary of previous day
9h30 to 10h00	Presentation of good practices from the region
9h30 to 10h45	<p>Review and feedback on part 2 : Structure and Format</p> <p>Humanitarian program cycle, timeline framework and needs of different types of actors.</p>

	Type of information / tools to be included
10h45 -11h	Break
11h-11h30	Feedback from group work and discussion
11h30 to 12h30	Introduction of part 3: sector specific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food security and nutrition - Health - Protection - Shelter - Camps management and camp coordination - Water , Sanitation and Hygiene - Education - Inter-Agency coordination
12h30-1h30pm	Lunch
1h30 – 3h	Identification of sector content based on regional practices and experiences. Key questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the defined sub-sector , identify gaps or issues to be removed. - For each sector and sub-sector define key elements to include in the guideline - Identify and provide guidance on the level of details - Identify existing guidelines/ tools for the sector that can be used as reference and provide example - Identify good/ bad practices from the region that could be used for the development/illustration of the sector /sub-sector content.
3h-3h30	break
3h30 to 4h30	Plenary feedback and reaching agreed recommendation to be carried forward for elaboration of the IASC guidelines draft 1.
4h30 to 5h	Next steps and way forward Closing: New Zealand High Commission, UN RR, PDF, Co-Chairs.