IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action:

Call for Concept Notes to Pilot GBV guidance

INTRODUCTION

In 2016, the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Working Group established a Task Team to develop IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action (herein referred to as IASC Disability Guidelines). 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 co-chaired by the International Disability Alliance, Handicap International and UNICEF. 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 development of IASC Disability Guidelines mark a significant step in advancing accountability for the inclusion of persons with disabilities within the inter-agency coordination mechanism. Ensuring non-discrimination requires that such guidelines be gender-sensitive, as well as relevant and appropriate to GBV actors working in humanitarian settings globally.

Towards these efforts, funds from the Australian government have been made available for organizations to pilot a portion of the draft GBV guidance from the IASC Guidelines ¹ in order to demonstrate and document how GBV guidance in the IASC Disability Inclusion Guidelines has been practically applied to support the protection and empowerment of women and girls with disabilities in humanitarian action.

Results drawn from the pilots will serve to:
- Provide feedback towards revising the guidelines
- Serve as case study examples on how humanitarian organizations have practically implemented the guidelines
- Inform training packages that will be developed to support the roll-out of the guidelines

Call for Concept Notes

Organizations are invited to submit a concept note to pilot a portion of the draft GBV guidance containing the following information (see below template):

- A plan of how and which part of the GBV guidance (see attachment a) will be implemented (including context/setting, DPO partnership, activities, and a timeframe (between October and November 2018);

¹ As per the latest draft of the GBV section of the guidelines, GBV specific guidance consists of Must Do Elements to Consider + Guidance Notes and the Role of Stakeholders table.
• A budget not to exceed $26,000 USD;
• A plan to monitor and track progress.

*Any sub-awards/sub-contracts shall be subject to compliance with the Australian government’s grant requirements as well as with the WRC.

Piloting Criteria

Organizations prioritized for selection will be humanitarian with an identified partnership with a disabled people’s organization (DPO). Consideration will be given to organizations implementing guidance at various levels of humanitarian coordination and stages of a humanitarian program cycle, in different types of humanitarian contexts, and/or reflect partnerships with diverse groups.

Partners must be able to provide detailed feedback on how piloting was carried out and develop case study examples including gaps and challenges (templates to be shared).

Examples of pilot activities can be, but are not limited to:

• Adapting existing GBV prevention or response activities to support the inclusion of women and girls with disabilities by engaging persons with disabilities in the assessment/design, monitoring and evaluation of programs identifying barriers and strategies for their inclusion.
• Revising an existing GBV humanitarian response plan, mapping out and integrating objectives and indicators to monitor how persons with disabilities (disaggregated by sex and age) are attending gender and age appropriate GBV activities.
• Integrating and mainstreaming persons with disabilities and their caregivers in core GBV training packages.

Timeline:

28th August – call launched
21st September COB NY time – closing date for applications
24th to 28th September - review of applications
1st October – applicant notification and acceptance of awards by awardees
October to December – awardees implement pilot projects
11th January – Case studies and reports submitted
31st January – Case studies finalized and shared with IASC TT and wider clusters through online/remote briefings

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Concept Note Template:

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a. Background (Brief description of the organization applying and rationale for pilot activities- 1 paragraph):

b. Project description (activities specifying how/which part of GBV guidance to be piloted, timeframe):

c. Pilot location/ humanitarian context:

d. Identified partnerships, brief description of roles and responsibilities of each partner, and capacity development needs (if any):
e. Summary budget breakdown:

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f. Monitoring and evaluation plan (including write up of case study documentation):

g. Primary & Alternative Points of Contact (including names/position title/email/phone number):