**IASC Task Team on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action - Progress Report July 2016-February 2017:**

**Objective:**

**Task Team Objectives:** The primary objective of the Task Team is the creation and endorsement of IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.

**Tasks:**

* **Preparatory Phase One:** Formation of Task Team and Terms of Reference and Work Plan (Q3, Q4 2016)
* **Phase Two:** Resource Mobilization and Human Resources (Q4 2016 Q1, Q2 2017)
* **Phase Three:** Data Collection, Mapping and Research (Q2, 2017)
* **Phase Four:** Development of Initial Draft Guidelines (Q3 2017 – Q3 2018)
* **Phase Five:** Final Review, Validation and Production (Q4 2018)

All tasks listed above will be conducted with the full participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations.

**Tasks**

As per IASC Principals recommendations and in line with the IASC MHCUA Strategy, the RG focuses on:

1. Adopting Area-based Approaches
2. Surging IASC Assistance within Local Governments and Partners fitting for purpose
3. Facilitating Affected Communities Direct Engagement for Enhanced Accountability
4. Other Priorities, including urban violence, social and gender inequality, urban resilience, urban governance and systems; and strengthening the link between humanitarian and development actions

**Key Achievements/Products/Outputs since July 2016**

* Task Team established with wide participation;
* Task Team Co-Chairs and Secretariat support established;
* Terms of Reference and Work Plan of the Task Team finalized;
* Inception workshop (October 2016) and follow-up workshop (February 2017) organized;
* Leveraged knowledge and expertise from other Reference groups and Task Teams (MHPSS and GBV) on their guidelines development process;
* Generated publicity and raised awareness on the guidelines development to enhance engagement of key stakeholders;
* Mobilised resources from Australia to start initial work;
* Recruitment of an expert initiated to conduct desk review and research and present a report to the Task team;
* Task Team members contributing with staff time and expertise;

**\*Composition of Task Team Breakdown:**

Total number of individuals: 48. Organizations: 35 (10 DPOs; 8 NGOs; 11 UN Agencies; ICRC; IOM; 2 Governments; ECHO; IASC Secretariat; IASC MHPSS Reference Group)

WG Sponsors: Arafat Jamal, UNHCR (under Priority 2 Accountability and Inclusivity)

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* Mobilise further financial and technical resources;
* Recruit necessary human resources- project coordinator, expert consultants etc.
* Conduct data collection, mapping and research activities
* Conduct consultations, including online and field consultations engaging wide range of stake-holders
* Develop an initial draft of the Guidelines.

**Task Team Overview\***

**Planned Activities/Products until March 2018**