

DISABILITY TASK FORCE MEETING

26. APRIL 2018

ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS		
Date	26. April 2018	
Time	9:00-11:00	
Location	HelpAge International Knowledge Hub in Jabal Webdeh	
Purpose	<u>Monthly DTF Meeting</u>	
Participants (in alphabetical order)	AIFO/RIDS: Michele Falavigna, Joséphine Mushombo HAI: Stephanie Yousef, Frederique Mashini HI: Yahoko Asai, Melissa Adoum, Yazan Tayyousi, Marwa Mubarak IFH: Rawan Abu Saleh IOCC: Afnan Loqman, Saba Al-Masri JICA: Nizar Saraijy JOHUD: Raneem Al-Saidi, Abdallah Anter MPDL: Maysara Salah UNHCR, Susan Mirbagheri (Azraq), Laith Shatnawi (Zaatari); Valerie Schamberger UPP: Clarissa Rossetti, Zahraa Eldakar, Khaled Khattab	
Next Meeting	<u>Thursday, 24. May 2018, from 10 to 12 am at the HelpAge Hub in Jabal Webdeh</u> Address: Building 43, Al-Shariaah College Street, Jabal Weibdeh Link: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1phif7t-tKtGcP8X-LSxEpCvV9TFQKJPK&usp=sharing	
AGENDA		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HI: presentation of good example of inclusive action, Q&A and discussion (20 min)2. JICA: presentation of good practice example on inclusive action; Q&A and discussion (20 min)3. Finalisation of UPP good practice (5 min)4. Discussion of format and plan for the external dissemination of good practices; discussion on how to include persons with disabilities in DTF meetings (15 min)5. HI: debriefing of the IASC MENA consultation (5min)6. Feedback/updates from the DTF sector representatives and discussion regarding nomination of focal point for each sector WG, steps to draft the sector disability checklist (20 min)7. DTF chairs: refresher session on objectives, FPs' role in the working groups and discussion on info sheet for working groups (15 min)8. Michele Falavigna (AIFO): presentation on the Emancipatory Disability Research in Palestine and projects envisaged in Jordan (10 min)9. AOB (10 min)		
KEY DISCUSSIONS	ACTION POINTS	DATE
1. HI presentation of good practice example on inclusive action		

<p>HI presented a good practice on inclusive action in the WASH sector, implemented in Zaatari from 2015 to 2017, in the course of which HI worked together with its partners and beneficiaries on making toilets more accessible for PwDs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HI provided coaching to NGO partners working in the WASH sector to develop an action plan on how to implement inclusion within their projects; the aim was to build respective capacities among the organisation’s engineers. • Beneficiaries with disabilities were involved and consulted about their needs throughout the process; they were also invited to test the facilities. • One of the main challenges HI’s partners encountered was the intervention of families who did not agree with the process (removal of western-style toilet which were installed in place of squat toilets, lack of trust that PwDs can make their own decisions, etc.); • As lessons learnt, HI noted it always needs to be considered that PwDs are not a homogenous group and that their different needs require different responses; • Their conclusion was hence that PwDs should be consulted and engaged in all steps of the process to ensure their direct needs are met. <p>The example in written format will be shared as soon as finalized</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HI to share their good practice as soon as finalized 	
<p>During the Q&A, DTF members were interested in how the individuals involved in the assessment were identified. HI informed that the project was implemented through Oxfam, one of the main organisations working in the WASH sector. Oxfam noticed that they are facing difficulties when it comes to delivering toilets to PwDs, as they were unable to address their needs. HI therefore did not have to actively identify PwDs but rather worked with the people who approached them with their concerns.</p> <p>Speaking from their own experience, UNHCR colleagues from Azraq suggested that more focus should be put on how perceptions in the community have changed as a result of the good practice. At the moment, emphasis is often put on the concrete outcomes (e.g. number of wheelchairs delivered, toilets installed etc.). The good practice should however also assess how the project contributed to the general awareness on the rights of PwDs in the community and their empowerment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on community awareness/change of perceptions to be included in the good practice 	
2. JICA presentation of good practice example on inclusive action		
Rescheduled for next meeting		24 May
3. Finalisation of UPP good practice		
<p>HI provided their input to help UPP finalize their good practice. They are still waiting for AHS to share their feedback though.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHS to send their comments • UPP to finalize accordingly 	ASAP
4. Discussion of format and plan for the external dissemination of good practices and inclusion of persons with disabilities in DTF meetings		

<p>As agreed during the last meeting, the DTF will continue to produce good practices of inclusive action in a structured format (two-pager), which will be reviewed by the DTF members.</p> <p>In order to create more attention for the good practices across all sectors, DTF chairs suggested to compile 6 stories in a reader-friendly format until the end of the year. This compilation could then be disseminated externally and serve as advocacy tool for inclusive action. Such a compilation could also help to demystify the process of inclusion and provide helpful ideas for organizations across all sectors. HI offered to provide support with regards to the logistics and the layout.</p> <p>The process could be started as soon as the first good practices are finalized.</p>		
<p>All DTF members agreed to the suggestion.</p> <p>It was suggested to avoid long analyses and technical language but rather provide simple messages and include more pictures</p> <p>Reference was also made to the CBM Hands-On Tool as well as the UNICEF guidelines, which include a compendium of best practices emerging from different countries:</p> <p>CBM: https://hhot.cbm.org/</p> <p>UNICEF: http://training.unicef.org/disability/emergencies/index.html</p>		
<p>DTF members discussed further challenges concerning which best practice examples would be needed:</p> <p>Transportation was identified as one of the key challenges preventing PwDs from participating in the society. It was mentioned that covering transportation costs does not suffice in camp settings and that home visits would not meet the goal of including PwDs.</p> <p>HAI informed about their idea to invite famous community leaders to attend specific activities, whose presence was a great incentive for people attend the event themselves – even though transport costs were not covered.</p> <p>Khaled Khattab mentioned that it would be necessary to train PwDs on how to ride cars as well as the drivers on how to assist PwDs entering them. Furthermore, the car itself should be suitable for PwDs. Khaled also reported that many wheelchairs are of no good quality and break easily. The same is valid for medical cushions which – in case of bad quality – can lead to sores.</p> <p>UNHCR colleagues from Zaatari informed about a project implemented by Sheffield university, aiming at adapting wheelchairs to the camp context by adapting a third wheel.</p> <p>JICA added that it would be very important to also train the caregivers on how to transport their family members with disabilities from the wheelchair to the bed and into the car, in order to increase their mobility.</p>	<p>All DTF members are invited to identify good practice overcoming challenges regarding transportation</p>	

<p>DTF members agreed that they will seek to include PwDs in the meetings whenever they are presenting good practices that were implemented with their help. This will ensure that the views of PwDs are considered both in the presentation of the good practice but also in the feedback process.</p>	<p>All DTF members to invite PwDs who were actively involved in a good practice presented to the DTF</p>	
<p>5. HI: debriefing of the Inter Agency Standing Committee MENA consultation</p>		
<p>HI participated in the IASC meeting of the Task Team on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action which took place in Beirut in March</p> <p>The Task Team is led by three co-chairs, 58 organizations (IGOs, NGOs, government agencies, etc.) were participating in the meeting who discussed the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting Process of Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action: what cross-sectoral topics could be considered in the framework of the guidelines? Need for a twin-track approach, focusing both on specific individual care and mainstreaming of services provided by different sectors; the consultation process is ongoing, during which good practices will be collected. • The guidelines should be finalized until the end of 2018. There will be a second consultation meeting in Lebanon, aiming at reviewing the first draft and including comments and good practices received by different stakeholders. • IASC has created an online survey on the disability guidelines, which all organizations are invited to participate in. Link to Survey: www.humanitariandisabilityguidelines.org; • All organizations are welcome to endorse the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action available at http://humanitariandisabilitycharter.org/; • All organizations are welcome to join the IASC mailing list (if interested, please contact Ms. Isabelle de Muyser-Boucher (demuyser-boucher@un.org)) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HI to share presentation and link • All interested organizations to join the mailing list and participate in the online survey 	<p>Done (see attached)</p>
<p>6. Feedback/updates from the DTF sector representatives; including nomination of the lead organization for each sector WG, steps to draft the sector disability checklist</p>		
<p>Little feedback was provided from the working groups, which was partly due to the absence of respective focal points but also because disability was not discussed during the respective meetings.</p> <p>Health WG: UPP reported that there was little knowledge of the DTF among the attendees of the last Health WG in March. They were approached by several NGOs working with PwDs who would be interested in receiving more information or joining the DTF. It was noted that time and date of April's DTF and the Health WG meeting conflicted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All DTF focal points to attend the WG meetings and report on the gaps re inclusion of PwDs • UNHCR to coordinate with Health WG regarding the time and date • UPP to share contacts of NGOs interested in participating 	<p>ongoing</p> <p>done</p>

<p>Field Level update from Azraq Camp: UNHCR colleagues from Azraq reported about the recent attempts to mainstream nutrition services which were initiated by a respective presentation of the International Medical Corps (IMC). IMC requested all disability partners to identify children with malnutrition and children with CP (because of their heightened vulnerability) and refer them to IMC.</p> <p>It was also agreed to refer all children with disability aged 6 to 18 to Mercy Corps for a routine cross-check in order to make sure that they are included in schools.</p>		
<p>Field Level update from Zaatari Camp: UNHCR colleagues from Zaatari reported that they are working on a common database synchronizing data from different organizations in order to avoid the duplication of service provision in Zaatari camp.</p>		
<p>DTF chairs emphasised the need for a sector coordinator among the respective FPs in each WG to ensure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTFs presence in the WG meetings • Aligning of advocacy positions • Advancement of DTF 2018 goals, such as the development of a disability check list for each sector 	<p>Decision on lead organization postponed</p>	<p>Prioritized for next meeting</p>
<p>Discussion on disability check list postponed due to time constraints</p>	<p>postponed</p>	<p>Prioritized for next meeting</p>
<p>7. DTF chairs: refresher session on objectives, FPs' role in the working groups and discussion on info sheet for working groups</p>		
<p>The importance of attending the working groups was once again emphasized by the DTF chairs, as the WGs are our main platform to increase knowledge about the DTF among other humanitarian actors and to ensure that the needs of PwDs are considered across all sectors!</p> <p>Recognizing that there might still be a certain lack of clarity with regards to the role of the Focal Points in the WG, the DTF chairs presented a short briefing note about the DTF's role and objectives, aiming to increase the FPs' confidence to speak on behalf of the DTF and its PoCs in the WGs. The Briefing Note will be disseminated for feedback among all DTF members. Once the content is finalized, UNHCR will ask their coordination unit to help with the layout.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to disseminate the briefing note for feedback • All DTF members to provide their input in order to finalize briefing note during next DTF 	<p>Attached to Minutes</p> <p>Until 23 May</p>
<p>It was discussed that once the briefing note is finalized, DTF FPs should ask their WG to allocate some time for a short presentation on the DTF within the respective WG meetings.</p>		<p>Pending finalization of Briefing Note</p>
<p>UNHCR colleagues from Azraq mentioned that it would be important to also update already available tools, such as the DTF Guidelines (contact details outdated).</p>	<p>DTF chairs to update guidelines (e.g. contact details)</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>8. Michele Falavigna (AIFO): presentation on the Emancipatory Disability Research in Palestine and projects envisaged in Jordan</p>		

<p>Michele Falavigna, Senior Advisor of AIFO (Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau, an Italian NGO working in the field of disability) and member of the Italian Network on Disability and Development (RIDS), has organized a field mission to Jordan, aiming to evaluate possible fields of action to support persons with disabilities, in particular Syrian refugees, in Jordan.</p> <p>In his presentation, Mr Falavigna introduced DTF members to the Emancipatory Disability Research AIFO conducted in Palestine (report available at: https://www.aics.gov.it/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Emancipatory_Research_2017.pdf).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ERD project in Palestine was meant to break the poverty-disability cycle by, inter alia, mainstreaming disability at all levels, capacity building of DPOs and empowerment of PwDs, in particular by promoting the rights of women with disabilities (WwD). AIFO identified three groups of community researchers (WwD, mothers and sisters of WwD and CBR volunteers) as well as three DPOs in the West Bank. AIFO’s trainers only played a very external role, ensuring that the focus, methodology as well as the outcome of the process was owned by the community researchers themselves, who were asked to identify barriers of equal participation and ways to overcome them. Another aim of the process was to build capacity of local DPOs to ensure the sustainability of the project. • According to AIFO, the project was successful in building a network of women with disabilities and female caregivers who are now acting as outreach-volunteers and peer counsellors. Their tasks are to 1) train other peer counsellors on how to identify PwDs 2) launch initiatives with local DPOs 3) act as mediators with service providers 4) encourage PwDs to participate in decision-making in all sectors to work towards real mainstreaming. • Using the expertise gathered through ERD in Palestine and building on the network of Arabic speaking volunteers that were trained through the project, AIFO, in partnership with Ana Insan/I am a Human, is seeking to replicate a similar programme in Jordan, supporting Jordanian and Syrian women with disabilities in camps and host communities to take leadership in improving their own lives. The training is planned to start in September 2018. • AIFO would like to include as many DPOs as well as individuals with disabilities in the process as possible to expand the network of volunteers. They would therefore be grateful for any help in identifying women with disability (both Syrian and Jordanian) who might benefit from the training. <p>Please find AIFO’s presentation attached.</p>	<p>UNHCR to share contact details of Mr. Falavigna for possible future cooperation</p> <p>All interested organizations that 1) would like to learn more about their project or 2) are aware of persons with disabilities that might be interested participating to contact Mr. Falavigna</p>	<p>Done (see email sent on 29 April)</p>
<p>During the Q&A, JICA pointed out that they are engaged in a similar project were they have been training around 12 Syrian community leaders with disabilities</p>		
<p>9. AOB</p>		
<p>HAI offered to host next meeting as well. Date and time will be fixed as soon as chairs receive feedback from the Health WG on when their meeting takes place.</p>		
<p>ATTACHMENTS</p>		

- Presentations from HI and AIFO
- Briefing Note for Comments