

## Disability and Age Sub-Working Group (DASWG)

### Minutes of Meeting 31 January 2024

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Attendees: UNHCR, IOCC, CVT, JPHUD, CARITAS, JHCO, UNFPA, ARCS, ILO, Medair, MSF, DRC, TDH, Be positive, SWB, and UPP.

Time: from 10:00-11:30

Location: UNHCR /EMOPS meeting room

#### Disability and Age Sub-Working Group: Highlights Wednesday 31-January 2024

- Welcoming note by the CO-Chair Huda and Shatha from UNHCR, Saba and Nizar from IOCC.
- **Presentation by UNHCR/ Inter agency Coordination unit/ Saud Saker – on achievements of DASWG on 2023 activity info:**
  - **The Financial Status for Protection WG and SWGs In 2023 – JFT**
  - **Achievement of DASWG SWG In 2023 – Activity Info**
  - **DASWG** members were advised and recommended to report their activities by 2024. Which will reflect the impact on Persons with Disability, inclusive activities, and community awareness as well as mainstreaming disability services among other sectors through coordination and advocacy by partners attending other coordination group meetings.
  - Due to lack of reporting from some partners /DASWG members the overall achievements of 2023 were not accurate, and the data is not updated.
- **Presentation by Dr. Muntaha Hrasis from AIDOS about GBV guidelines for Persons with Disabilities:**
  - AIDOS is Non-Governmental Organization. In Jordan since 1996 and registered since 2018. Works in Amman and Mafraq.
  - AIDOS- - Associazione Italiana Donne per lo Sviluppo developed this chapter in cooperation with the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (HCD)
  - Works in the fields of protection of the rights of women and girls; sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR); economic empowerment of women; education of girls.
  - Implements emergency and development programs for reproductive health and GBV, protection of refugees and economic empowerment of women in partnership with Jordanian CSOs, National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA), Higher Council for the rights of persons with disabilities (HCD)
- **Project partners and stakeholders:**
  - *Vento di Terra - VdT (in consortium).*
  - *Durrat al Manal for Development and Training – DMDT.*
  - *Arab Women Organization – AWO.*

- *Rafeeq Organization for Social Services.*
- *Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – HCD.*
- *Ministry of Social Development (MOSD).*

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- The Project Improving the quality of life of women with disabilities and/or at risk and/or survivors of GBV among refugees and host communities in Mafraq and Amman Governorates.
- Specific objectives; Ensure the access of women with disabilities and/or at risk and/or survivors of GBV to an integrated system of specialized and quality health and social services, and intra-community response mechanisms to their specific needs, in host and refugee communities, in urban areas and informal settlements (ITS), in the Governorates of Mafraq and Amman.
- Activities; Address the socio-economic determinants of GBV by fostering women's economic autonomy.
- Improve the skills of the staff in CSOs and target protection homes, to prevent and address GBV with a disability-inclusive approach.
- Integrated provision of social and health services for women with disabilities and/or survivors and/or at risk of GBV
- Case management services and referral of cases to specialized services.
- Psychosocial support services including drama therapy for girls and women with disabilities.
- Access to services at affiliated clinics
- Self-reliance activities for women with disabilities and/or survivors and/or at risk of GBV
- Training workshop, in-kind support (provision of materials for start-up of income generating activities) and follow-up for start-up of income-generating activities and mutual support.
- Purchase and distribution of non – food items and hygiene materials.
- Capacity building of Jordanian CSOs and strengthening of intra-community mechanisms for inclusion and GBV prevention and protection
- Carrying out works to improve accessibility of target facilities.
- Technical assistance and training of project staff and protection homes and CSOs: adaptation of protection homes protocol and guidelines on disability and gender-based violence; training of protection homes and CSOs staff on disability and GBV and inclusion.
- Community information sessions on GBV/Disability prevention.
- Training of women with disabilities for peer-to-peer counselling.

➤ **What AIDOS does:**

- Coordinating the project and Co-producing the new chapter of the guidelines on how to deal with GBV against person with disabilities in protection homes together with HCD.
- Integrating disability in the protection homes protocol
- Provide technical assistance and training to 60 protection homes and CSOs staff to improve their skills in identifying and managing cases of GBV against persons with disabilities.
- Rehabilitation of protection homes
- Sexual and reproductive health services.

➤ **DASWG members/ partners updates and AOB:**

**ILO:** is working to allocate job opportunities for 50% Syrians, 50% Jordanians, 50% women, and 50% men, 200 in each category with focusing to include more people with disabilities in sports teams and activities [ Also your welcome to use their club space area if you need to conduct any kind of activities for persons with disabilities.

**Medair:** is still working to receive referrals from the members on the distribution of assistive devices – except for hearing and visual aids in Irbid, Amman, and Irbid and Mafrq governorates.

**Medair** provides wheelchairs, crutches, mobility aids also they hold awareness sessions on how to use the assistive devices and practice without challenges, in addition to persons with disabilities rights including their ID cards in Amman, Mafrq, Irbid and Zarqa.

**{for referrals, please use the interagency form}**

**TDH** is advocating to improve the inclusion of livelihoods for persons with disabilities in Wadi Musa due to challenges faced by the recent situations especially on tourism in general affected by the general situation in the region.

**DRC** is working to update protection guidelines and manuals, attending webinars with focusing more on person with disabilities and inclusive activities for person with disabilities.

**Souriyat Across Borders;** is working on new projects for person with disabilities / arts and Mosaic.

**UNFPA** co-Charing the GBV Sub-Working Group in collaboration with UNHCR is working on the 2024 plan to enhance the cross- sector cooperation among sectors, with AIDOS to ensure good connection between SGBV and disability, capacity building part of next meetings it is good time to talk about join cooperation in building the capacity of person with disabilities including women with disabilities.

**Be Positive** will be providing grants for women, refugees, Jordanians and Non-Jordanians to make home business for social and economic support, until June they will be provided with Job coaching to support them finding jobs, for women refuges and Jordanian, with and without disabilities In Amman focusing more on women with disabilities.

➤ **Next meeting will be on the 14 Feb 2024 and will be hosted by Al Mustaqbal Club for Physical Disability**

