

## Disability Task Force meeting minutes

Date: 25 January 2018

Time: 12:00-14:00

Location: Terrace meeting room, 2nd Floor, UNHCR Khaldia

Attendees: UNHCR, IOCC, MPDL (Movement for Peace), JOHUD, HI (Humanity & Inclusion), IFH/NHF, I am a Human

### Agenda:

1. Action plan 2018
2. Updates from members
3. AOB

Key discussions	Action points	Date
<b>1. Action plan 2018</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action plan 2018 was discussed in October &amp; November meetings, and requires immediate finalization. There are many challenges in the lives of persons with disabilities and the work of humanitarian actors. DTF needs to understand them and take actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HI to draft the 2018 action plan matrix</li> <li>Members to sign up for working groups to implement actions</li> <li>DTF members to examine their &amp; other organizations' activities from <i>inclusion lens</i> and raise key issues at DTF meeting</li> </ul>	<p>29 Jan</p> <p>5 Feb</p> <p><b>22 Feb and all upcoming meetings</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members were reminded of the updated DTF TOR and reviewed it together to understand the DTF scope (see below extractions. Full version available <a href="#">here</a>). It was emphasized that <u>DTF is working on disability inclusion into all sectors of humanitarian response, not limited to traditional rehabilitation and/or special services for persons with disabilities</u>. Hence, all DTF members in sector WGs need to advocate disability inclusion and give feedback to DTF (examples: disability data in the statistics related to the work permit issues; accessibility in schools as part of the education strategy discussion)</li> <li>The members were also reminded of the purpose of the key messages (Sep 2017) which DTF focal points have to deliver to different sectors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IOCC and MPDL to translate the TOR into Arabic to help members better understand the scope of DTF</li> <li>From the next meeting, DTF focal points to report disability advocacy progress &amp; challenges in each sector. <u>What to report?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ key updates from the sector (development, discussions)</li> <li>✓ Inclusive actions DTF focal points proposed to the sector</li> <li>✓ Results achieved, progress made, or challenges faced</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>TBC</b></p> <p><b>22 Feb and all upcoming meetings</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure DTF representation, the list of DTF Focal points in sector WGs has to be updated</li> <li>Especially, there has been no DTF representation in the Basic Needs Working Group. IOCC and IFH volunteered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNHCR to contact member organizations</li> <li>UNHCR to update the list of representation &amp; designated focal points</li> <li>IOCC and IFH/NHF to confirm their representation in BNWG</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 Feb</b></p> <p><b>15 Feb</b></p> <p><b>15 Feb</b></p>
<b>2. Updates from members</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HI</b> (name changed to <i>Humanity &amp; Inclusion</i>) briefed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested organizations send</li> </ul>	<p>25 Jan</p>

on the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action <sup>1</sup> and the MENA consultation concerning the Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action (6-7 March in Beirut) <sup>2</sup>	nomination to HI	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNHCR.</b> UNHCR work plan 2018 focuses on community-based rehabilitation and inclusive services.</li> <li>1) There is one expert providing technical support concerning education of children with autism, learning difficulties, and difficult behaviors.</li> <li>2) Danish Deaf Association today met a group of Deaf Jordanian, concerning the idea to set up the Jordan Deaf Association. Plan also includes capacity building of sign language interpreters, through their training in Denmark. Situation analysis and needs assessment of refugees with hearing impairments is on-going and the project design to be determined. Jordan's Higher Council of Persons with Disabilities is involved in the discussion. Ideas to be reflected in the project design include: development of the code of conduct for the Sign Language Interpreters; set-up of a mechanism for the public to look for qualified sign language interpreters when the services are required; remote sign language interpreting services for refugees using mobile; standardization of sign language for words related to humanitarian services.</li> </ul>	<p>1) UNHCR to coordinate with the expert and arrange his presentation /discussion session with DTF (either part of monthly meeting or ad-hoc meeting)</p> <p>2) UNHCR to pass on the ideas to be reflected in the project design to the DDA</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JOHUD.</b> Starting a new project to provide people with visual impairments with eye glasses. Criteria being developed. Other services (medical equipment, rehab, home services) on-going. On special education, preparation to enroll children for March 2018 on-going.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Azraq camp.</b> Referral pathways being finalized for 4 villages, for non-disability partners to know to whom they can refer children with disabilities 6-17 etc. Inclusion Focal Points available in all camp WGs. Efforts on-going to have FPs in all agencies too.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members proposed Mercy Corp and JOHUD to present their interventions on education: inclusive education and special education; in the next</li> </ul>	JOHUD to present its special education project Co-chair to contact Mercy Corp to	22 Feb 25 Jan

<sup>1</sup> Charter: <http://humanitariandisabilitycharter.org/>

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

<sup>2</sup> <https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-task-team-inclusion-persons-disabilities-humanitarian-action>

meeting.	confirm their availability. If confirmed. Mercy Corp to present its inclusive education project	22 Feb
<b>Next meeting at UNHCR on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. UNHCR to confirm the time</b>	• UNHCR to book the meeting room and inform the time	1 Feb
	• Co-chair to send reminder and agenda 1 week in advance	15 Feb

#### Annex: Objectives of the Disability Task Force

Full document is available [here](https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/59113) <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/59113>

DTF **aims** to ensure that:

The needs of persons with disabilities and/or in disabling situation (in particular elderly and people with injuries) are thoroughly considered through the humanitarian response

#### **Objective of the DTF**

- Raise awareness among actors contributing to the humanitarian response, including donors, about the specific needs of people with disabilities and about the barriers they face in accessing basic services
- Advocate for non-discriminatory humanitarian response and for disability inclusion at all stages of the humanitarian response (design, implementation, including needs assessment, and monitoring)
- Support, to the extent possible, working groups and actors contributing to the humanitarian response, in identifying inclusion gaps and in adjusting their strategy of intervention, while also providing ad hoc technical inputs, when necessary
- Develop and update common positioning to foster disability inclusion among the wider network of working groups
- Coordinate and share practices and tools among DTF members
- Contribute to service mapping under service advisor system and ensure regular update of specialized services mapping
- Promoting data sharing and use of RAIS among DTF members governed by protection and confidentiality of the beneficiaries

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