



## Disability and Age Sub-Working Group Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 October 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

**Venue:** UNHCR Amman

**Chairs:** Huda Al Shabsogh (UNHCR), Saba Al Masri (IOCC) and Martina Mannocchi (UNHCR)

**Minutes prepared by:** UNHCR

**Participants:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), High Council for the Rights of PWD (HCD), Christian Blind Mission (CBM), Movimiento por la Paz (MPDL), Medair, Center for Victims of Torture (CVT), The Jordanian Hashemite Fund For Human Development (JOHUD), COOPI, Institute for Family Health (IFH), Beit Al Lqa, Generations for Peace (GFP), Center of Hope, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Edmaaj, United Mission For Relief and Development Organization (UMR)

### Meeting Highlights

#### **Agenda Item I. DASWG Co-chairs and HCD updates**

- Welcoming note by the Co-Chairs from UNHCR and IOCC
- UNHCR updates:
  - Activity Info monthly updates to be filled deadline 20th of October.
  - Q3 of JFT to be filled by 20th of October.
  - 2025 3RP Appeal to be filled in the system by 31st of October 2024.

#### **Agenda Item II. The Disability Global Summit and the Regional Summit (13th and 14th of November in Amman) by HCD**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Global Disability Summit (GDS) was created to put disability topics on the top of the governments' agenda. 1<sup>st</sup> round took place in 2018, the second was 2022. The GDS has 3 co-chairs: IDA, 1 country from the global north and one from the global south. In 2025 Jordan will co-chair with IDA and Germany. One of the main topics of this GDS is the national ownership: Government should put part of its resources to the development agenda and don't rely only on the international cooperation.

#### Why GDS 2025 is specifically important?

- For the centrality of national ownership
- For the impactful commitment from government to achieve real progress

- It aims to have a Strong Declaration – trying to have 15% of the development agenda to be focused on disability
- Data, Evidence and Good practice

#### Promoting partnership

- Meaningful participation of OPDs
- Multi-stakeholders' commitment
- Sustainable private sector involvement for the first time

#### Drivers of change for GDS 2025

- Declaration: 15 for the 15
- Multi-stakeholders' commitment
- Global disability inclusion report (UNICEF, HCD, Germany)
- Disability Data Hub by World Bank
- Global Initiative on Inclusive and Resilient Cities (reconstruction of cities affected by climate change and conflicts)
- Good Practices from the public and private sector

#### Main Topics of the Summit:

- Non-discrimination, equality and participation
- Accessibility
- Situations of crisis and conflict
- Social and economic rights

Crosscutting themes to all the above: capacity building and empowerment of OPDs, gender equality, prioritizing to underrepresented groups, disaggregated data.

#### **Regional Summit 13/14 November at Sheraton Hotel**

First day: Introduction on GDS, Inclusive financing, independent living, Families of PWDs, Inclusive education (Early education)

Second day: Social protection and Risk situation & Natural disasters

4 side events: women empowerment, SRH, Inclusive tourism and resilient cities, Participation in public life, decision making; Role of OPDs in civil society.

HCD has meetings with the head of UN agencies to focus on the Regional Summit to see how to mobilize resources to bring expertise and resources from the region. The summit will have 4 languages (Ar, En, Fr, Es). UNHCR has the possibility to involve refugees with disabilities and in particular youth with disabilities. HCD is going to use the Regional Summit to have a session on commitment – this is new to the GDS. Criteria for commitment: OPDS inclusive, OPDS focused, specific, ban to a timeframe.

HCD Focused on 6 main topics during consultations with OPDs and disability activists:

Inclusive education; economic empowerment; inclusive tourism; social protection; and SRH; disaster risk reduction and climate change. HCD will try to raise these topics when consultations with governmental entities will start to ensure to be included in national agenda.

HCD fosters agencies and organizations to make commitment and wishes to coordinate the use of resources and avoid duplications. It is important to have a consolidated commitment mechanism.

Regional Summit it will be the last Summit before the Global event.

### **Agenda Item III. The development of the National Strategy for Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) by Edmaaj**

National CBID strategy to be approved next year:

Methodology for the strategy:

- Research
- Situation analysis: SWOT analysis, how to have realistic and action-based strategy. Also PESTLE analysis, how different factors are affecting the strategy, how to be more pro-active in response.
- First draft
- Consultations: engage relevant govt entities; INGOs, NGOs, civil society, CBOs, grass-root level (not focusing on “elite” CSOs but on all locations to make sure the strategy is representing the voice of everyone); private sector
- Final draft

### **Agenda Item IV: Results of a recently implemented awareness campaign, which was targeting people with disabilities by COOPI**

Project Be-LIEVE targets vulnerable groups, including PWDs in 7 governorates targeting Jordanians. Awareness on Rights of PWDs, Law on Disability, and Identification cards in coordination with HCD (process to obtain and benefits).

- 323 beneficiaries have been targeted (PWD and their families) in the first campaign.
- 1 online session for university students with disabilities was held.
- 1 online session for HR department of private sector (bank, factories, private school).

The second campaign held in coordination with NGO Rafeew on barriers, challenges and discrimination of PWD in workplace, How to protect their rights, Home-based business or grants opportunities.

- 56 referrals for seed funds or livelihood trainings have been conducted in different locations.
- 2 more online campaigns will be conducted in coordination with HCD: 1) communication; 2) rights of PWDs.
- Targeted 265 PWD and their families.

### **Agenda Item IV: DASWG members/ partners updates and AOB**

- **NHF** offering a training on inclusion of PWD and elderly in humanitarian programs.
- Organize jointly International Day of PWDs.
- December 3rd there will be launched a media campaign by **HCD** (Jordan co-host global South perspective). Campaign will run from Dec. 3rd until after GDS.