

## DISABILITY TASK FORCE MEETING

24. MAY 2018

ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS		
Date	24. May 2018	
Time	10:00-12:00	
Location	HelpAge International Knowledge Hub in Jabal Webdeh	
Purpose	<b><u>Monthly DTF Meeting</u></b>	
Participants (in alphabetical order)	HelpAge International - Frederique Mashini HI - Ameera Khamis HI - Marwa Mubarak HI - Melissa ADOUM HI Regional - Yahoko Asai IOCC - Afnan Loqman IOCC - Saba Al Masri JICA - Nizar Saraijy Mercy Corps - Maisa Asmar Mercy Corps - Raya Freah Ministry of Labour - Mohammad Awadallah MPDL - Maysara Salah Noor Hussein Foundation - Muamar Fuad UNHCR - Shada Malhas UNHCR - Shaden Suleiman UNHCR - Valerie Schamberger UPP - Clarissa Rossetti UPP/JICA - Khaled Khattab	
Next Meeting	<b><u>21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of June (date to be confirmed), from 9 to 11 am at the HelpAge Hub in Jabal Webdeh</u></b> Address: Building 43, Al-Shariaah College Street, Jabal Weibdeh Link: <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1phif7t-tKtGcP8X-LSxEpCvV9TFQKJPK&amp;usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1phif7t-tKtGcP8X-LSxEpCvV9TFQKJPK&amp;usp=sharing</a>	
AGENDA		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>JICA:</b> presentation of good practice example on inclusive action; presentation by Syrian with disabilities sharing his/her experiences; Q&amp;A and discussion</li><li><b>Inclusion across all sectors:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Feedback/Updates from the DTF sector representatives in the different Working Groups</li><li>Way forward regarding nomination of sector focal points</li><li>Finalization of DTF Briefing Note for dissemination in Working Groups</li><li>Discussion on DTF Presentations in the Working Groups, including presentation of rough version of DTF Power Point Presentation to be discussed by all member</li><li>Gathering ideas for good practices</li></ul></li><li>Update of <b>DTF Guidelines on Prioritization of Disability Specific Services</b></li><li><b>AOB</b></li></ol>		
KEY DISCUSSIONS	ACTION POINTS	DATE
1. <b>JICA:</b> presentation of good practice example on inclusive action; presentation by Syrian with disabilities sharing his/her experiences; Q&A and discussion		

**Presentation 1:** JICAs presentation related to a **good example of inclusive action – Sport activity implemented with Syrian people with disabilities**. The presentation is in attachment 1.

Nizar Saraijy from JICA explained the conceptual framework of the intervention, JICA training courses and the Good Practice in Humanitarian Response.

The key elements of the successful achievement are related to the involvement of persons with disabilities in the whole process, as they are trained and empowered to become peer-counselors and write proposal for activities: The sports activity came from this process.

The selection of the sport considers the following aspects:

1. Safety and feasibility without additional/specific rehabilitation
2. Cost and the need of special equipment
3. Type of sport where Jordanians are good at, so exchanges can happen and refugees learn from the host community

Finally table tennis was selected.

Caregiver and drivers were also part of the training with the aim to support persons with disabilities and promote social participation.

To illustrate the positive outcome of their project, JICA presented the progress report prepared by of one of the participants, who recorded how much the sports activity has increased his ability to manage his everyday life (e.g. after several months of training, the participant was able to eat by himself for the first time in his life).

**Presentation 2: A complementary presentation by Khaled Khattab** (Disability Equality Training facilitator and peer-counselor trained by JICA as well as Focal point for UPP) in attachment 2. He introduced a number of good practices and practical examples of small actions that helped influence the immediate environment of Syrian with disabilities and significantly improve daily life.

The presentation included views from persons with disabilities and was based on Mr Khattab’s experience as a peer-counselor. His powerful explanations highlighted in particular the feeling of being “sick” at first (just after becoming disabled) and the difficulty to become “agent of change”, as they first need to understand and accept their new condition. Peer-counselors provide the “inspiration” to facilitate this transition. Mr Khattab confessed that he was himself surprised to “discover” to which extent he had been empowered to change things.

**Q&A and further exchange:**

JICA shared their immediate intention to create a new group of Women with Disabilities, involving a similar empowering process and involving mother groups. On the long term, a DPO could be created.

DTF members were interested to understand how social cohesion is promoted between Jordanians and Syrians by involving both groups together. JICA shared some intents to approach Jordanian DPOs that were unsuccessful due to misalignment in approach to voluntary involvement. Mercy Corps proposed to share some key contact to further the exchange between national and refugee organizations.

**All DTF members to provide feedback on JICA’s good practice example on inclusion**

<p>Other questions were related to the “strategies” used to convince community members to change attitudes and decide to act to include persons with disabilities. Examples included supermarket owner building ramps, enlarging aisles and accessible placing of key products after the group of Syrians with disabilities – under the leadership of peer-counselors – engaged in strategic lobbying activities with shopkeepers in their respective neighborhoods. Following their advocacy, the Imam of the local mosque agreed to make the mosque accessible to persons with disabilities and arranged for the modification of the sidewalk in front of the mosque – a move that was not only appreciated by Khaled but also persons with disabilities belonging to the host community, who, as they told Khaled, were able to pray there the first time in their life as well.</p> <p>JICA has also finalized the Good Practice overview in the DTF template. It is now ready to be shared.</p>		
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**2. Inclusion across all sectors**

<p><b>Feedback/Updates from the DTF sector representatives in the different Working Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Nutrition WG by IOCC</u> – UNICEF and UNHCR have an extra supply of plumpy nut that needs to be distributed before the end of the year. IOCC suggested to share them with adults and including PwD.</li> <li>- <u>Education WG by Mercy Corps</u> – ESWG is interested to receive the good practices from DTF (Mercy Corps).</li> </ul> <p><b>Way forward regarding nomination of sector focal points</b>  After some months of looking to stimulate DTF members to become focal points, the nomination remains unachieved. The DTF chairs are therefore proposing to temporarily set the topic aside to focus on thematic areas of common interest.</p> <p><b>Finalization of DTF Briefing Note for dissemination in Working Groups</b>  The draft Briefing note presenting the DTF targeting working groups has been circulated among the members. The groups has now validated the content, the document is now final (Attached 3). HI and UNHCR will look at improving the layout of the document and once finalized, upload it on the DTF page for broad use and dissemination.</p> <p><b>Discussion on DTF Presentations in the Working Groups, including presentation of rough version of DTF Power Point</b>  A draft presentation to introduce the DTF to the other working groups has been prepared, with the content of the Briefing note. This could be used as a basis for DTF members share. The presentation is well received in concepts and content (attached 4). Initial opportunities to strengthen the visibility and therefore impact of the DTF in the coordination system have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection WG has invited DTF for a One hour thematic meeting in July (TBC).</li> <li>- CSMI requested national DTF to join the next meeting, this will be the opportunity to strengthen the linkages between field and national level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DTF chairs and volunteer DTF members if any present at Protection WG &amp; CSMI Azraq</li> <li>•DTF chairs to share presentation with other presenting organizations (e.g. Mercy Corps)</li> </ul>	<p>Protection  July TBC  CSMI  June</p> <p>Education  WG TBC</p>
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<p>– Education WG – Mercy Corps volunteered to represent DTF at an upcoming meeting and present the DTF to the group</p> <p>UPP introduced the idea of involving the organizations who piloted and initially presented the good practices that will be included in the power point as presenters, e.g. in the presentation held at the Protection WG. UPP will discuss internally, HI and UNHCR will check with Protection WG regarding the aim of the presentation there.</p> <p><b>Gathering ideas for good practices</b></p> <p>A few good practices have now been drafted and documented by the DTF and will be disseminated within the coming weeks. New ideas and examples are now wanted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mercy Corps</b> make presentation at ESWG</li> <li>• <b>DTF members</b> propose new good practices</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Update of DTF Guidelines on Prioritisation of Disability Specific Services</b>		
<p>The national DTF has received a request by Azraq to update the contacts included in the Guidelines on Prioritization of Disability Specific Services. The document was produced in 2016 and the contact details are outdated.</p> <p>A further update of the content will be schedule at a later step, most probably through a participatory exchange with the users; however, for the time being, only the contact details will be changed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNHCR</b> post the updated guidelines at Syria Response portal</li> </ul>	ASAP
<b>4. AOB</b>		
<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>DTF members are highly encouraged to suggest agenda points that they would like to discuss.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DTF members</b> propose agenda</li> </ul>	1 week before next meeting
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JICA Good Practice “Sport activity for Syrian with disabilities ”</li> <li>2. Complementary presentation “Some success stories of Syrian with disabilities”</li> <li>3. Final Briefing Note for dissemination in Working Groups</li> <li>4. Draft DTF Presentation for other Working Groups</li> </ol>		