



Disability and Age Task Force Minutes of Meeting

Date: 08 December 2021

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Venue: Remote Via Microsoft Teams

Chairs: Lauren Schoenster (UNHCR), Marwa Mubarak (HI), and Madiha Al-Jazi (HI)

Minutes prepared by: Shada Malhas (UNHCR)

Participants: ARCS, HI, UNHCR BO Amman, HelpAge, UNHCR AzraQ camp, UNRWA, CVT, JOHUD. HCD, DRC, MPDL, IMC, UNRWA, UNHCR Irbid SO, Be Positive Association, Jabal Amman Publishers, IOCC, ARDD, INTERSOS, Caritas, JHCO, AIDOS, Medair, IOM, Souriyat Across Borders, Habitat for Humanity, AICS, TDH Italy, Mercy Corps, UNICEF, Rafeeq organization, HFHJ, IRJ

Meeting Highlights

Agenda Item I. DATF co-chairs updates

Presenter: Lauren Ayn Schoenster

- DATF prepared joint messages on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December. These messages have been published on the DATF's portal.
- DATF also jointly developed a video about refugees with disabilities who are community/leaders which were published on UNHCR's Instagram and Twitter pages.
- UNHCR under the umbrella of the DATF participated in an activity by Rafeeq which celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the 3rd of December 2021 at Ras Al-Ain Gallery.
- UNHCR also facilitated a training under the umbrella of the DATF on "**Disability and Forced Displacement**" in November.
- DATF members discussed the training needs for the members and the working group in 2022 workplan and priorities for 2022 and next steps by the DATF.

Agenda Item II. Presentation and consultation with DATF members about the guidelines on SGBV and people with disabilities which is being developed by AIDOS in coordination with NHF/IFH and HCD

Presenter: Muntaha Hrasis

- The guidelines about inclusive SGBV protection and prevention services aim at ensuring inclusion of persons with disabilities in SGBV programming and their access to SGBV prevention and protection services.

- The guidelines are being informed by a needs assessment. Focus group discussions were held with people with disabilities and service providers with SGBV survivors in IFH/NHF's clinics in Amman, Zarqa and Irbid.
- The guidelines will include chapters on legal framework (existing national and international instruments on SGBV, and disability); understanding SGBV, including main concepts of SGBV, definitions and categories, and the most common forms of SGBV; understanding disability; the intersection of disability and SGBV; case management for persons with disabilities SGBV survivors; including disability in SGBV prevention programmes; working with caregivers of survivors with disabilities.
- Additionally, the guidelines will also include a map of organizations of persons with disabilities and civil society organizations working on disability and/or SGBV across the country, practical tools on SGBV and disability, and analysis and review of existing national and international instruments on SGBV and disability.

Agenda Item III. End-of-year wrap up: feedback about the work of the DATF, review of the DATF workplan, training needs, priorities for 2022 and next steps

Presenter: Lauren Schoenster

- Participants reviewed the achievements of the DATF and identified training needs and priorities for 2022.
- In 2021, the DATF's achievements included the incorporation of age into the work of the task force; appointment of 18 Disability and Age inclusion sectors focal points; organization of 10 capacity building training sessions provided to 180 attendees on topics related to Disability and Age inclusion, data protection, disability and forced displacement, trainings were delivered with many thanks and gratitude to our partners Humanity and inclusion HI, HelpAge international, The Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disability HCD and UNHCR, sharing of disability inclusion good practices by NHF and ARCS; and joint activities conducted on World Refugee Day and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Additionally, a question on depression from the enhanced set of the Washington Group Questions was added to the VAF population study.
- In 2022, members shared that the DATF should focused on mapping services and conducting a gap analysis, advocating for inclusion in livelihood initiatives, empowering and building capacity of persons with disabilities and connecting them with economic opportunities, enhancing communication with donors, and providing services to those with psycho-social and intellectual disabilities. Members also noted that data on disability is lacking in Jordan and it would be useful to have more data on disability prevalence.

Agenda Item IV. DATF members updates

- JOHUD implemented several activities targeting persons with disabilities, including rehabilitation services, provision of mobility and medical equipment and special education services. Teachers implemented activities for children on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with disabilities.

- ARCS team is finalizing their project targeting Jordanian and Syrian families living in Karak with at least one child with disability. They provided referrals to multi-disciplinary services including protection and GBV.
- NHF will continue providing services to persons with disabilities in 2022 in both urban areas and camps.

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- DATF co-chairs recommended members to update the service mapping matrix.