

Inclusion

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What is Handicap International mandate ?



Handicap International is an independent and impartial aid organisation working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster.

It works alongside people with **disabilities and vulnerable populations in order to respond to their essential needs**, improve their living conditions and promote respect for their dignity and fundamental rights.



In Jordan, Handicap International objective is to:

- mitigate the impact of the Syrian crisis on the most vulnerable persons and their families, **by responding to their basic and their specific needs.**

The most vulnerable people targeted are:

- Persons with injuries
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons with chronic diseases
- Older People

Some data



➤ **30% of the Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon have specific needs**

1/5 refugees is affected by physical, sensory or intellectual impairment

1/7 refugees is affected by chronic disease

1/15 refugees suffers from injury **AND** with nearly 80% of these injuries resulting directly from the conflict*

- “Hidden victims of the Syrian crisis: disabled, injured and older refugees”, Handicap International and HelpAge International, 2013

Why we target vulnerable people?



Vulnerable people are :

- More at risk to be **physically** or **emotionally** wounded
- **Less protected** from attack or damage
- **Less able** to access resources
- **Rarely consulted** and included in decision making
- Less able **to cope** with emergency conditions
(eg. An older person might find living in a tent difficult)
- **Less considered** in the mainstream emergency response
(eg food distributions, health services, accommodation....)

What «inclusion» means?



Inclusion consists of acting deliberately in order **to eliminate all obstacles which could prevent one from an equal access and full participation** within a structure, service or society, **whatever the intrinsic characteristics** of this individual, family, group or community .*

* Regional Inclusion Mainstreaming Strategy HI DAU (TBC),2014

Common barriers faced by people with disabilities

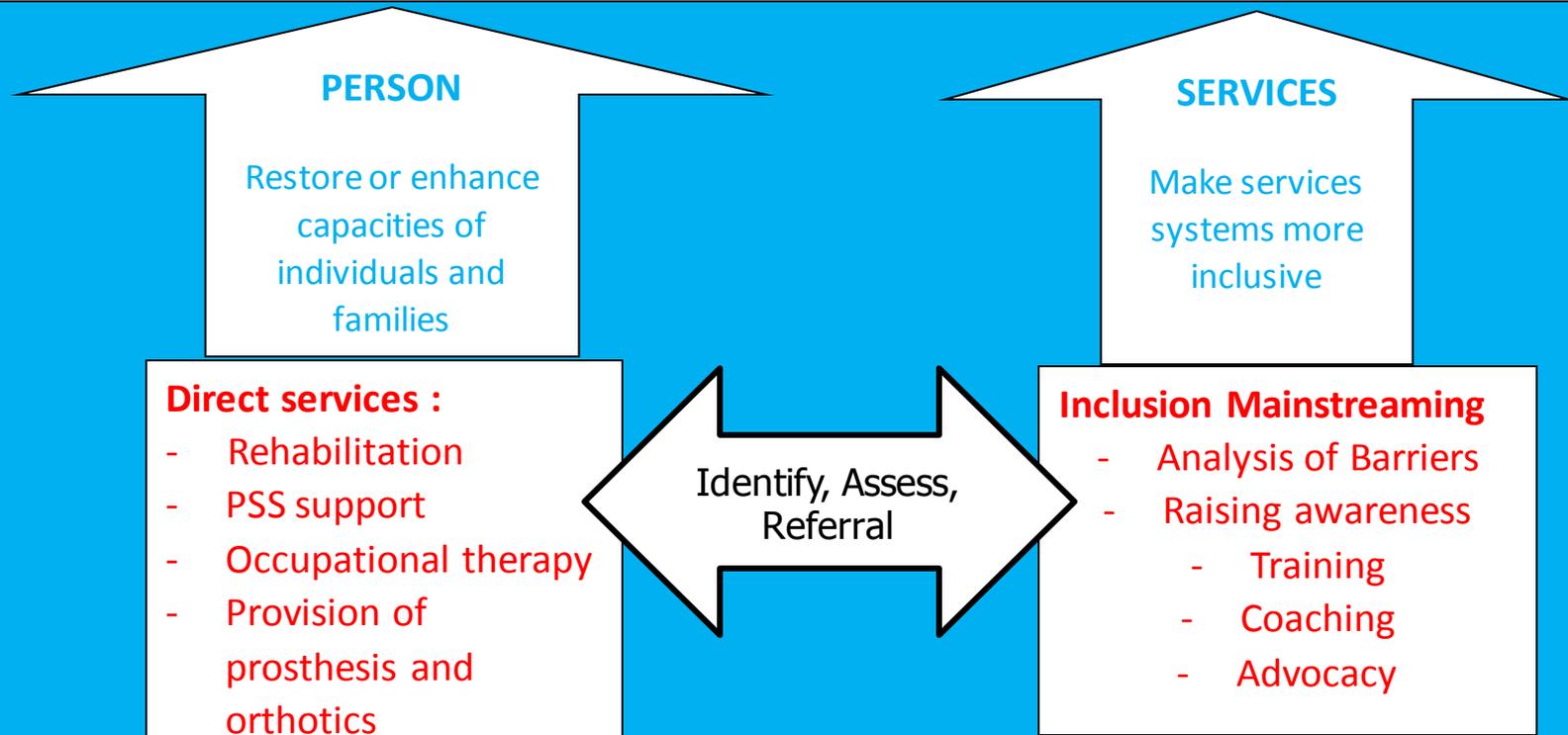


- 1. Environmental:** Buildings, toilets, roads, and transportation not being physically accessible; communication being inaccessible to people with sensory impairment.
- 2. Attitudinal:** Prejudice or discrimination against people because of their impairment(s): Name calling, bullying, unfair expectations, over-protection.
- 3. Institutional:** Barriers due to policies, laws, education, practices that don't take into account different levels of functioning or abilities; and/or don't take into account the right of all people to participate in society and access services regardless of disability.

What is HI approach of inclusion?

HI TWIN TRACK APPROACH OF INCLUSION

Goal in Emergency context: *Inclusion of all the most vulnerable persons within humanitarian assistance*



How the inclusion team can support you?



1. Awareness Sessions :

- On understanding the definition of disability, impairment, injury and the daily challenges faced by vulnerable people to access humanitarian response

2. Specific trainings on :

- Inclusion of people with disability (including children with disability) in the humanitarian response: wash, shelter, child friendly spaces, education...



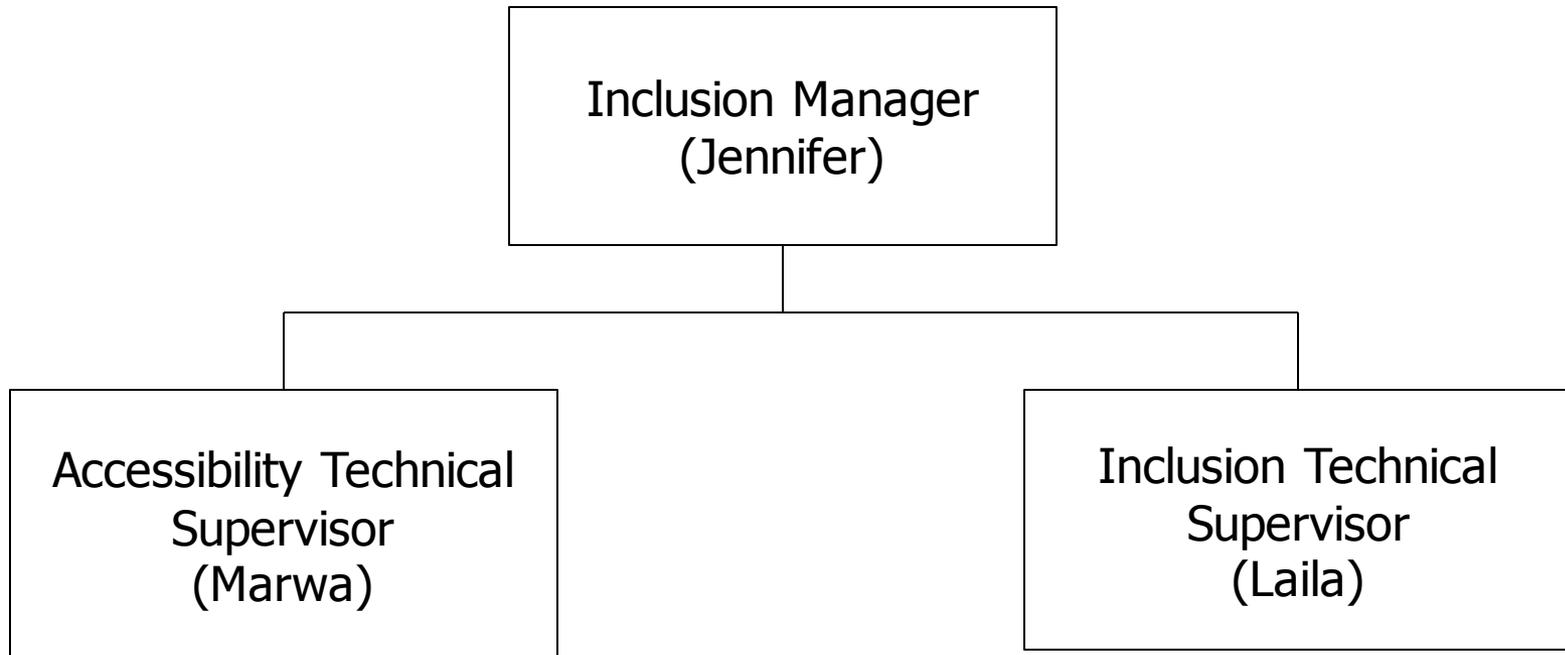
3. Coaching:

- Provide **individual and specific** assistance on accessibility and inclusion based on: Assessment → Implementation → Follow Up
- Develop tailored field solutions
- Provide technical recommendations

Inclusion team



- The Inclusion department is part of the HI Technical Unit





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