# IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

March 6 and 7, 2018 – Beirut, Lebanon

## Introduction:

In 2016, the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Working Group agreed to establish a Task Team on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action. The Task Team membership spans UN agencies, humanitarian actors, NGOs and organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) and includes Member States as observers. The Task Team is led by three co-chairs: the International Disability Alliance, Handicap International and UNICEF.[[1]](#footnote-1) Further details on the Task Team, including Terms of Reference and Work Plan, can be found on the IASC website:

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

The Task Team is mandated to create the IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action between January 2017 and December 2018. The Guidelines will assist humanitarian actors, governments, affected communities and organizations of persons with disabilities to coordinate, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate essential actions that foster the full and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. Guidelines will be based in international legal frameworks – International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law – and drive change in practice across all sectors and in all phases of humanitarian action.

Following a desk review and multi-stakeholder workshop in Geneva, it was decided that the primary target for the Guidelines would be humanitarian actors, including Humanitarian Country Teams, local governments, and then key focal points within the humanitarian architecture (e.g. Inter-agency coordinators; Cluster / Working Group Coordinator; Sector / Sub-Sector Leads). The Guidelines will also target organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) as a key humanitarian stakeholder.

The Guidelines will include an overview of the different roles of policy makers, coordinators, program managers, and other implementers, directing people to more detailed products and / or practice guides for inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action as appropriate. Furthermore, the Guidelines will include both guiding principles and approaches that can be applied to all programs and sectors, as well as more detailed sector-specific guidance.

## Objectives:

The Regional Consultation Workshops will seek to:

* Review, discuss and comment on the Guidelines Draft 0
* Review initial draft content and agree on priority areas/key components for the guidelines.
* Obtain feedback from stakeholders on the level of details required for the guidelines to be effective and relevant in the field.
* Collect existing information, promising practices and other relevant information from participants to support the content development of the guidelines.
* Identify how regional humanitarian actors can contribute to later phases of the Guidelines development process, including establishing appropriate feedback mechanisms.

## Agenda:

Note: each session closing by a plenary feedback will end with clear and agreed recommendations that will be used for the development of the IASC Guidelines Draft 1.

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| **Tuesday 6 March 2018** | |
| 8h45 to 9h00 | Arrival of participants and registration |
| 9h00 to 9h45 | Welcome ceremony: Moderated by AOPD     * Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities * IASC Task Team Representative - Ms. Tanya Chapuisat, Country Director, UNICEF Lebanon * Fred T. Neto, Ph.D, Director, Social Development Division, UN-ESCWA * Lebanese Minister of Social Affairs   Introduction to the workshop, background |
| 9h45 to 10h15 | Introduction of participants  Ground rules  Agenda |
| 10h15 to 10h45 | Presentation of the draft 0 and main recommendations from Pacific Consultation |
| **10h45 to 11h15 Coffee break** | |
| 11h15 to 11h45 | Review and feedback on the Guidelines’ presentation  In plenary, participants will share views on:   * Questions for clarification * Are there any gaps, missing chapters/points to be included? |
| 11h45 to 12h30 | Presentation of regional experiences/good practices |
| **12h30-1h30pm Lunch** | |
| 1h30pm to 3h00 | Review and feedback on draft 0 of the IASC Guidelines:  Part 1.1.2: Target Audience  Part 1.1.3: Non-Negotiable  Part 1.2.1: Gaps and Opportunities  Part 1.3.2: Risks, Barriers and Capacities |
| **3h00 to 3h30 Coffee break** | |
| 3h30 to 4h30 | Review and feedback on the IASC Guidelines  Section 1.5: How can persons with disabilities and organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) participate effectively in all stages of humanitarian action?  How can collaboration with, and support from humanitarian stakeholders (UN, governments, NGO, etc.) empower, develop leadership and capacity of DPOs to contribute to humanitarian action?  Section 1.6: Crosscutting Issues |
| 4h30 to 5h | Closing the Day |
| **Wednesday, 7th March, 2018** | |
| 9h00 to 9h30 | Welcome participants – review ground rules, introduction of new-comers and summary of previous day |
| 9h30 to 10h00 | Presentation of good practices from the region |
| 9h30 to 10h45 | Review and feedback on Part 2:  Humanitarian Program Cycle, timeline framework and needs of different types of actors |
| **10h45 -11h Break** | |
| 11h-12h00 | Introduction on Part 3: Sector-Specific   * Food security and nutrition * Health * Protection * Shelter * Camp management and camp coordination * Water, Sanitation and Hygiene * Education * Early recovery * Operation support sectors * Inter-Agency coordination |
| 12h00 to 12h30 | Identification of sector content based on regional practices and experiences |
| **12h30-1h30pm Lunch** | |
| 1h30 to 2h30 | Continued:  Identification of sector content based on regional practices and experiences |
| 2h30 to 3h15 | Plenary feedback |
| **3h15-3h45 Break** | |
| 3h45 to 4h30 | Plenary feedback continued |
| 4h30 to 5h00 | Next steps and way forward  Closing Session:  AOPD  IASC co-chairs |

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)