

An Evening Conversation: **Persons with Disabilities in Emergency and Peacebuilding Processes**

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Article 11 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities clearly underscores the obligation of Member States to guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities, even in situations of risk—including situations of armed conflict and the occurrence of natural disasters. Yet international humanitarian law, established prior to the CRPD and espousing outdated understandings of disability—notably the medical model, which focuses exclusively on the impairment of a person—continues to dominate humanitarian and peacebuilding discourse.

We invite you to join the conversation of how, as a global community, humanitarian actors, the UN system, governments and civil society can work together to shift from the medical model to a human rights-based approach regarding persons with disabilities in crisis-affected communities.

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