



# Collecting Data on Persons with Disabilities

**Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)  
Experience**

# Bangladesh Scenario

- **10% (+) of the population** i.e. 16 million people are living with a disability
- But the perspective at different level differs on disability statistics
- Lack of valid data and statistics on disability at National Level
- Many different definitions of disability and people's experience of disability are extremely varied

# **BDRCS Perspectives**

- Disability inclusion is an important strategic cross cutting priority
- The program, projects and emergency response operations consider persons with disabilities as a priority
- But no clear understanding on how to address disability issues in the program
- No clear guidance for disability disaggregated data collection, analysis and use

# Current BDRCS data collection practice

- Although some gender disaggregation is there, disability disaggregation is missing
- Need assessment, beneficiary selection survey include a question on person/s with disability but the definition is not clear
- Disability disaggregation is missing in Federation-wide Data and Reporting System (FDRS)

## Section 9: "People Reached" Indicators by Type of Programme

Number of People Reached with Disaster Response and Early Recovery Services				
Age group	Direct Recipients			Indirect Recipients
	Male	Female	Total	
0 to 5			0	
6 to 12			0	
13 to 17			0	
18 to 29			0	
30 to 39			0	
40 to 49			0	
50 to 59			0	
60 to 69			0	
70 to 79			0	
80+			0	
<b>Total</b>	0	0	1143904	

Is your National Society capturing disaggregated data based on disability for this indicator, i.e. the number of persons with disabilities? ( Type Yes or No in the yellow box)

If answered yes, is your disability disaggregated data in accordance to the Washington Group questions ? ( Type Yes or No in the yellow box)

## Section 7: Paid Staff

Number of Paid Staff			
Age group	Male	Female	Total
18 to 29			0
30 to 39			0
40 to 49			0
50 to 59			0
60 to 69			0
70 to 79			0
80+			0
<b>Total</b>	1299	989	2288

Is your National Society capturing disaggregated data based on disability for this indicator, i.e. the number of persons with disabilities? ( Type Yes or No in the yellow box) **Yes**

If answered yes, is your disability disaggregated data in accordance to the Washington Group questions ? ( Type Yes or No in the yellow box) **No**

## Number of People Reached with Long Term Services and Development Programmes

Age group	Direct Recipients			Indirect Recipients
	Male	Female	Total	
0 to 5			0	
6 to 12			0	
13 to 17			0	
18 to 29			0	
30 to 39			0	
40 to 49			0	
50 to 59			0	
60 to 69			0	
70 to 79			0	
80+			0	
<b>Total</b>	0	0	1833026	

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# Creation of community of practice in Red Cross/Crescent movement

- Participated in a workshop on disability disaggregated data in Geneva in November 2018
- Areas discussed:
  - Identifying persons with disabilities and definition of disability
  - Guiding principles and approaches for disability inclusion
  - Terminology – persons first language
  - Use of Washington Group Set of Questions for disaggregation and disability inclusion
  - Action plan development

# Embedding the learning at BDRCS

- Reporting/ M&E focal persons' training and capacity building on disability disaggregation
- Incorporating the WGQs into the BDRCS questionnaire
- BDRCS database to add data on persons with disabilities in line with the WGQs

# Moving forward

- Advocacy at wider policy level and humanitarian coordination platform for a wider understanding on disability definition and mainstreaming in Bangladesh
- Wider dissemination of WGQs
- Strong collaborative partnership between RCRC Actors, local DPOs, HI and other relevant humanitarian organizations to ensure data collection, analysis and use on disability
- A “community of practice” with visible and regular actions at global level
- Support to BDRCS for capacity building on disability inclusion and data collection
- Support to BDRCS for disability mainstreaming in program design and implementation