

ANNEX to Humanity & Inclusion 2018 self-report to WHS commitments

Transformation 3G and Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

Humanity & Inclusion (HI) works in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster. HI works alongside persons with disabilities and vulnerable people to help meet their basic needs, improve their living conditions and promote respect for their dignity and fundamental rights. At field level, about 20 HI programs have dedicated projects and activities to promote inclusive humanitarian action, influencing strategic planning and humanitarian programming.

This Annex provides a sample of actions HI has taken in 2018 to meet its commitments under transformation 3G to include the most vulnerable in crisis settings and the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.

Actions taken at Federal level

- HI actively promotes the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, in line with IHL and IHRL, in particular the UNCRPD, in partnership with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and CBM, by generating evidence, building resources and capacity, improving accountability, influencing policies and practices around the topic.
- HI is co-chairing the IASC Task Team set up following the launch of the Charter at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit to develop Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, together with IDA and UNICEF that are expected to be submitted to the IASC for endorsement in June 2019. In addition to the coordination and technical direction provided to the Task Team by HI as a co-chairs, evidence-based content and technical input has been provided by HI in the following ways: participation of technical and policy advisors in five Regional consultation workshops (Pacific; MENA; Latin America; Asia; and Africa); written feedback on each draft of the Guidelines by HI technical and policy advisors; drafting of the Emergency Livelihoods sector chapter; evidence gathering through field visits and a call for practices resulting in the collection and review of over 60 case studies to be published alongside the IASC Guidelines
- In May 2018 HI participated in SimEx, a large scale simulation exercise conducted in the UK to test approaches to including persons with disabilities in emergency response. This provided an important opportunity to demonstrate to the SimEx lead agencies the importance to including persons with disabilities in all elements of simulation exercises; as exercise controllers, role players, and players. The exercise all highlighted to the participating humanitarian actors the need to train their staff on disability inclusion before they are deployed.
- HI has seconded two staff to DFID Syria for 12 months to provide technical assistance to DFID and its implementing partners to more effectively collect and use data on persons with disabilities to mainstream disability inclusion in programming. This contributes to the delivery plan of DFID's new Disability Inclusion Strategy and evidence from the secondment will be used to inform DFID's ongoing efforts towards inclusive humanitarian action.
- In collaboration with IDA, CBM and other members of IDDC, HI is contributing to establish a capacity building mechanism on Article 11 - inclusive humanitarian action under the Bridge CRPD-SDGs Training Initiative that will foster cooperation, exchange and knowledge among DPOs, humanitarian actors and local stakeholders.
- HI supported the development of Humanitarian Inclusion Standards for older people and people with disabilities as part of the Age and Disability Capacity Programme (ADCAP), launched in February 2018.
- HI is working in partnership with IDA and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics to enhance the availability and use of quality data on persons with disability by humanitarian actors by piloting a

project funded by DFID on testing and assessing the use of the Washington Group Questions in humanitarian response contexts in Jordan, DRC, and Philippines. Using the action-research findings, the project team is developing a learning toolkit on Collecting Data for the Inclusion of Persons with disabilities in Humanitarian Action – The Application of the WGQs, to be used by humanitarian actors and disseminated to the humanitarian community in 2019.

- HI supports discussions around policies and practices on inclusion of persons with disabilities with stakeholders e.g. through the Global Protection Cluster, being focal point on persons with disabilities in the Protection Mainstreaming Task Team; by supporting stakeholders, including ECHO, UN agencies; through capacity building (e.g. to German FFO and NGOs working in humanitarian assistance, together with CBM).
- HI continued its technical support to UNRWA to mainstream disability throughout the agency, rolling out the Disability Inclusion Guidelines which aim to create a consistent agency-wide understanding of key disability inclusion principles and practices and help agency staff to operationalize commitments under the UNRWA Disability Policy and the CRPD.
- HI is strengthening its own internal inclusion policies and developed an institutional Policy on Disability, Gender and Age and implementing guidelines.
- HI advocated for a systematic inclusion of persons with disabilities in any disaster risk reduction (including disaster preparedness) initiatives at the national and sub-national levels, alongside the Disability Inclusive DRR Network (DiDRRN), during the 2nd Dhaka Conference. It contributed to the Dhaka Declaration on Disability and Disaster Risk Management 2018.

Examples of actions at country level

HI has dedicated programs, projects and activities to promote inclusive humanitarian action, influencing strategic planning and humanitarian programming. The programs are implemented in different phases of humanitarian action, both supporting host communities, refugees and internally displaced populations.

- HI collaborated with the Niger Federation of People with Disabilities (FNPH), to foster the participation and self-promotion of people with disabilities in Sayam Forage Refugee Camp No.1, as well as in the host communities and humanitarian responses in general. Together they have supported the forming of representative structure for persons with disabilities in the camp. HI and FNPH have also worked together to establish a group of peripatetic sign-language interpreters who serve the camps and surrounding areas.
- In Gaza, HI is supporting the Disability Representatives Bodies Network (DRBN), an umbrella group of 7 DPOs and 4 self-help groups, to ensure that ongoing reconstruction is accessible and persons with disabilities are included in preparedness activities. HI has trained accessibility focal Points to participate in accessibility audits of public places; make recommendations to improve the accessibility; and co-facilitate training for engineers and architects working on reconstruction projects. One notable success came with the allocation by the municipality of Gaza of 5000m² of coast to be rehabilitated as Gaza's first fully accessible beach. Moreover, HI is also reinforcing the capacities of emergency responders to deliver accessible services in their respective field (Health, Watsan, Shelter etc.) through a project supported by BMZ.
- In South Sudan HI has collaborated with IOM to conduct a participatory assessment in order to understand the living conditions, barriers and facilitators of access to services experienced by people with disabilities living in Bentui Protection of Civilians Site. The assessment data will be used to identify key actions and solutions to improve the living conditions and equal participation and access for people with disabilities and other groups at risk of discrimination/exclusion.
- In DRC, HI has partnered with Kinshasa protection cluster and the Humanitarian Pooled Fund (HPF) to improve access to HPF funded projects to the most vulnerable people. Specifically, HI has provided technical support to the HPF team to better identify key standards and actions that promote inclusive humanitarian action within submitted proposals. HPF field staff have been sensitized and provided with the appropriate tools to monitor the inclusiveness of HPF funded projects.
- In Yemen, HI is providing support to two consortia funded by DFID, implementing humanitarian protection, nutrition, WASH and health services. All consortia partners are trained on inclusive humanitarian programming, key strategic and programmatic tools are revised in order to integrate

disability, age, gender and other mainstreaming elements as cross-cutting issues. A programmatic assessment and tailored action plan and support will be provided to all consortia partners. Additional barriers analyses are conducted among several sectors of humanitarian intervention through secondary data collection, in order to identify factors of discrimination and good practices.

- In Jordan, HI continues to co-chair the national Disability Task Force (DTF) alongside UNHCR. HI has also provided technical support to several actors to mainstream disability, age and gender, including ACTED, NRC, TdH-Italy clinic (Health actors on reproductive), ICMC (Protection project), Save the Children, and IOM.
- HI and iMMAP have finalised a disability and education assessment among Syrian refugees in camp and host communities in Jordan, and urban area and informal tented settlements (ITS) in Lebanon. The assessment increased understanding of the level of access and barriers to basic and specialized services among Syrian refugees with and without disabilities, with a particular focus on inclusive education, and provide recommendations on prioritized inclusive actions at community, national, and regional levels. More information are available [here](#).
- In Kakuma and Dabaab camps in Kenya, HI has continued to empower refugees with disabilities through disability inclusion committees and collaborated with mainstream humanitarian actors to ensure increased access to protection, health and rehabilitation services. Together they have also established awareness, response and prevention mechanisms for protection and gender-based violence issues towards persons with disabilities.
- In the frame of an emergency nutrition project in Ethiopia, HI is supporting Action Against Hunger to ensure that all their nutritional services in Nguenyiel and Pugnido camps are inclusive of children with disabilities.

HI is involved in DRR to strengthen innovative and traditional early warning system to make sure people with disabilities will be reached, but also mobile data collection before, during and after disasters to know exactly which populations are at higher risks than others.

- In Philippines HI is supporting local DPOs to take an active role in community-based DRR in areas which were badly affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda in 2013. This is implemented through a project called iRESTORE combining inclusive livelihoods, health and DRR components to increase resilience of persons with disabilities and their communities. The iRESTORE project is being implemented jointly by HI and Plan International.
- In Nepal HI supported the Nepal Red Cross to include persons with disabilities in preparedness activities in earthquake prone areas through the secondment of staff to two District chapters
- In Ethiopia HI partnered with Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Coordination Office of Harrar, and Catholic Organization for Relief & Development Aid to ensure inclusion of persons with disabilities in community-based DRR committees supported through a 3-year resilience project.
- In Pakistan, HI is combining approaches to inclusive DRR and inclusive livelihoods promotion to build resilience of persons with disabilities, for example, through facilitating their participation in Village Disaster Management Committees alongside personalized social support.