

Overview of HI's work

HI works in around sixty countries in emergency, reconstruction, chronic crisis and development contexts. Since 1982, the organisation has been working alongside vulnerable populations, in particular persons with disabilities.

Our vision

Outraged by the injustice faced by persons with disabilities and vulnerable populations, we aspire to a world of solidarity and inclusion, enriched by our differences, where everyone can live in dignity.

Our mission

HI is an independent and impartial aid organization working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster. The organization works alongside persons with disabilities and vulnerable populations, taking action and bearing witness in order to respond to their essential needs, improve their living conditions and promote respect for their dignity and fundamental rights.



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'From Guidelines to Action' Project

Supporting the operationalization & localisation of the IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action



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Goals

Persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by humanitarian crises and natural disasters. Environmental, institutional and attitudinal barriers prevent them from accessing humanitarian assistance and participating in decisions on issues affecting their lives.

Continuing gaps in disability-inclusive humanitarian coordination, and the limited collection and use of quality disability data in the design of operational programming has meant persons with disabilities are routinely left behind during humanitarian programming.

The 'From Guidelines to Action' project will contribute to addressing this by supporting interested humanitarian actors to strengthening their capacity to collect and utilize information with and on affected persons with disabilities, to coordinate effectively on issues of disability-inclusion, and to design interventions which are accessible to persons with disabilities and promote their meaningful engagement and empowerment.

The project will have a specific focus on humanitarian coordination, protection and food security sectors and will work closely with clusters in two pilot countries, engaged humanitarian stakeholders in country and at global level.

Focus Areas

Capacity Development

- Facilitation of participatory learning and laboratory sessions on inclusive humanitarian programming and adaptation of operational tools for food security and general protection actors in line with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.
- Facilitating peer-support learning sessions with humanitarian actors, including representatives from affected population with disabilities in relation to quality disability data collection, and inclusive programming.
- Collection of 23 good and promising practices to evidence what works on disability-inclusive programming



Strengthening Coordination

- Undertaking global mapping of existing disability-inclusive coordination mechanisms to identify gaps and good practices.
- Identifying and showcasing good and promising practices on disability-inclusive coordination mechanisms through in-depth case studies.
- Co-creation of a set of operational tools to setup and run disability-inclusive coordination mechanisms, based on existing good practices identified in the mapping.

Tool Development

- Identification and disability-focused analysis of existing tools
- Co-creation of disability-inclusive data collection tools in general protection and food security based on identified gaps in commonly used tools.
- Publication & dissemination of adapted toolsets.