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Disability inclusion in action: What works? Lessons from an evaluation by the WFP-Trinity College Dublin partnership

Side event on the margins of the annual session of the Executive Board¹

Thursday, 23 June 2022, 13:30–14:30

Hybrid format event (WFP Auditorium + Zoom platform)

Context

The link between disability and achieving WFP's mandate is clear: globally there are one billion persons with disabilities that are more likely to experience poverty and to live in a household that experiences food insecurity². Zero hunger means ensuring access for *all* people to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food, all year round. To ensure no one is left behind and to reach the furthest behind first, WFP hunger solutions must reach the people commonly excluded from relief and development efforts; persons with disabilities. Initiated in 2020, the research partnership between WFP and Trinity College Dublin is building an understanding of what works, for whom, why, and in which contexts in terms of disability-inclusive programming. This event will showcase evidence from across the programme cycle, present context-sensitive research findings embedded in the realities of WFP operations and share learning that can be immediately taken up by WFP.

This interactive event will demonstrate one research output, a decision-making tool to support disaggregation of data by disability, including practical examples from the Asia and Pacific region. Then we will close the loop by showing how in the Middle East and Northern Africa region WFP is enriching and contextualizing disaggregated information with qualitative data, and finally, show how in Southern Africa WFP is not only capturing disability-related data but also providing accessible information. The session will be in a conversational form with colleagues from the Asia and Pacific, Middle East and Northern Africa, and Southern Africa country offices, representing both emergency and development contexts. A Q&A session will engage the audience.

¹ The side event is co-hosted by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as the Permanent Representation of Finland to FAO, WFP, and IFAD.

² Mitra, S., Posarac, A. and Vick, B. 2013. Disability and Poverty in Developing Countries: a Multidimensional Study. World Development. Volume 41, pp 1–18.

Objectives

The side event will:

- Launch a practical decision-making tool to support disability data disaggregation in WFP programming.
- Present emerging evidence on how secondary and qualitative data on disability can be utilized by WFP to complement disaggregation and improve food security outcomes for people with disability.
- Contribute to the specific goals³ embedded in WFP's new strategic plan (2022–2025) and corporate results framework, with a focus on adopting a people-centred approach, strengthening data collection, improving universal accessibility, and working closely with partners such as Trinity College Dublin to reduce barriers faced by persons with disabilities in all of their diversity.



Viaze Momade Lutchi, a visually impaired woman, was displaced to Montepuez district in Cabo Delgado province (Mozambique), and now receives assistance from WFP. Awa Alfene works for one of WFP's implementing partners, SEPPA, and is helping her to review an accessible consent form.

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³ i) to realize the meaningful participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all operations and programming;
ii) to integrate disability inclusion as a key consideration for management, administration and support functions; and
iii) to become an employer of choice for persons with disabilities.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks (5 minutes)

- Ms Kavita Brahmhatt, Senior Disability Inclusion Adviser, Programme – Humanitarian and Development Division, WFP

2. The WFP Trinity College Dublin partnership: Generating practical evidence (5 minutes)

- Dr Caroline Jagoe, Professor and Project Lead, Trinity College Dublin

3. Disability disaggregation: When and how? Presenting a decision-making tool (15 minutes)

- Ms Claire F. O'Reilly, Research Fellow, Trinity College Dublin
- Ms Heshani Ranasinghe, Programme Policy Officer, Sri Lanka country office, WFP

4. Closing the loop: Using qualitative data and engaging with affected communities (15 minutes)

- Dr Caroline Jagoe, Professor and Project Lead, Trinity College Dublin
- Ms Monica Matarazzo, Protection and Gender Officer and Ms Martina Trombetta, Accountability to Affected Populations Officer, Syrian Arab Republic country office, WFP
- Ms Ketty Tirzi, Programme Policy Officer – Gender, Mozambique country office, WFP

5. Q&A session (moderator, Ms Kavita Brahmhatt) (10 minutes)

6. Closing remarks (5 minutes)

- Ms Tracy Reid, Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Rome, Italy
- Ms Tanja Grén, Permanent Representative of Finland to FAO, WFP and IFAD