



Brown Bag Lunch hosted by Finland

PROMOTING INCLUSION: Addressing the Rights and Needs of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

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Aula Delegatis – Aula I

Concept Note

Globally, an estimated 15 percent of the population live with some form of disability. Persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by humanitarian emergencies and they face particular barriers in accessing life-saving relief and recovery support. Persons with disabilities often suffer from multiple forms of discrimination. During crises, they may be particularly exposed to targeted violence, exploitation and abuse, and women and girls with disabilities are at high risk to experience gender-based violence.

Ensuring that assistance reaches everyone in a non-discriminatory and inclusive manner, 'that no one is left behind', is a cornerstone of WFP's approach to humanitarian assistance. It is also a fundamental part of operationalizing the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality and neutrality. Inclusion for WFP means, amongst other, ensuring meaningful participation of persons with disability in programme design and implementation, and strengthening partnerships with DPOs.

Since endorsing the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action in 2016, and pledging commitment at the Global Disability Summit in 2018, WFP has explored possibilities for strengthening data collection on food insecure persons with disabilities and drafted operational guidance for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in WFP programmes. WFP has also documented lessons learnt from WFP programmes, focusing on opportunities and challenges to ensure inclusion of persons with disabilities.

The event comes at a time when the follow up to the recommendations of the evaluation of WFP's Protection Policy are taking shape and the organization is embarking on reinvigorated efforts to ensure the integration of protection and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) considerations throughout its operations. The lunch provides an opportunity to inform the Member States on the concrete measures that WFP has already put in place and discuss the best way forward.



Agenda

12:45-12:50

Opening remarks

*Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director,
Operation Services, WFP*

12:50-13:10

A view from the field: Inclusion of persons with disabilities in WFP country operations

Ms. Rebecca Skovbye, Programme Policy Officer, WFP

13:10-13:20

WFP's strategy and approach to inclusion

*Mr. Samir Wanmali, Deputy Director, Policy and
Programme Division, WFP*

13:20-13:40

Questions and Answers

*Moderated by Mr. Samir Wanmali, Deputy Director,
Policy and Programme Division, WFP*

13:40-13:45

Closing Remarks

*Ms. Satu Lassila, Permanent Representative to the
FAO, WFP, IFAD, Embassy of Finland in Rome*