Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Shelter and Settlements
Baseline Mapping

Investigated 3 main components:

1. Level of disability inclusion in existing programming

2. Capacity of agency staff to mainstream accessibility and disability inclusion at field level

1. Institutional and donor frameworks, policies, accountability mechanisms, M&E tools and resources available to support and track progress in inclusion mainstreaming
Shelter and settlement actors perceive the biggest barriers to inclusion are the attitudes of family and community members, and not being linked to community decision-making processes, particularly for women and girls with disabilities.

- 100 documents reviewed
- 40 questionnaire responses received (60% of these at country/field level)
- 20 Key Informant Interviews conducted
- 3 case studies completed
Key Findings – Literature Review

• High focus on technical guidance for accessible shelters and construction over addressing disability inclusion in broader programming.
• Many shelter-specific documents include disability within the general category of “vulnerability” and don’t make clear distinctions between types of disability or identify areas where persons with disabilities can make important contributions.
• Ensuring participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of programme planning remains a challenge for organisations.
• High focus on response and recovery, rather than inclusion in preparedness and risk reduction.
• Few resources regarding the inclusion of persons with disabilities in cash programming or housing, land and property rights.
• All Under One Roof fills a critical gap in the sector presently.
Key Findings:

- Lack of dedicated policies or strategies relating to disability inclusion in shelter.
- Lack of understanding of types of disabilities and related needs, shelter and settlement risk factors, as well as skills and capacities.
- Lack of staff time and resources for tailored interventions to address needs.
- Lack of contextually appropriate and country tailored guidance, tools, resources.
- Low levels of inclusion in cash and voucher assistance activities.
- Few examples of persons with disabilities involved in decision making.
- Limited use of disability disaggregated data to inform programming.
- Questions around whether skill sets and composition of shelter and settlement teams are enough to deliver tailored and integrated approaches.
Key Messages

**Shelter Clusters**
- Strengthen vulnerability assessment tools
- Support the development of context specific guidance and tools
- Strengthen national shelter systems
- Advocate to donors to invest in disability inclusion

**Donors**
- Invest in shelter and settlement staff requested to deliver tailored assistance
- Support integrated shelter and settlement activities
- Ask shelter and settlement partners to report on quality of interventions (including how PWD were consulted and activities adapted)
Key Messages

Shelter and Settlements actors
• Strengthen monitoring and reporting on disability inclusion

Preparedness and recovery
• Outreach to and consult with OPDs at country level
• Establish criteria for inclusion of PWD and caregivers in decision making process
• Adapt standardised NFI and infrastructure designs

Emergency phase
• Adapt risk analysis and mitigation tools
• Integrate case studies on PWD into training packages
• Seek technical support for inclusion
• Plan for inclusive recovery by integrating disability into needs assessments and engaging OPDs in planning process
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