

## Call for Sectoral Expert Consultants

Development of the IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

The [IASC Task Team](#) on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action is calling for Sectoral Expert Consultants in:

- Food security and nutrition, including livelihood
- Health
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Protection
- Shelter & settlements
- Camp coordination and camp management
- Education in emergency
- Early recovery
- Operation support services (logistic and telecommunication)

### Details of the Consultancy:

Location: Remote

Duration: 10 days between April 16th and end of June

Remuneration: Based on experience

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### Background:

More than one billion people—approximately 15% of the global population—are persons with disabilities, 80% of whom live in poverty<sup>1</sup>. The report of the Secretary-General for the World Humanitarian Summit (2016) recognized that persons with disabilities are among the most marginalised in any crisis-affected community<sup>2</sup>. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) obligates States Parties to protect and ensure the safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters (Article 11), and to ensure that protection services are age-, gender- and disability-sensitive (Article 16).

A [Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](#) launched during the World Humanitarian Summit (May 2016) included a commitment to develop globally-endorsed UN system-wide guidelines on the inclusion of persons with disabilities. In July 2016, the UN Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) endorsed the establishment of a Task Team for a period of two years (January 2017 – December 2018) to develop IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action (the Guidelines).

The Guidelines will assist humanitarian actors, governments, affected communities and organizations of persons with disabilities to coordinate, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate essential actions that foster the effectiveness, appropriateness and efficiency of humanitarian action, resulting in the full and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities and changing practices across all sectors and in all phases of humanitarian action.

The development of the Guidelines adopts a multi-stakeholder, participative approach, to collect inputs via face-to-face regional consultations and a global online survey which aim to:

- Share feedback on priority areas and key components to be included in the Guidelines

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<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization and the World Bank, *World Report on Disability* (2011)

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly, *One Humanity: Shared Responsibility, Report of the Secretary-General for the World Humanitarian Summit A/70/90* (2 February 2016), available from <http://undocs.org/A/70/709>

- Obtain feedback from stakeholders on the level of detail required for the Guidelines to be effective and relevant in the field
- Collect existing information, promising practices and other relevant information from participants to support the content development of the Guidelines
- Identify how regional humanitarian actors can contribute to phases of the Guidelines' development process, including establishing appropriate feedback mechanisms.

### Objectives of the Consultancy(ies):

The IASC Task Team is calling for sectoral expert consultants to support/develop the Guidelines' sector-specific sections, building on consultation and online survey outcomes. The consultant will:

- Review outcomes of the consultations and online survey as regards to their sector of expertise and identify the main topics to be addressed within the sector (0.5 day)
- Identify possible gaps to be addressed in the sector (0.5 day)
- Identify opportunities for change, specifically practical measures that can be taken to address significant risks/barriers related to the sector that are faced by persons with disabilities. (Measures should lead to tangible change for persons with disabilities).
- Develop a draft chapter outline and content with key relevant areas to consider within the sub-sector as regards to inclusion of persons with disabilities, using the sector/chapter defined structure (during the consultation). (3 days)
- Coordinate with the working group on the relevant sector and expert on sub-sector to develop content (2 days)
- Support identification of case studies / good practices that could illustrate the relevant sector (1 day)
- Mobilize other experts and stakeholders (including organizations of persons with disabilities potentially involved in / impacted by the specific sector) to review the sector content throughout the Guidelines development process (working group) (2.5 days)
- Support the collection of existing guidelines relevant to the sector which address inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action, that can be included as resources for the chapter. (0.5 day)

### Key Considerations to Develop Sector Content:

1. Sector section/content should be short in the body of the Guidelines, however additional content could be included as an annex
2. Terminology used in the sector should be easy to understand by all, or defined within the terminology section
3. Sector section/content will follow a timeline approach including emergency preparedness, response, recovery and linkages with development action (especially the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – 'Sustainable Development Goals')
4. The operational application of relevant aspects of the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities should be addressed, including (but not limited to) principles such as the meaningful and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities, as well as access to sector goods and services should be addressed
5. The sector should also address sub-sectors and adopt a comprehensive approach, including by addressing protection mainstreaming considerations.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Prioritize safety and dignity and avoid causing harm; meaningful access; accountability; participation and empowerment, including assisting people to claim their rights such as the rights to shelter, food, water and sanitation, health and education. See [http://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/\\_assets/files/aors/protection\\_mainstreaming/gpc-pm\\_toolkit-2017.en.pdf](http://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/_assets/files/aors/protection_mainstreaming/gpc-pm_toolkit-2017.en.pdf)

The sectoral expert consultant will be supported in its work by the Guidelines development consultant and members of the IASC Task Team. The consultant will receive all information that has been collected up to now.

The first draft of the sector should be ready by latest end of April 2018 in order to be included in the Guidelines draft 1 that will be reviewed during regional consultations in May 2018. Revision of the sector section will happen in June/July 2018.

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