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Support for disability inclusive Post-2015 DRR framework

The Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) should be rights-based, equity-oriented, people-centred and environmentally sustainable. In order to fulfill the requirements for inclusiveness, a disability-inclusive gender-sensitive community driven approach should be adopted. The Framework should be designed to build on and strengthen local resilience capabilities.

The WFOT advocates that rights, wellbeing, and perspective of people with disabilities are essential in disaster risk reduction. People with disabilities should be provided non-discriminatory access to information and education essential for ensuring safety and survival in disaster situations. This must be supported by education and outreach. Accessibility and rehabilitation are essential components of all aspects and stages of humanitarian response and particularly risk reduction and preparedness. Universal design will provide accessibility for all and overcome physical and information barriers.

The Framework should support capacity building for strength and resilience in local communities using participatory tools and methodologies with women and persons with disabilities. Capacity building should include the capability for participation and decision making. At-risk men and women should be engaged proactively in the design, planning, management and implementation of disaster risk management processes (Joint Civil Society position paper, 2013).

Actions which support the guiding principles include, for example, preparedness planning, emergency shelter and temporary housing to increase the chance of survival and resilience for the whole community. Survivors with existing disabilities and newly acquired disabilities should be consulted for practical problem-solving pre and post disaster. An emphasis is seeing disaster risk reduction as beginning with everyday disasters in order to support communities to cope with greater hazards when they occur. Taking actions to avoid the consequences of disaster must be built into community planning. Collecting, measuring, monitoring and evaluating inclusiveness should be an integral part of disaster risk reduction strategic planning.

The Framework should provide the support to create an enabling environment to promote citizen voices and citizen perspectives to engage in inclusive disaster risk reduction activities and preparedness.

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