

Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities WG

Meeting Notes

Date and time: Thursday, 12 July 2018. 09h00-10h00 Geneva time

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1.0 Welcome and Introductions:

Participants introduced themselves, their organisation and if they have experience with All Under One Roof (AUOR). A number of participants had some working knowledge of the guidelines and some had trained with them. Others had no experience. There were general comments that we need to be using these and other guidelines in a more systematic and integrated way across programming.

1.1 Background:

- All Under One Roof manual and training package was developed to guide more inclusive programming. More recently has been translated into different languages for use globally.
- Unclear how / if AUOR and other tools are being used– no formal monitoring of use, but there is some anecdotal evidence of tools being used, but there is some inconsistency across tools.
- One the goals of the WG is to facilitate testing the efficacy of AUOR and other tools that exist for use in shelter and settlement programming. As part of this it will be important to standardise tools for use across the sector.

2.0 Review of objectives, deliverables and draft timeline of the WG

2.1 Summary:

- Aim of the WG is to build on existing work around vulnerability and inclusion done by the shelter cluster, and then integrate a wider and more systematic disability inclusive approach.
- Need to ensure that any tools are consistent, practical, relevant and being used by cluster members, disabled people's organisations and sector partners.
- Aim for the WG to be a testing space and intention that this work links to ongoing inclusion initiatives (such as IASC guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action).
- Seeking feedback on deliverables and timeline of activities (*see slides*)

Questions / feedback:

- Clarification on case studies sought – are you talking about collecting data on general shelter projects or specifically on disability and inclusion? **Answer** – Specifically on disability and inclusion, particularly in shelter programming. We know there aren't necessarily a lot of case studies collected that specifically focus on these issues, although we have had some shared from the Shelter Projects Working Group (we will continue to work with them around case studies). Aim to collect a larger group of case studies to look at trends and gaps.
- What / Who is the ToR in the deliverables for? **Answer** – An 'Inclusive Shelter Expert' role will be finalised towards the end of the proposed WG activities (see Timeline of activities), but the intention is to create an 'Inclusive Shelter Expert' role. This will be for a specific cluster role (much like the roving HLP expert or Environmental Field Advisors) that can assist agencies in their planning and response activities.

2.2 Timelines and organisational commitment:

- Working group will be convened for three years (longer than the normal working group timeline).
- WG members can contribute and be involved to the extent that is possible for them. We want to include people and organisations outside of the cluster.
- We set this long timeline to allow ourselves time to do some in depth research and testing. We don't know to what extent people are using AUOR, so tracking this will require embedding some funding to support trainings, forums, get-togethers, monitoring / evaluation visits and shared learnings.
- We recognise the need to embed AUOR in a variety of contexts (different phases of DM cycle, also different response contexts)

Comments / feedback:

- DRC confirmed interest and engagement for at least 1 year. Suggest the deliverables and timelines can be tailored / adaptive to the working group as it forms.
- Would be good to identify intersecting working groups – and look for opportunities to integrate, find similarities, merge activities (eg Construction standards working group).
- Generally people feel timeline makes sense.
- German Red Cross, unable to comment on commitment to timeline, but there is interest so should be able to sustain in some way.
- Important to find a systematic way of working together to share the workload and ensure the sustainability of the WG.

Action from this discussion: All to share links to relevant initiatives, activities and other Working Groups, so that we can tie in (to Leeanne).

3.0 Discussion on immediate priorities and areas of work to progress + Initial discussion on process for collecting evidence

3.1 Immediate priorities

1. Defining process for collecting evidence (case studies) and testing the guidelines
 - a. See notes on IASC activities below
2. Sharing case studies / resources with the WG
3. Looking for opportunities of testing / piloting AUOR and other guidance

3.2 Processes for collecting evidence

- WG will collect ideas on the best ways to collect evidence (in the testing of AUOR and other guidelines). Please send these in for discussion at the next meeting.

3.2.1 Current efforts to collect evidence – as part of the development of the IASC guidelines

- Collecting case studies for the whole guidelines - a case study template has been developed and will be shared with the WG
- Process for submitting case studies:
 - Register to submit a case study, via the template
 - The review committee reviews to consider balance across the sectors
- Would be great to particularly highlight the learning process of adapting projects / facilities
- The guidelines and a library of case studies will be published to highlight good practice, and this could be added to over time (could like with WG). Still working out how this will happen and how it will be managed over time

Questions / feedback

Is the WG in touch with Handicap International (HI) and CBM? **Answer:** Yes, CBM don't currently have capacity to be in the core group but want to be on the WG. We definitely want to use their expertise. HI did not have a focal point for some time, but they recently hired a technical advisor on WASH and Infrastructure – so they will be added to the mailing list. We are also looking for engagement from Disabled Peoples Organisations in the WG. We have contacted IDA to ask to be connected to regional forums / DPOs, and have offered secured funding to support their participation.

Actions from this discussion: Please share links to templates/ formats for collecting evidence that you have found successful for discussion at the next meeting. Also suggest case studies and look for opportunities to test AUOR and other guidelines.

4.0 Other Items

- Could we look to increase accessibility of WG in terms of language and regional coverage? In previous working groups there have been interesting case studies from Latin America because the emails + meetings were operating in both Spanish and English. **Answer:** WG Can facilitate that – great idea.

Action: Please reach out to people you are working with to find out the needs of this kind (partners etc.).

- The initial draft the shelter chapter of the new IASC guidelines has just been received. The consultants are keen for feedback and comments from WG throughout the rest of the review process (there will be various touchpoints).

Action: Leeanne will send initial draft with minutes

- IOM reported that they are in the final review stages of Better Shelter programming to reduce GBV booklet - would like to incorporate feedback from a disability perspective, particularly cohesive feedback from WG.

Action: Distribute booklet via WG, last date for comments – 3rd August.

5.0 Next meeting and conclusions:

5.1 Next meeting:

- Original proposal was for a WG call every 2 months, but would suggest meeting again in late August – more people will gradually get info / get involved in the near future, so good to maintain momentum.
- General agreement from WG for late August meeting.

Action: Leeanne will send doodle poll to find appropriate time

5.2 Conclusions/ summary of actions:

Action	Who	By when
Share links on intersecting Working Groups and projects	All	August 20
Identify language and accessibility needs of potential and existing WG members (in terms of WG communication and participation). Reach out to partners to identify and feedback to Co-leads	All	August 20
Investigate/ suggest potential case studies	All	Ongoing
Identify opportunities to test AUOR and other guidelines	All	Ongoing
Send initial draft of IASC guidelines – shelter chapter to WG members (*there will be other opportunities for comment)	Valerie/ Leeanne	July 16
Distribute Better Shelter programming to reduce GBV booklet to WG – please give feedback from a disability and inclusion perspective	Isabel/ Leeanne	Last date for comments Aug 3
Update Member List (online excel spreadsheet : Leeanne will email) with your details regarding WG participation NOTE: can also add opportunities for testing and piloting in this form	All	August 20
Send summary notes from WG meeting	Leeanne	July 16

