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Humanitarian aid and disability VADEMECUM

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Summary

Chapter 1. **Introduction: national and international contest** (*What is disability?*)

Chapter 2. **Humanitarian aid and emergency situations: the value of protecting people with disabilities** (*Why is it important?*)

Chapter 3. **Inclusion of disability within humanitarian aid programmes** (*How?*)

Chapter 4. **Experiences and good practices**



Disability? (Chapter 1)

- physical,
- sensory,
- psycho-social,
- intellectual and relational.



Why is it
important in
humanitarian
aid?
(Chapter 2)

- **80%** of disabled people **live in developing countries**
- People with disabilities are more vulnerable (**mortality rate** twice as high in case of disaster; women are at a higher risk of **rape**)
- People with disabilities generally have **no access to services and distributions**
- Emergencies **reduce assistance** (closing of hospitals or centres for disabled, loss of relatives)
- Disability leads to **discrimination**
- Emergencies **cause disabilities** (loss of limbs, psychological traumas, aggravation of diseases)



How?

(Chapter 3)

- **Active participation** of people with disabilities and their relatives as well as **Community Based Rehabilitation** (CBR);
- Disability **Focal point** and **Working group** with civil society and beneficiaries;
- **Ad hoc programmes** (psycho-social assistance and prosthesis centre);
- **Mainstreaming** disability into all humanitarian aid programmes;
- **Staff training** (social workers) and **adjustment of equipment and means** (accessibility of refugee camps);
- Statistics and **disaggregated data**



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Good practices (Chapter 4)



Jordan

prosthesis centre



Palestine

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young victims of the conflict



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