Expert Group Meeting

Day 2: Knowledge and capacities on disability inclusion in situations of risk

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Successful innovation leads to:

- Consolidated learning and evidence
- An improved solution for humanitarian action
- Wide adoption of an improved solution
Gap Analysis: the Inclusion of People with Disability and Older People in Humanitarian Response

Key findings from academic and grey literature reviews

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Part 2
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The gap analysis

Overall aim:

What is the evidence on the inclusion of people with disability and older people in humanitarian response?

Led by the Nossal Institute of Public Health (University of Melbourne). Guided by a steering committee comprising representatives of INGOs, OPDs and OPAs.
The gap analysis

Literature review (part 1)

• Grey and academic articles published between January 2010 and January 2020.
• Limited to preparedness for response, response and early recovery.
• 23,000 articles identified from 4 databases.
• Articles mapped by sector (e.g. WASH) and by the Humanitarian Inclusion Standards (e.g. HIS 3 on building resilience and preparedness).
The gap analysis

Interviews and consultations (part 2)

- 20 **key informant interviews** (KII).
- 1 **community consultation** with older people and people with disabilities in Indonesia (originally also planned in Pakistan, Malawi and Tonga).
- **Online workshops** with 60 participants across different time zones.
Overview of findings

1. Good awareness of global commitments to inclusion in humanitarian response.
2. Translating Commitments Into Practice.

Guidelines “put [inclusion] on the table but are not really useful”

“I believe these are excellent resources, so if there were shorter and simpler versions, it would make a big difference”
There’s [no guidance] in the ‘middle’... at the level of the emergency operation centre, for example, where decisions are being made, where resources are sort of decided on where to be deployed... there’s no document [about inclusion] at that level.
Ways the gap analysis could be used

- To give **evidence** to gaps, and **advocate** for resources.
- To **add focus** to your work or others – ‘where do we start?’
- To help us think beyond gaps and towards **ideas** to address them.
- As a measure of **progress**?
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