Action Sheet/Guidance Note on Inclusion and MHPSS

Thematic Group
Disability, and MHPSS
Convergence and divergence

Convergence

- Provide practical guidance for how actors can support a more inclusive world with greater participation of people with disabilities
- In emergencies, people with disabilities are at greater risk of social suffering and negative impacts on mental health
- Strength of IASC MHPSS Guidelines is in its social aspects
- Need to focus not only on MHPSS in disabled people but also people with severe conditions, and those in institutions, chained etc

Divergence

- Language around treatment, care, diagnosis
- Issue of ‘MH’ in PSS, and existence of an impairment, not just a social consequences of circumstances
- Cause of disability issue with Mine Action reporting
Action sheet development

History

• Inclusion as part of meetings in The Hague, Berlin, etc
• *Humanitarian inclusion standards for older people and people with disabilities*
• *IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action*, with MHPSS working group contribution

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Action sheet contents

• Background and facts
  • Prevalence, specific impacts of humanitarian emergencies on people with disabilities

• Barriers to participation

• Key actions
  • Emergency Preparedness
  • Minimum Response
  • Comprehensive Response

Targeting disability stakeholders and MHPSS stakeholders
Action sheet development

- Zero draft developed by Anita Marini (consultant) and working group
- Input from this meeting before developing a ‘Draft 1’ for dissemination for input
- Wider consultation online and ongoing work of advisory group
- Complete revisions by April 2020
Some questions

• Working Group to continue
  • Need to have a person with psychosocial disabilities? In wider advisory group
• Glossary/annex with key disability related terms? Like twin track approach, universal design, reasonable accommodation, etc...
• How are we going to maximise impact and use?