



## Meeting Minutes of Disability Sub-Cluster (DSC) Meeting

**Date: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009**

**Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm**

**Venue: Gaza World Health Organization Conference Room**

### Update on cluster activities

- The *DSC Lead* held a Disability sub-Cluster meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 for organizations working in Rafah and Khan Younis to discuss the following priorities of the cluster:
  - Sector needs assessment
  - Mainstreaming disability in all early recovery plans
- We will have a discussion on how best to use the information we have to benefit persons with disabilities in Gaza.
- The meeting minutes of the Disability sub-Cluster meetings are posted on the OCHA website in a disability sub-cluster link under the Health Cluster. You can access them by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.ochaopt.org/cluster/clusters.php?section=72&domain=8>

### *Gaza Response Activity Database (GRAD)*

- All Disability Service Providers in Gaza are asked to update their own data in GRAD. The deadline for updating data is the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009.
- On the 1st September 2009., all the updated data in the database will be extracted and will be used to make maps that show; who is doing what and where.
- When these maps have been produced they will be shared with you all, therefore kindly start updating your own data by clicking on the following link:
- The *DSC Lead* will have a discussion with stakeholders on how best to use the available information to benefit persons with disabilities in Gaza.
- All stakeholders can have a look at the current maps by clicking on the following link:

[http://www.ochaopt.org/gazacrisis/admin/output/files/ocha\\_opt\\_gaza\\_response\\_database\\_report\\_june\\_2009.pdf](http://www.ochaopt.org/gazacrisis/admin/output/files/ocha_opt_gaza_response_database_report_june_2009.pdf)

### *HERF*

The lead of the Disability sub-Cluster is still working with OCHA to provide very clear examples/ guidelines for what types of disability projects will be considered under the emergency and lifesaving criteria. **These will be available when OCHA releases the information.**

### Issue of duplication of services for beneficiaries

- The *DSC Lead* discussed with stakeholders the needs of PWDs for diapers and assistive devices, and the issue of duplication of services for beneficiaries.

- It was decided that two new working groups will be formed to focus on the issues of diapers and assistive devices and duplication of services. Organizations will be invited to participate in these working groups:
  - **Incontinence Working Group (IWG):** Look at issues related to distribution of diapers
    - The goal of the IWG is to discover the true needs of PWDs and older persons for incontinence products.
  - **Assistive Devices Working Group (ADWG):** Focus on reducing duplication of assistive devices
    - The goal of the ADWG is to reduce assistive devices duplication and ensure that the true needs of PWDs for assistive devices are met
- The *DSC Lead* will give the opportunity to all organizations in the upcoming disability sub-cluster meeting to nominate themselves for the membership of these working groups.

#### **AOB**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

#### **Attendees**

Adele Perry	(Disability Sub-Cluster Lead / HI Project Manager)
Maha Mehanna	(Handicap International "HI")
Abdelnaser Soboh	(World Health Organization "WHO")
Jacky Sutton	(UNDP)
Susan Erb	(PCWG – UNHCR + HelpAge International)
Saber Ashour	(DG – ECHO)
Mohamed Lafi	(Care International)
Sahar Sha'at	(Islamic Relief - UK)
Rami Hamarna	(Flashship Project – USAID)
Hitham N. Al-Saqqqa	(MAP.UK)
Jamal Al-Rozzi	(MAP.UK)
Jean Calder	(Palestine Red Crescent Society "PRCS")
Mostafa Abed	(Palestinian Medical Relief Society "PMRS")
Marwan Diab	(Gaza Community Mental Health Program "GCMHP")
Nisreen Al-Borno	(National Center for Community Rehabilitation "NCCR")
Nahed Eid	(Palestinian Physiotherapy Association "PPTA")
Nehal Al-Ashi	(Right to Live Society)
Hanan Awad	(Palestine Avenir for Childhood Foundation)

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