Welcome To Mainstreaming Disability Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction

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Overview of disaster and persons with disabilities

- Due to geographical location, overpopulated and very poor socio-economic condition in Asia Pacific area is more vulnerable in the world.
- Persons with Disabilities are generally not well considered, especially in a situation of poverty and / or disaster
- When daily life is already tough for poor people, families and communities consider a disabled family member as a burden.

Specific needs of nersons with disabilities

- Vulnerable group needs to be addressed particularly by fulfilling their needs to participate in the society
- Some PWDS have special needs that must be addressed in addition to the usual needs of all individuals

Specific needs of persons with disabilities

- In addition, people with difficulty in moving may also need assistance from evacuating from unsafe situation
- Accessing relief shelters and using latrines, physical assistance, assistive device or installation of ramps may be necessary
- Need to accessible warning system for the PWDs

Handicap International experience

- PWDs tend to be invisible during emergency registration system
- PWDs are often excluded from disaster response efforts and particularly affected by changes in terrain resulting from disaster
- PWDs are often unable to access rescue and evacuation services including adequate shelter, water and sanitation

Disaster risk reduction and persons with disabilities

- To help attain the expected outcome, the Hyogo Framework of Action identifies five specific priorities of Action:
- Making disaster risk reduction a priority
- Improving risk information and early warning
- Building a culture of safety and resilience

Disaster risk reduction and persons with disabilities

- Reducing the risks in key sectors
- Strengthening preparedness for response
- In respect of Hyogo Framework of Action and Millennium development Goals different disaster risk reduction activities can assist people with and without disabilities when the event actually occurs.

Inclusion Persons with Disabilities in different disaster management stage/ activities

- Improving risk information and early warning
- Development of early warning systems in a disabled friendly manner using multi model warning means (Visual signs or signals, auditory alarms, peer support, community support etc.)

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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT	 AUDITORY SIGNAL SYSTEM/ALARMS ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTERS WRITTEN WITH LARGE CHARACTERS AND COLOUR CONTRAST
HEARING IMPAIRMENT	 VISUAL SIGNAL SYSTEMS - RED FLAG, SYMBOLS PICTURES TURN LIGHTS OFF-ON FREQUENTLY
INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT	 SPECIAL SIGNALS - RED FLAG, SYMBOLS CLEAR AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS BY RESCUE WORKERS
PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT	- AUDITORY SIGNAL SYSTEM/ALARMS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inclusion of PWDs in different stage of disaster management cycle

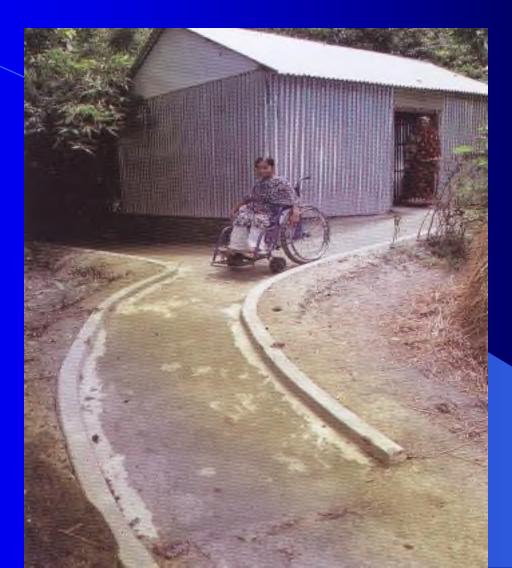
- Emergency response
- Rehabilitation
- > Reconstruction
- Mitigation
- > Prevention
- Preparedness

Risk and Resource Mapping



RECOVERY / RECONSTRUCTION

HOUSING



Conclusion

 Disaster Risk Reduction is mainstreaming persons with disabilities process is a leverage for creating demand and interest from stakeholder. So we need to mainstreaming disability issues in every stage if disaster management cycle.

Thank You All