

**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 persons 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.)



# EARLY EARNING

## TYPE OF IMPAIRMENTS AND WARNING SYSTEMS

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<b>HEARING IMPAIRMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>VISUAL SIGNAL SYSTEMS - RED FLAG, SYMBOLS</b></li><li>▪ <b>PICTURES</b></li><li>▪ <b>TURN LIGHTS OFF-ON FREQUENTLY</b></li></ul>
<b>INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>SPECIAL SIGNALS - RED FLAG, SYMBOLS</b></li><li>▪ <b>CLEAR AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS BY RESCUE WORKERS</b></li></ul>
<b>PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>AUDITORY SIGNAL SYSTEM/ALARMS</b></li><li>▪ <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></li></ul>

# 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 of disaster management cycle.

Thank You All

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