Regional Consultation on Facilitating Innovative Action on Disability-inclusive and Gender Responsive Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific

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Widening Gap between DRR policy/ budget and disability

• It is important that Disaster law, policy and budget mainstream disability inclusion.
  • Disaster Programs are generated out of Disaster Law/Policy & Budget
• Gaps in the inclusion of persons with disabilities in DRR programs
  • Policy vague on disability issues resulting in exclusion of persons with disabilities in DRR programs
  • No relevant budget to support additional disability costs
  • Support to Disaster program implementors on mainstreaming disability – “the how to”
Lack of Disability Data

• One of the key challenges in emergency preparedness and humanitarian actions is to have access to reliable data to prepare for, and respond to, disasters.
  • Current data collated lack important information on disability.

• **Monitor the Population:** to understand the scope of disability in a population for evaluating policies and interventions designed to address disability in the population.

• **Service Provision:** seeks to identify those with specific needs in order that services are designed and implemented to meet those needs. Interventions might be general – servicing the entire population

• **Equalization of Opportunities:** assesses whether persons with disability are participating in social and economic life at the same level as persons without disability. This is accomplished by disaggregating population data by disability status to determine if important
How to overcome challenges

• Active and meaningful participation of Persons with Disabilities.
• Capacity building on mainstreaming disability
• Political willingness to facilitate policy change
• Inclusion of Washington Group of Disability Question