Strengthening disability inclusive WASH

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Why is disability relevant to WASH programs?

It is no small issue:

- 15% of the population have a disability

- 18% of people in developing countries have a disability

- 20-22% of those in the poorest wealth quintile have a disability

Ref: World Health Survey, 2004, cited in World Report on Disability, 2011

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What is disability?

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities conceptualises disability as:

*"Persons with disabilities include those who have **long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments** which **in interaction with various barriers** may hinder their <u>full and effective participation</u> in society on an equal basis with others."* (Article 1)

What is Disability Inclusive Development?

- Considers disability as a normal part of human diversity
- Recognises that people with disabilities have the same inherent dignity and human rights as others
- It aims to ensure that people with disabilities **participate** and **benefit** from the development activities on an equal basis with others.

➢ It is both a **process** and an **outcome**

Barriers to accessing WASH

People with disability typically face a number of barriers which prevent them from accessing same opportunities as others including:

- Physical/Environmental

- Attitudinal barriers

- Communication barriers

- Institutional and policy barriers

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Empowering and mobilising Disabled People's Organisations

DPO members collecting data

NPCODA involved in World Water Day awareness raising.

- WV supported NPCODA with:
  - office resources, project management mentoring; and
  - logistics to facilitate contact between DPOs, district and local government.

- DPOs are meaningfully involved in project:
  - Inception and reflection workshops.
  - Enumerators in surveys.

- NPCODA structure strengthened by:
  - National accreditation and recognition;
  - Resources to provide DID training; and
  - Ability to pay their own staff.

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Outcomes

NPCODA training government staff

WASH CBO committee with DPO members

- NPCODA are being requested to conduct disability inclusion workshops to staff from various sectors of Ministries, District, local government and CBOs:
  - to increase awareness and understanding of disability inclusion;
  - definition and types of disability; and
  - rights based approach.

- DPO members are reporting increased confidence, respect and involved in community development consultations.

- DPO members in district and local government steering committees and WASH CBO committees.

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Outcomes

- Household/Public toilets built with access:
  - Improved knowledge of local government on design of toilets; and
  - DPOs providing advice on designs and undertake Accessibility Audits.
  - 33 toilets with access built, end of project target is 65.

- Deaflink DPO produced a handwashing video using sign language.

- Ministry of Social Services are partnering with NPCODA and DPOs to:
  - Build database of differently abled.
  - Contextualise National Disability Policy.

Public toilet with universal access

Apply soap on palm,

Hand washing video in sign language

Challenges

- Local government and contractors don't know the design and construction of universally accessible toilets.

    - National regulation and MoH guidelines for accessibility toilet, but local govt are unaware.

- Some WASH stakeholders and neighbours said

    - ***Why do people with disabilities need special toilets, they can use normal toilets, their toilets are expensive***

    - ***Why do people with disabilities get so much support, we are poor also***

Household toilet/WASH room with universal access

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Challenges

Household toilet without universal access, that the father (leg amputee) of the house uses.

- Resources to develop partnerships and new training packages required

- Appointing a dedicated role to Social Inclusion

- Some people with disabilities cannot benefit from a universally accessible HH toilet due to:
  - No land ownership
  - Lack of funds to support all households with a person living with a disability

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Small Group Discussion (30 mins):

1. What did you find most interesting/useful from the presentation?

2. What are your experiences of disability inclusive WASH?

    a) Key **progress and lessons** from project activities so far

    b) Key **challenges/opportunities** for disability inclusive WASH

    c) Existing and needed **guidance docs/resources** etc

    d) Ways to **share learning** and knowledge across CS-WASH

3. Choose three significant reflections to share with the group

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Reporting back

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Key actions for disability inclusive WASH:

• Involve people with disabilities and their representative organisations in planning, implementing and evaluating WASH projects

"nothing about us without us"

• Raise **awareness** about the importance of disability inclusive WASH with partners and in communities to address negative attitudes

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Key actions for disability inclusive WASH:

• **Collect data** on the current situation of people with disabilities and monitor their inclusion

• Plan for **comprehensive accessibility** – identifying and addressing potential barriers

• Also consider how to **link people with disabilities with support services** which may increase their level of functioning (and therefore increase access to WASH)

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Think beyond accessible infrastructure

Disability inclusive WASH includes:

- Community planning

- WASH user committees

- Hygiene promotion activities

- Monitoring and evaluation

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Resources

1. Inclusive WASH website: www.inclusivewash.org.au

2. DID4All website: https://www.did4all.com.au/ and

https://www.did4all.com.au/ResourceTheme.aspx?4cc97d67-3134-4c08-8290-fa7a0509ddda

3. AskSource: http://www.asksource.info/topics/cross-cutting-issues/inclusive-wash-and-disability

4. Washington City Group Questions website:

http://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/

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5. Practice Note: Collecting and using data on disability to inform inclusive development, Plan, CBM, Nossal:

http://www.addc.org.au/documents/resources/plan-cbm-nossal_disability-data-collection-practice-note_july2015_1607.pdf

6. Compendium of accessible WASH technologies, WaterAid:

http://www.wateraid.org/what-we-do/our-approach/research-and-publications/view-publication?id=aff6d098-00f2-42e5-b9a0-22ec2b264a5e&sc_lang=en

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