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The Panel

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MERCY CORPS NORTH EAST SYRIA’s ROAD TO INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Mercy Corps North East Syria

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Mercy Corps (MC) North East Syria’s (NES’s) road to inclusion

Who are we?

• Mercy Corps working in Syria since 2011.

• Mercy Corps in North East Syria (NES) since 2014 and implements multisectorial activities.

• Today, focus on the Emergency team’s work in North East Syria:
  • Activities: Food Security, Water Hygiene & Sanitation, Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance, Winterization support.
  • Modalities: cash first, vouchers and in-kinds
  • Today: brief presentation of our road to inclusion of people with disability.
From “Cash for Health” to “Inclusive Multi-Purpose Cash”

Since 2018
- Joined activity implemented with Humanity & Inclusion (HI) in Raqqa governorate
  - Referral process
  - “Cash for Health”

2020
- Beginning of a review process of our partnership based on findings and feedback from field teams and analysis
- Expansion of the type of referrals

Early-2021
- Review of Mercy Corps’ tools (registration, Post-Distribution monitoring) using the Washington Group’s tools
- Finalization of joint procedures for “Inclusive Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance”

Mid-2021
- Trainings for field teams on Inclusion
- Extension of partnership to Hassakeh governorate
From “Cash for Health” to “Inclusive Multi-Purpose Cash”

Since 2018 2020 Early-2021 Mid-2021

New Inclusive lens on our programming
**Being more inclusive: what does it mean in practice?**

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<td>Identification of people with disabilities by asking the household if there were people with disabilities in their family.</td>
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### Mercy Corps North East Syria’s Road to Inclusion

### Being more inclusive: what does it mean in practice?

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Thank You!
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Inclusion Pilot

Assessing and removing barriers
Humanitarian Financing

- **CERF** - Central Emergency Fund to cover emergencies anywhere in the world
- **CBPF** - Country Based Pooled Funds are set up for complex emergencies and country specific

Contributions are collected into *unearmarked* funds and managed locally under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator with the support of the Humanitarian Financing Unit (HFU).

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

- **US$124.4M**
  - Germany: 47.4M
  - United Kingdom: 16.4M
  - Norway: 11.8M

Top 3 donors: 12 in total

**FUNDING/BENEFICIARIES BY CLUSTER**

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**ALLOCATIONS BY PARTNER TYPE**

- **56** partners, 103 projects
  - **$25M** United Nations: 6 partners, 9 projects
  - **$2M** Red Cross/Red Crescent: 2 partners, 4 projects
  - **$22M** International NGOs: 17 partners, 27 projects

- **$51M** National NGOs: 31 partners, 63 projects
- **$100.2M** allocated

**TYPE OF PROGRAMMING**

- **$43M** Multi-sector: 20 partners, 27 projects
- **$58M** Single sector: 51 partners, 76 projects

**Food security and Livelihoods (FSL); Early Recovery and Livelihoods (ERL); Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM); Cross-sectorial (CSS); Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**
Striving for Accountability

- OCHA introduced the **Common Performance Framework (CPF)** to improve management, reporting and accountability instruments for the Country-Based Pooled Funds.

- In line with Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Commitments on Accountability to Affected People (AAP) and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

- The Humanitarian Liaison Group (HLG) established in 2020 the: Accountability, Inclusion, PSEA and Gender (AIPG) technical advisory group to guide, support, and leverage collective best practices and AAP Framework.

- An Inclusion Pilot was conceived to develop tools and guidance, an action plan to improve accountability of the Syrian Cross Border Humanitarian Fund (SCHF) response, paving the way to the collective response.

- SCHF and the Syria Protection Cluster lead the Pilot process.

- The ownership remains primarily with the **Partners**, the **Clusters** and the **Humanitarian Actors**.
Inclusion Pilot - Assessing and Removing Barriers (I)

Who

- Humanitarian Finance Unit (HFU) and Protection Working Group (Inclusion Technical Working Group (ITW)) under the umbrella of Accountability, Inclusion, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and Gender (AIPG)
- 5 clusters (Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Education, Food Security Livelihoods (FSL), Shelter and Non-food items (SNFI), Protection, Health, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH))
- 14 NGO Implementing partners

Goal

- Ensuring a more inclusive humanitarian response
- Promoting meaningful participation of persons with disabilities.

How it works

- Enabling Inclusion Pilots to systematically and dynamically:
- Identify barriers to inclusion of persons with disabilities in within their projects/organization
- Develop Mitigation Measures within the same projects.
- Continuously monitor and learn during the implementation
Inclusion Pilot - Assessing and Removing Barriers (II)

Step 1: Presentation of the Pilot (04/21)
Step 2: Tool development (05/21)
Step 3: Induction, selection and training of Inclusion Pilots (06/21)
Step 4: Rollout (07/21)
Step 5: First check in (08/21)
Step 5.2: First check in (10/21) Monitoring
Step 6: Second check in (02/22)
Step 7: Analysis (03/22)
Step 8: Full Rollout (04/22)
Elements of success

- Leadership
- Partnership
- Time Bound
- Assessment
- Analysis
- Training
- Learning
- Advocacy

Implementing Partners

CLUSTERS

SYRIA PROTECTION CLUSTER (TURKEY)

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