



Two Years on – The IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action: What Are Promising Practices, Challenges and First Lessons Learned in Syria?

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Welcome!





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”



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

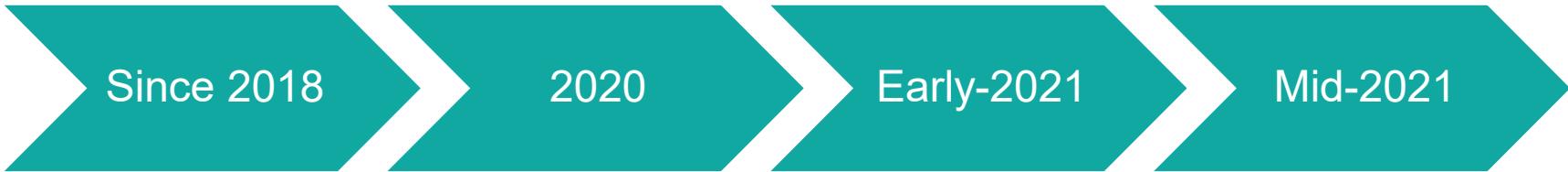
- Beginning of a review process of our partnership based on findings and feedback from field teams and analysis
- Expansion of the type of referrals

- 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”

- Trainings for field teams on Inclusion
- Extension of partnership to Hassakeh governorate

Mercy Corps North East Syria's Road to Inclusion

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?

Step of the process	What were we originally doing?
Registration	Collecting Sex & Age Disaggregated Data
	Remote registration and verification processes
	Identification of people with disabilities by asking the household if there were people with disabilities in their family.
Participants' selection	Looking at the disability status of the household to determine level of vulnerability
Distributions	Door-to-door distributions
	« Fast lines » for people with disabilities
Post-Distribution-Monitoring	Collecting Sex & Age Disaggregated Data

Being more inclusive: what does it mean in practice?

Step of the process	What did we add 2018-2021?
Registration	Review of the tool from an Inclusion perspective (Humanity & Inclusion)
	Identification of People with Disabilities: asking the Washington Group's questions to the head of household to: 1) avoid a sensitive and abrupt question and 2) to enlarge the definition of "disability" participants can have.
	Data collection for a proxy
Post-Distribution-Monitoring	Collecting Safeguarding/Dignity-related questions
	Review of the tool from an Inclusion perspective (Humanity & Inclusion)
Trainings	Trainings for team members on Inclusion of people with disabilities



Thank You!



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Inclusion Pilot

Assessing and removing barriers





SCHF

Syria Cross Border
Humanitarian
Fund

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).

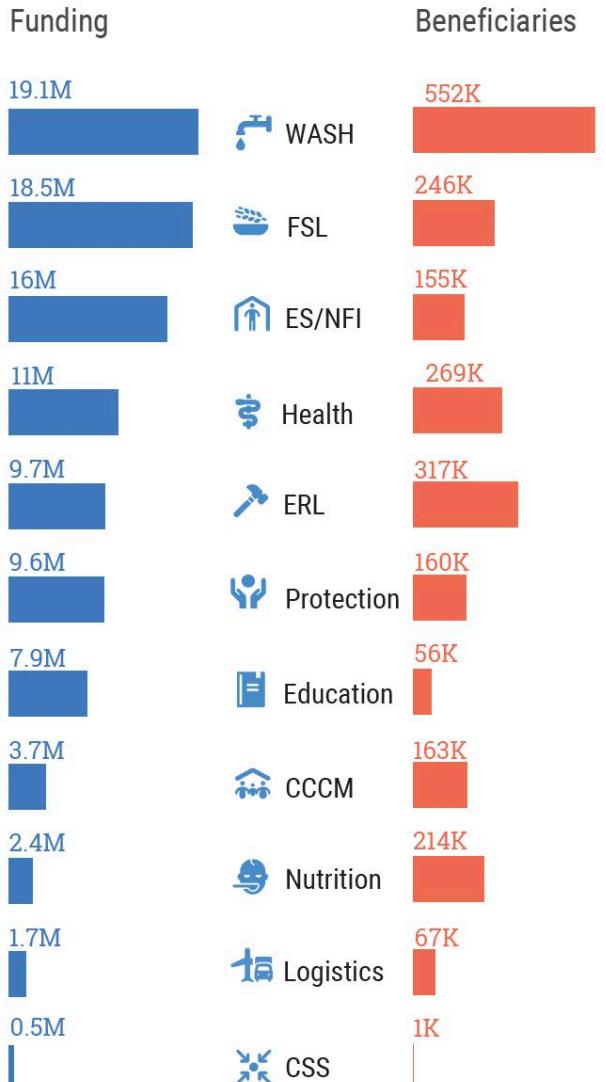
CONTRIBUTIONS

US\$ 124.4M

Germany		47.4M
United Kingdom		16.4M
Norway		11.8M

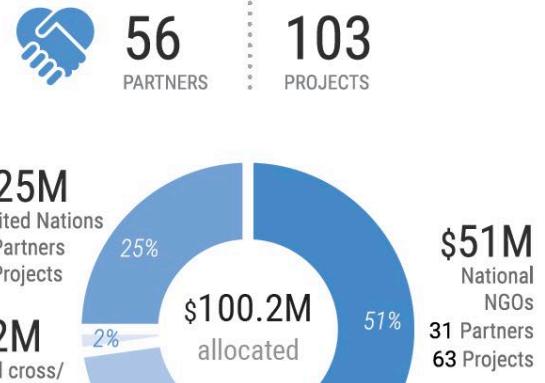
Top 3 donors: 12 in total

FUNDING/ BENEFICIARIES BY CLUSTER

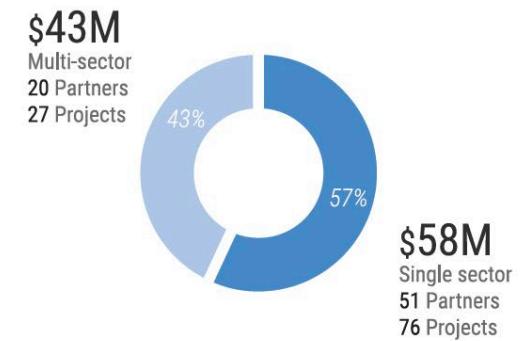


Food security and Livelihoods (FSL); Early Recovery and Livelihoods (ERL); Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM); Cross-sectorial (CSS); Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

ALLOCATIONS BY PARTNER TYPE



TYPE OF PROGRAMMING



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

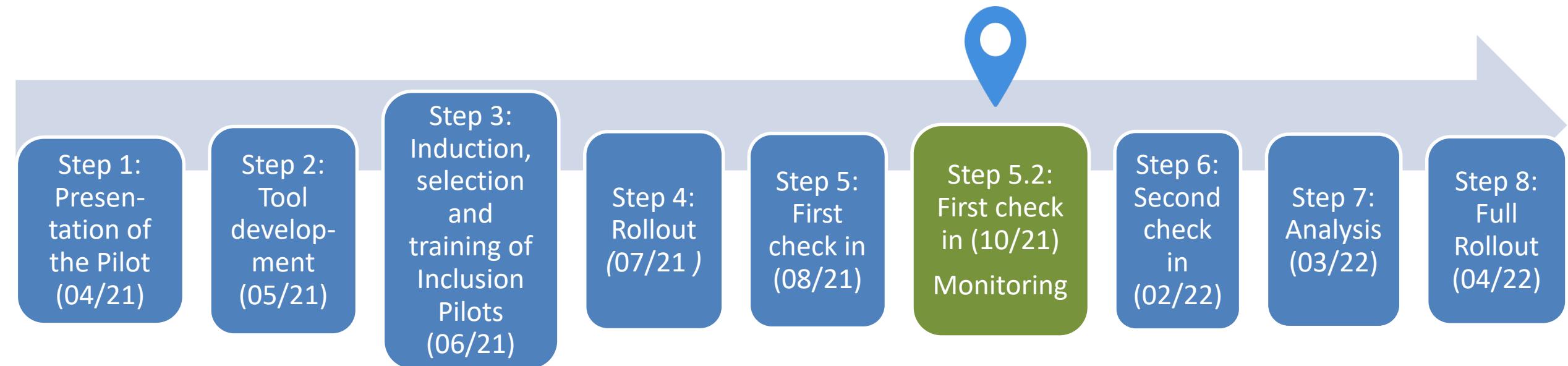
- Ensuring a more inclusive humanitarian response
- Promoting meaningful participation of persons with disabilities.

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)



Elements of success



LEADERSHIP



PARTNERSHIP



TIME BOUND



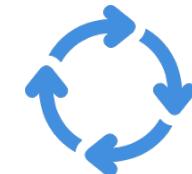
ASSESSMENT



ANALYSIS



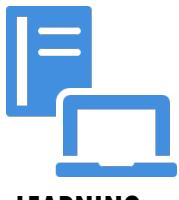
TRAINING



HUMANITARIAN
PROGRAMME CYCLE



MONITORING

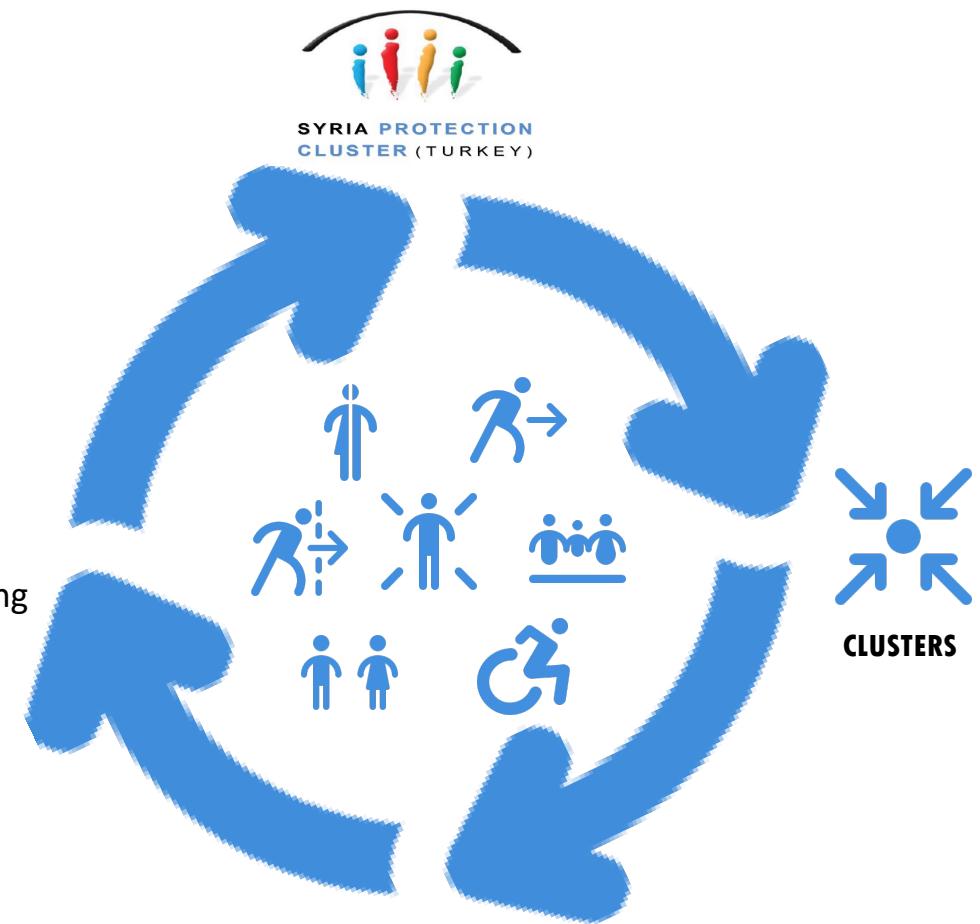


LEARNING



ADVOCACY

IPs
Implementing
Partners



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