



The Age and Disability Technical Working Group: For the Rohingyas, Age and disability are critical cross-cutting and cross-sectoral issues that require dedicated attention to ensure the protection, dignity, and meaningful participation of all individuals. Older people and persons with disabilities face heightened risks due to displacement, overcrowded living conditions, and limited access to essential services. Recognizing these vulnerabilities, the Age and Disability Technical Working Group (AD TWG) was formally established in 2024 as part of the ISCG Secretariat. The AD TWG works to mainstream age and disability inclusion across all sectors and partners, promoting coordinated, rights-based, and inclusive humanitarian action for those most at risk.

Age inclusion: Ensuring that the specific needs, capacities, and rights of individuals across all age groups including children, adolescents, adults, and older persons are identified and addressed throughout all phases of humanitarian action.

Disability inclusion: Promoting the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of the humanitarian response, on an equal basis with others, by removing barriers and ensuring accessibility, dignity, and empowerment.

Objective 1: Improve existing data on age and disability to enable vulnerability – based prioritization and ensure active participation of Persons with Disabilities and Older Persons in all stages of programming.

Objective 2: Mainstream Age and Disability across all sectors and partner organizations through technical support during assessments, planning, implementation; including, accessible camp infrastructure and services.

Objective 3: Develop capacity of sectors and humanitarian actors on Age and Disability inclusion and response and improve knowledge sharing and advocacy efforts for enhanced resource mobilization.

Linkages to Global Standards and Frameworks: The Age and Disability Technical Working Group advocates that all operational sectors and partners align their interventions with recognized global standards to ensure inclusive and accountable humanitarian action. These standards include:

- Humanitarian Inclusion Standards for Older People and People with Disabilities
- Sphere Standards
- IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action (2019)

Membership of Age and Disability Technical Working Group (AD TWG):

Given the technical nature of cross-cutting activities, the Age & Disability Technical Working Group (TWG) leads efforts to promote and advocate for age and disability inclusion in the Rohingya humanitarian response. The TWG is a closed group of technical experts from organizations with demonstrated capacity in Age & Disability Inclusion. These organizations provide critical technical support to ensure the integration of age and disability considerations across the response.

Members of the AD TWG: UNHCR, WFP, IOM, UNFPA, WHO, HI, CBMG, CDD, HelpAge International, SARPV

Age and Disability snapshot*

4% of Rohingya refugees are older persons

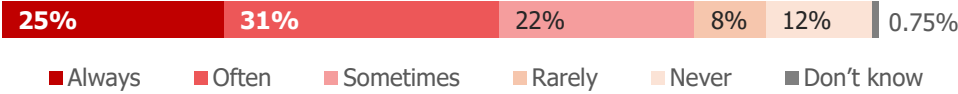
12% of Rohingya refugees have at least one disability (11% female, 13% male)

79% of persons with disabilities report challenges in accessing humanitarian assistance

50% of persons with disabilities lack acceptable access to sanitation facilities

52% of persons with disabilities in need do not have access to mental health or psychosocial support services

Persons with disabilities who experience difficulties in accessing assistance



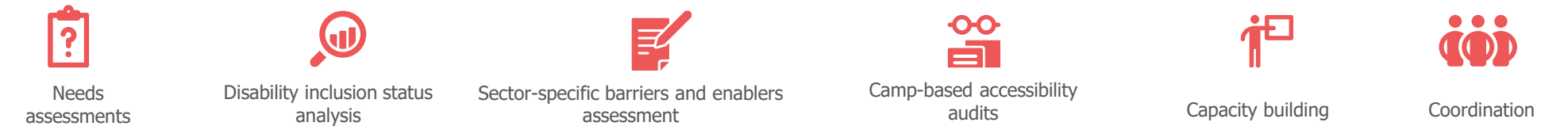
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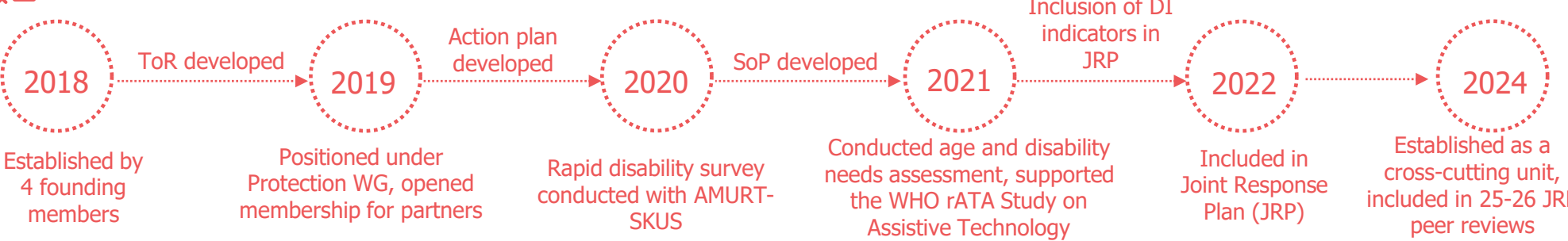
Key milestones on initiatives for AD TWG since 2024**

IEC materials developed on age and disability and used in advocacy/behavior change initiatives	18
Rapid assessments, analyses, or research studies conducted	3
Technical support initiatives provided to mainstreaming organizations for age and disability inclusion	54
Refugee and host community members reached through awareness-raising on age and disability inclusion.	34,195
Humanitarian staff trained on Age and Disability Inclusion	1,102
Accessibility audits completed at community facilities (health posts, learning centers, etc.)	402
Home/shelters modified to enhance accessibility and safety at persons with disabilities shelter	799
Persons with disabilities who received multidisciplinary rehabilitation services	42,200
Assistive devices distributed (mobility aids, hearing aids, visual aids, etc.)	17,051
Persons with disabilities who received referral for need based services	5,987
Organization of Persons with Disabilities (OPD)/Self Help Group (SHG)/Disability Inclusion and Support Committee (DISC) members received training to improve their capacity towards disability inclusion	336

Ongoing activities by AD TWG



Key achievements of AD TWG since the beginning of the Rohingya response



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