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Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 4-5 October 2023, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by EDF⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

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Disability Inclusion in Humanitarian Action

COHAFA meeting **Brussels, 4 Oct 2023**

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Disability and emergency - key facts

16% of the global population

More at risk

- Access barriers
- Stigma and discrimination
- Disrupted support networks
- Lost/damaged assistive devices

Lack of access to

- specific services
- and basic relief



Why lack of access?

- Lack of knowledge
(inadequate training)
- Lack of data on disability
- Guidelines not being used
- Resource constraints?
- Organisations of persons with disabilities not included as active stakeholders



Opportunities

- Legal frameworks and guidelines exist
- Localisation
- Real partnership with organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs)
- Inclusion from beginning to end (preparedness to monitoring)
- Accessible reconstruction
- Dedicated budget (donors)

Ukraine

Coordination mechanisms

- Coordination mechanisms are top-down
- Lack of disability leadership
- Disability not mainstreamed
- Lack of access (physical, information...)



Ukraine Accessible reconstruction

Why accessibility?

- Legal obligation
- Improves opportunity and quality-of-life for everybody
- Supports community-based living
- Economic benefits
- Sustainability and resilience

EU facility - €50 billion from 2024 to 2027



Thank you for your attention

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