Inclusion of vulnerable groups in response to internal displacement

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Background

An initiative to join-up existing research and analysis across three organisations:

- On people living with disability: Human Right Watch and OCHA
- On youth: OCHA
- On older people: HPG/ODI
Why is inclusion important?

- Humanitarian principles
- Human Rights principles
- Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement
- SDGs: Commitment to leave no one behind
- Continues be a challenge in internal displacement
People living with disabilities in internal displacement

- 9.9 million persons with disabilities are forcibly displaced because of persecution, conflict and human rights violations.
- Because of the lack of disaggregated data, persons with disabilities and their needs are invisible in displacement.
- What we know:
  - People living with disabilities among the most marginalised
  - High vulnerability to protection threats and violations
  - Face multiple barriers to access protection and humanitarian assistance
Youth in internal displacement

- Young people in displacement face incredible challenges
- Yet, little evidence that indicates a systemic shift taking place on the ground
- Decisions concerning them are taken by others without consulting them
- Specific impact of displacement on youth:
  - A lack of data means young IDPs remain invisible
  - Young women face specific vulnerabilities during displacement
  - Feeling of being marginalised, targeted, viewed as criminals
  - Education, and future livelihoods
Older people in internal displacement

Displacement impacts negatively the role and social position of older people:

- Reduced social standing and decreased authority in family and community
- Due to loss of assets, authority over the management of natural resources
- Highlights older people’s role not because of age but accumulation of wealth
- Exacerbated by humanitarian interventions: changed community management and increased role of younger members of the community
- No longer able to rely on informal support, formal aid fails to address their specific needs, especially in terms of accessibility and participation
Recommendations for better inclusion of vulnerable group

1. Invest in getting the data
2. Participation is key
3. Better quality programming that is aligned with specific needs
4. Advocacy, advocacy, advocacy