

# **Inclusive Rebuilding and Emergency Management Manifesto.**

Whereas recognition of inherent dignity of People with disabilities as members of the human race with equal rights is and underlying principle of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Whereas inherent dignity and equal rights of People with disabilities are clearly stated in the UN Convention of Human Rights of People with Disabilities.

Whereas UN Convention of Human Rights of People with Disabilities states in Article 11 - Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies “States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters”.

After witnessing several catastrophes, emergencies and disasters of all kind and nature, witnessing that no formal and structured efforts of emergency management and disaster relief procedures related with the well being and protection of People with Disabilities had being taken.

After witnessing that even countries with specific laws about persons with disabilities rights tends to ignore them in emergencies and disasters.

Knowing that Un Disaster Relief Agencies consider Gender as a key variable into emergency management and disaster relief, but have had not taken disabilities as another key variable.

We, the people of the world, declare:

1. Disabilities have to be taken as a key variable into emergency management and disaster relief procedures.
2. We need UN agencies to have clear and standardized procedures of organizing Inclusive rebuilding and emergency management.
3. We need People with disabilities being part of planning and supervising inclusive emergency management and disaster relief procedures. Nothing about us without us.
4. An ISO norm, or equivalent, has to be created to certify Inclusive Rebuilding and Emergency Management in order to save lives.

5. All the broadcasting industries and other Medias including private ones, must ensure the informational accessibility by means of sign language, captioning, giving explanations among other methods and technologies.
6. Disaster relief must be inclusive, that is to say: a) Help must be for all, b) no person has to wait more for help and assistance based solely in his/ her disability, c) especial supplies of drugs or especial food required by certain kinds of disabilities must be delivered in proper time, d) normal supplies have to be delivered to all people, people with disabilities that cannot get to the delivery points must got supplies direct to their homes or shelters.
7. Shelters must be accessible for all kind of disabilities.
8. Escape routes must be accessible for all kind of disabilities.
9. Emergency agencies of signatories countries of the UN Convention of Human Rights of People with Disabilities must have an especial task force or office in charge of organizing Inclusive rebuilding and emergency management.
10. Since all human beings are equal, all actions for people with disabilities must be taken at the same time as the rest of population. Same rights, same priority.

### Signatures

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