

Collecting data on persons with disabilities under UNHCR's mandate

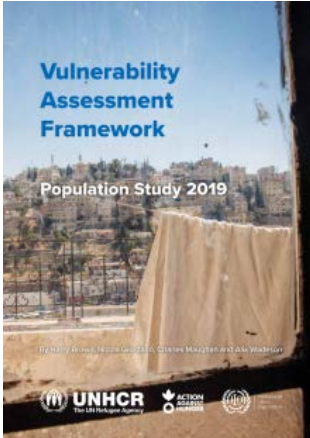
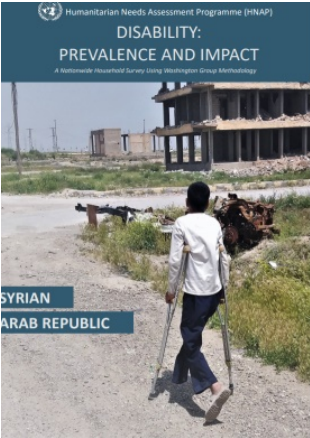
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Humanitarian contexts

Prevalence data

Syria 27%

Jordan 21%



15%

An estimated 15% of the world's population have a disability.



1 in 5

One in five women is likely to experience disability during her life.



46%

46% of persons aged 60 years and over have a disability.



1 in 10

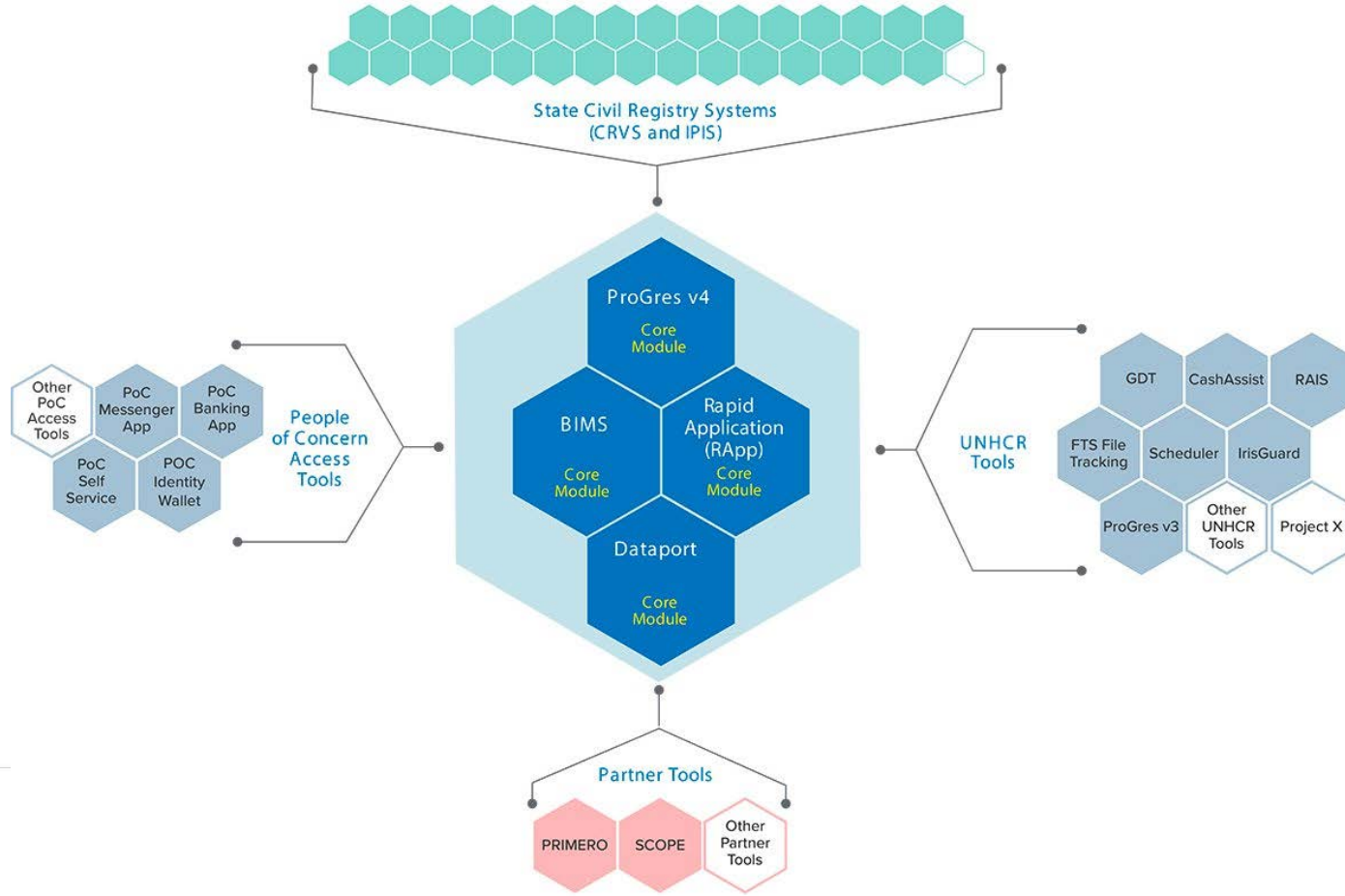
One in ten children is a child with a disability.



Infographic: Inter-Agency Standing Committee

UNHCR PRIMES

(Population Registration and Identity Management EcoSystem)

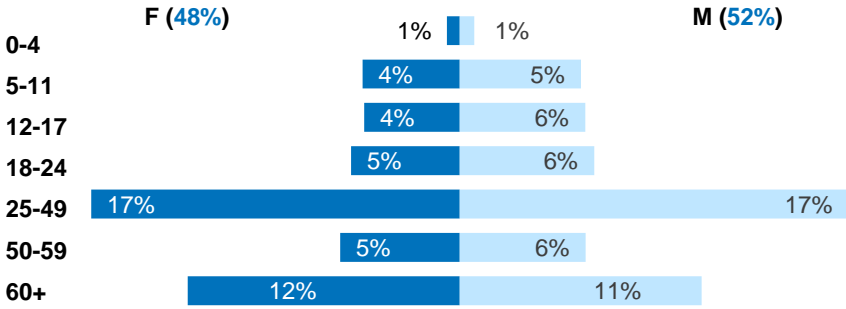


How was UNHCR identifying persons with disabilities?

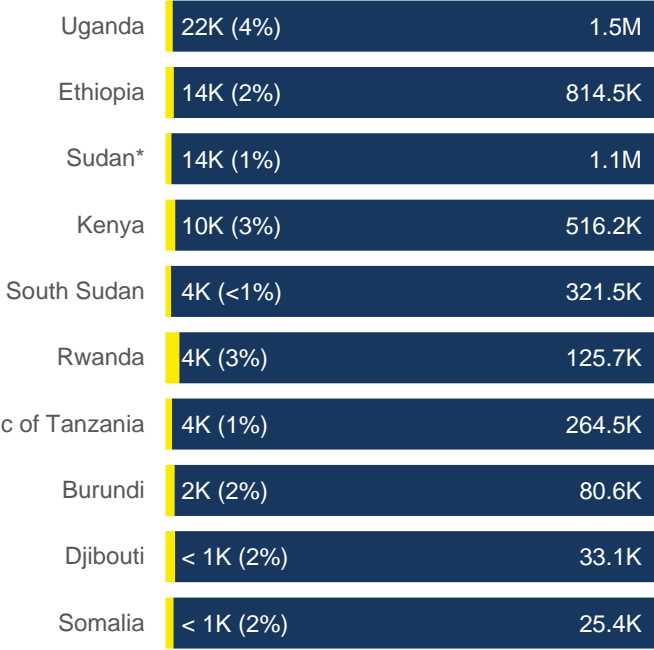
- Specific Needs Codes: “An attribute or situation that requires particular notice, intervention or follow-up”
- Prioritized for registration interview
- Referred to Protection staff
- Persons with disabilities are among the 7 groups to be prioritized for registration

Total persons of concern in EHAGL Region: 4.7M | Total with disabilities: 74K (1.5%)

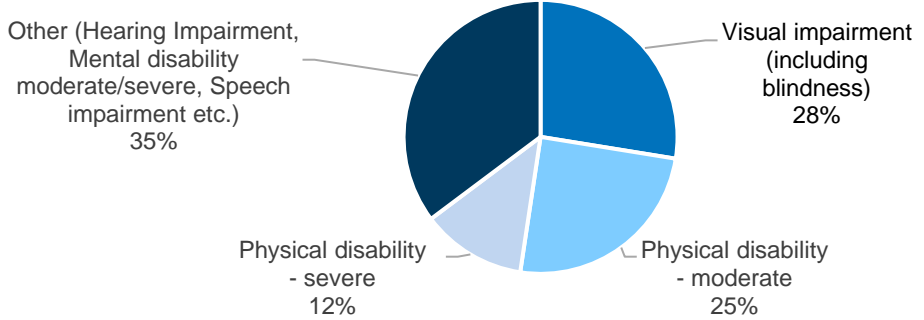
Age and gender breakdown



Breakdown by CoA



Specific Need sub-category breakdown



Sudan disability figures only includes those registered in proGres. 40% of the total population in Sudan are not registered in proGres.

Why were the codes for Disability changed?

- Previous codes used visual cues to identify persons with disabilities > unreliable method
- Resulted in under-reporting of disability
- UNHCR made a public commitment on integrating the Washington Group Questions at registration



SPOT THE REFUGEE

There he is. Fourth row, second from the left. The one with the moustache. Obvious really.

Maybe not. The unsavory-looking character you're looking at is more likely to be your average neighborhood slob with a grubby vest and a weekend's stubble on his chin.

And the real refugee could just as easily be the clean-cut fellow on his left.

You see, refugees are just like you and me.

Except for one thing.

They have been forced to leave their country because of persecution or war. Everything they once had has been left

behind. Home, family, possessions, all gone.

They have nothing left but their courage, and with it the hope of once more being contributing members of society. It's all they will ever have unless we help.

We know you can't give them back the things that others have taken away. But we are asking you to keep an open mind. And a smile of welcome.

It may not seem like much. But to a refugee it can mean everything.

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Refugee Agency



proGRES adaptation – 31/7/2021

Codes appear first

Multiple records if multiple difficulties

6 WGQs + Emotions & Behaviour and Upper Body mobility



SPECIFIC NEED - INFORMACIÓN

Specific Need (837-00054512)

SPN Category	Disability	Start Date	--
SPN Sub-Category	Communication	End Date	--
SPN Status	Valid	Assessed By/Service Provic	--
Assessment Type	--	Assessed By	--
Inconsistent SPN	No	Reviewed By	--

Look Up Record

Enter your search criteria.
Look in Specific Need Details Code Lookup View Filter by related Specific Need Code

Description	Code
Emotions and behavior	DS-EB
Hearing	DS-H
Lower Body Mobility	DS-LBM
Remembering and concentrating	DS-RC
Self-Care	DS-SC
Upper Body Mobility	DS-UBM
Vision	DS-V

Removed mentions to assistive devices

Questions for children – UNICEF WG

Question

ADULT: Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood by others? Would you say...
CHILD: When (name) speaks, does he/ she have difficulty being understood or understanding others? Would you say...

Difficulty Level A lot of difficulty
 Cannot do at all

Answers reflect recommended cut-off

Question - English ADULT: Do you have difficulty controlling your emotions? Would you say...
CHILD: Compared with children of the same age, does (name) have difficulty controlling his/her behaviour? Would you say...
Question - Arabic راشد هل تجد صعوبة في التحكم في عواطفك؟ هل تقول طفلك: مقارنة بالأطفال في مثل عمره/عمرها، هل يجد/تجد الأاسم صعوبة في السيطرة على سلوكه/سلوكها؟
Question - French ADULTE: Éprouvez-vous des difficultés à contrôler vos émotions? Diriez-vous...
ENFANT: Par rapport aux enfants du même âge, [prénom] a-t-il/elle des difficultés à contrôler son comportement? Diriez-vous...
Question - Spanish ADULTO: Tiene usted dificultad para controlar sus emociones? ¿Diría que... [Lea las categorías de respuesta]?
NIÑA/O: En comparación con niñas/os de la misma edad, ¿tiene [nombre] dificultad para controlar su comportamiento?

Official translations EN-AR-FR-SP

A paradigm shift in identifying persons with disabilities at registration

Pre-identifying
impairments
using visual cues



Assigning a code
based on
assumptions



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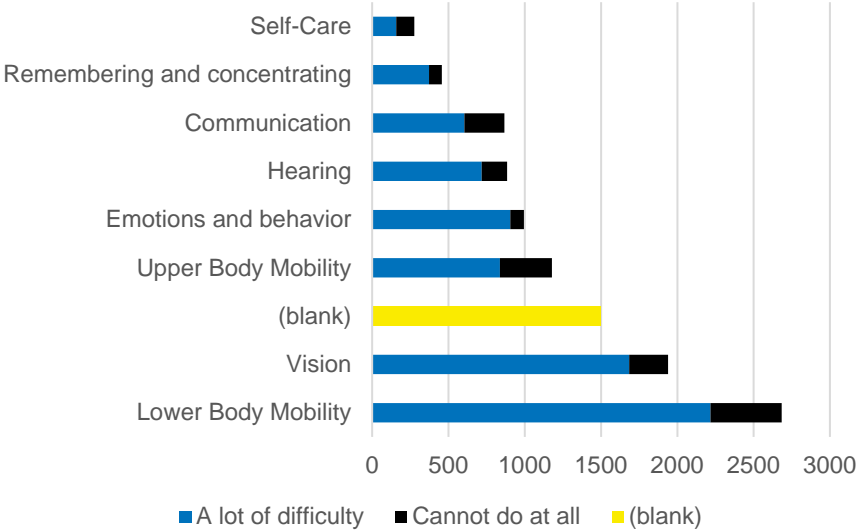
Asking
questions

Collecting
answers

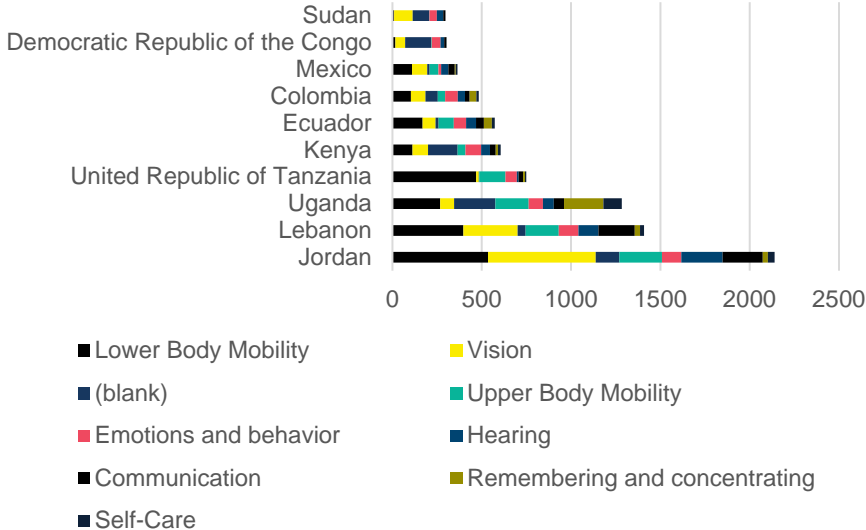
Codes are
assigned

Recent data using the Washington Group Questions

Disabilities by Difficulty Level



Disabilities by Top 10 Country Operations



Other efforts in monitoring disability inclusion

- Indicators for targeted interventions: “% of persons of concern with disabilities who receive services for their specific needs”.
- Mandatory disaggregation of core impact and outcome indicators by age, sex and disability.
- Disability “marker”.
- [Discapacidad y Movilidad Humana](#)
- [The power of inclusion- Mapping the Protection Responses for Persons with Disabilities Among Refugees in MENA](#)
- [UNHCR Global Report 2020 - UNHCR Flagship Reports](#)

A public commitment

- 2018 – ‘UNHCR will incorporate the Washington Group question set into its continuous registration process to improve identification and protection of persons with disabilities’

“It’s good to see the Washington Group questions on disability have been integrated into proGress now, (a recommendation I made as rapporteur from the UNHCR-NGO consultations back in 2017 😊)”



Resources

- [The Washington Group on Disability Statistics - Home](#)
- [UNHCR Guidance – Identification of persons with disabilities at Registration and other data collection efforts](#)
- [Resettlement Assessment Tool – Refugees with Disabilities](#)
- [IASC Guidelines, Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, 2019 | IASC](#)
- [Refworld | Need to Know Guidance: Working with Persons with Disabilities in Forced Displacement \(EN-AR-FR-SP\)](#)
- [UNHCR - Working with Persons with Disabilities in Forced Displacement Facilitator's Guide](#)