



RAPID REVIEW OF DISABILITY AND OLDER AGE INCLUSION IN WASH AND GBV HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

We are Elrha. A global charity that finds solutions to complex humanitarian problems through research and innovation. We are an established actor in the humanitarian community, working in partnership with humanitarian organisations, researchers, innovators, and the private sector to tackle some of the most difficult challenges facing people all over the world.

Through our programmes, we have supported more than 200 world-class research studies and innovation projects, championing new ideas and different approaches in order to evidence what works in humanitarian response.

Our innovation programme - the Humanitarian Innovation Fund (the HIF) - aims to improve outcomes for people affected by humanitarian crises by identifying, nurturing and sharing more effective, innovative and scalable solutions.

The HIF is a globally-recognised programme leading on the development and testing of innovation in the humanitarian system. Established in 2011, it was the first of its kind: an independent, grant-making programme open to the entire humanitarian community. It now leads the way in funding, supporting, and managing innovation at every stage of the innovation process.

To date, two key thematic areas of focus for the HIF are; addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and enhancing the effectiveness of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions in emergencies through humanitarian innovation.

Gender Based Violence Initiative

We started working to address the complex challenge of GBV in humanitarian settings with initial funding and guidance from a group of technical experts in 2015. In 2016, we published a [Gap Analysis on GBV interventions](#) which identified key challenge areas as well as opportunities for innovation. Based on this Gap Analysis and inputs from experts, grant funding was directed to address 'Challenge Area 1'; improving the monitoring & evaluation (M&E) of GBV interventions/ programmes. We seek to build on this work by focusing our next funding call ('Innovation Challenge') on measuring the impact or outcomes of GBV interventions. The GBV initiative receives ongoing technical support and advice from the GBV Advisory Group, and will also seek additional technical feedback from subject matter experts working with GBV in emergencies.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative

Over the last few years, we have invested significantly in funding and supporting innovation and research in the WASH sector, highlighting gaps in evidence, exploring the problems, and funding the right people to find potential solutions. In 2013 a [Gap Analysis](#) was commissioned to identify the major challenges that require innovative solutions in humanitarian WASH, with 909 people consulted across 40 countries from 45 different organizations. A recent meeting of our WASH Technical Working Group (TWG) identified Menstrual Health Management (MHM) and handwashing behaviour as priorities for the next WASH Innovation Challenge. We expect to select one or both of these topics contingent on further discussion with the TWG. In addition, the TWG wished to continue with an overall focus on better understanding the WASH user - so we will seek innovations that also address this key area of concern.

Disability and Older Age Inclusion Initiative

In 2018, we received funding from the UK Department for International Development (DfID) to develop a new portfolio of work on Disability and Older Age Inclusion (DOAI). International reports provide evidence that older people and people with disabilities face discrimination and multiple barriers to access including cultural, physical and legal /policy barriers. The recently published [Humanitarian Inclusion Standards](#) (HIS) for Older People and People with Disabilities sets out 9 Key Inclusion Standards for all humanitarian assistance (covering aspects of identification and registration, access and participation, coordination, resources, data, learning and feedback).

Our new DOAI Initiative will explore and support innovation and innovative approaches that have a unique potential to accelerate the pace of the adoption of the Humanitarian Inclusion standards and find new solutions to address the barriers to inclusion faced by older people and people with disabilities. This will include the formation of a dedicated TWG to provide an expert steer and technical reviews of funded projects.

Overall Aim of the Rapid Review

Pending the production of a substantial and robust Gap Analysis to inform the new DOAI innovation initiative, Elrha is working with sector experts to integrate a DOAI lens into its existing WASH and GBV initiatives. We will launch an Innovation Challenge on GBV and WASH with a DOAI component in May 2019. This will enable us to begin directing resources for innovation into this important area of humanitarian inclusion, whilst building on our existing relationships and networks in GBV and WASH.

Through these Rapid Reviews we seek to explore, **using the HIS as a common framework:**

- 1. The inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in existing interventions in GBV.**

The focus for the HIF GBV initiative is better measurement of the outcomes of GBV interventions. Knowing that people with disabilities are at a greater risk of violence¹ Elrha aims to deepen our understanding of the impact of GBV interventions with a DAOI lens.

2. The inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in existing interventions in WASH.

The prioritised areas for the WASH initiative are handwashing and MHM, with a cross-cutting focus on understanding the needs of the wash user. We seek to further understand gaps throughout the phases of intervention including at design phase, operation and outcomes in terms of DOAI.

Along with input from our GBV, WASH and DOAI experts, this will enable us to take an informed and appropriate approach in the upcoming Innovation Challenge.

OBJECTIVES

Component of work	Objectives
1. Review of the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in GBV and WASH humanitarian interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have a better overall understanding of the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in existing GBV and WASH interventions, using the implementation of the Humanitarian Inclusion Standards (HIS) as a common framework.
2. Narrative on key examples and outcomes achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have a more detailed understanding of the good or best practice examples of inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in GBV and WASH; what these interventions have achieved (including quality of the evidence), how, with whom, and where. To provide the HIF with examples of inclusive WASH and GBV interventions to learn from and potentially engage with further.
3. Synthesis of trends observed and commentary on interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a synthesis of the key trends observed from the review of interventions and the narrative on outcomes (components 1 and 2).

(See more detail in the sub-sections below)

¹ World Health Organization and the World Bank, World Report on Disability (Geneva: World Health Organization, 2011), p. 59. www.who.int/disabilities/world_report/2011/en/index.html.



COMPONENT 1: Review of the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in GBV and WASH humanitarian interventions

We seek to better understand the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in existing GBV and WASH interventions respectively, and how such interventions are aligning to the [HIS²](#); specifically, the sector-specific standards set out for Protection and WASH programming.

We would like to feed in to the development of the methodology and presentation of this component with the selected candidate. However, we suggest the most appropriate methodology may be a literature³ review and meta-analysis of existing WASH and GBV interventions⁴ respectively, within the pre-defined priority categories⁵. The **priority category for GBV is intervention outcomes** (evidence of impact). **The priority categories for WASH are MHM and handwashing behaviour.**

COMPONENT 2: Narrative on key examples and outcomes achieved

We seek a more detailed appraisal of a sample of the interventions reviewed under Component 1 in order to build our understanding of good or best practice for DOAI in the GBV and WASH sectors respectively; using the HIS as a common framework. This component of work should also provide us with examples to learn from and to potentially engage with further.

The narrative for selected intervention examples should appraise:

- The extent to which the HIS have been implemented in the intervention or to what extent the intervention aligns with the HIS⁶;
- What has been achieved (at an outcome level);
- What the approach was i.e. how inclusion was addressed;
- The quality of the evidence for outcomes;⁷
- Specific examples of best practice, particularly innovative approaches, should be clearly communicated.

The narrative for selected intervention examples should also communicate:

- Who the partners and stakeholders were;
- The location and context of the intervention;
- Any other useful contextual detail.

² We expect interventions that do not explicitly reference, or which predate, the HIS to be included in the review but the review would be standardised using the HIS as a framework.

³ 'Literature' can include working documents, project reports, evaluations, website content and any other appropriate material related to the intervention. Interviews may also be necessary.

⁴ In this instance a WASH intervention would have the primary focus on outcomes for WASH provision or behaviour change, and a GBV intervention would have the primary focus on outcomes to address GBV and its impacts.

⁵ These priorities have been set from the GBV and WASH Gap Analyses respectively and in conjunction with sector experts through the HIF Technical Working Groups.

⁶ We expect interventions that do not explicitly reference, or which predate, the HIS to be included in the review but the appraisal would be standardised using the HIS as a framework.

⁷ Framework for measuring quality of evidence to be agreed in conjunction with the selected candidate.



Ideally a representative range of intervention categories in WASH and GBV respectively, and across different contexts, will be appraised; though we recognise there may be limitations in the availability of evidence. The final report should note how the examples have been selected.

We would like to feed into the methodology for this component in conjunction with the selected candidate.

COMPONENT 3: Synthesis of trends observed and commentary on interpretation

A synthesis of the trends observed from the review of interventions will support us and our stakeholders (including our Technical Working Groups and Advisory Group) to prioritise investment and support for a funding call in May 2019.

The commentary should highlight key gaps in interventions that contribute to inclusion across WASH and GBV respectively, as well as any 'hotspots' for good practice. Any other key trends observed should also be covered here.

We would like to feed into the overall presentation for this component in conjunction with the selected candidate once component 1 and 2 are near completion.

DELIVERABLES

Deliverables	Details
1. Draft reports on (i) the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in GBV humanitarian interventions and (ii) the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in and WASH humanitarian interventions submitted by 5 April .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Individual reports</u> for WASH and for GBV (the background, introductory and methodology sections may be replicated as appropriate)• The reports should address all objectives for components 1, 2 and 3 set out in the ToR.
2. Follow up call with HIF leads to take place w/c 8 April .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concise and accessible report format.
3. Final reports on (i) the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in GBV humanitarian interventions and (ii) the inclusion of people with disabilities and older people in and WASH humanitarian interventions submitted by 19 April .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include a brief introduction and summary (no more than 2 pages).• <u>A reference list should be included.</u>• Note on methodology to include search terms, parameters and limitations.• Must be suitable for sharing with the Elrha network.
4. Note on methodology used submitted with final report by 19 April .	
5. Record of data sources and list of interventions reviewed submitted with final report by 19 April .	



PROCESS

Project Management

This project will be managed by HIF programme team members Sophie Van Eetvelt (Innovation Manager for DOAI) and Angela Francis (Innovation Manager for GBV). The selected candidate will be expected to work closely with our team to co-design the details of the methodology and maximise the utility of the deliverables. Relevant documents produced by Elrha will be made available to the selected candidate and some assistance in providing contacts for key stakeholders may be possible.

Timeline

We expect work to begin on 12 March 2019. The deliverables must be completed and approved by **19 April 2019**. We request the submission of a good draft report by **5 April 2019**, with time allocated for feedback and iteration if needed. We expect the candidate to suggest the optimum allocation of days across this work.

Budget

The budget should be broken down by activity and include day rates where appropriate. There are no expected expense or travel costs to be incurred. A maximum of £40,000 is available for both deliverables (WASH and GBV), i.e. £20,000 per report.

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CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Team and Experience

We especially welcome applications that demonstrate substantial experience of all sector areas (WASH, GBV and DOAI). As such we would expect applications with at least 2 people in a team and welcome applications from organisations working together. However, we will accept individual applications for one of either the GBV or WASH deliverables.

The following experience should be demonstrated in applications:

- Strong knowledge of the humanitarian GBV sector, and ideally the M&E challenges faced by organisations operating in humanitarian settings;
- Strong knowledge of the humanitarian WASH sector, and ideally relating to handwashing, behaviour change, MHM and/or user feedback/participation;
- Strong knowledge of Disability and Age Inclusion in the humanitarian sector, including both physical and social barriers and with good awareness of relevant standards and principles.
- Awareness of the role of innovation in the humanitarian sector;



- Ability to gain access to key information and knowledge of local, national and international stakeholders in the relevant sectors.
- Demonstrated experience of analysis from a mixed pool of information and of drawing useful trends from complex datasets.
- Demonstrated ability to appraise outcomes from humanitarian interventions and assess quality of evidence.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and concisely to a broad but informed audience.

Candidate Selection

The application **deadline is 23:59 GMT on 01 March 2019.**

Submit applications to hif@elrha.org for the attention of Sophie Van Eetvelt and Angela Francis, which should include:

- Summary of team and demonstration of relevant experience;
- Covering letter, setting out interest in and suitability for this project against the candidate requirements (maximum 3 pages);
- Examples of reports, guidance or other materials produced on humanitarian GBV/WASH/DOAI interventions, particularly where these sectors intersect;
- Proposed methodology, time frame and work plan, including how the deliverables will be action-oriented and accessible;
- Proposed budget including day rate (if relevant).