

Protecting the rights of older people in humanitarian emergencies



Presentation overview

- Inclusion of older people in existing rights framework
- The principles of humanitarian action
- Examples of older people's exclusion from humanitarian assistance
- Recommendations for a Convention on the rights of older people



Existing legal frameworks

- Older people's rights are protected in a general sense, but not in a systematic or comprehensive way.
 - Human rights law
 - International Humanitarian Law
 - Convention on rights of persons with disability
 - MIPPA

Principles of humanitarian action

- Humanity
- Impartiality
- Neutrality
- Independence

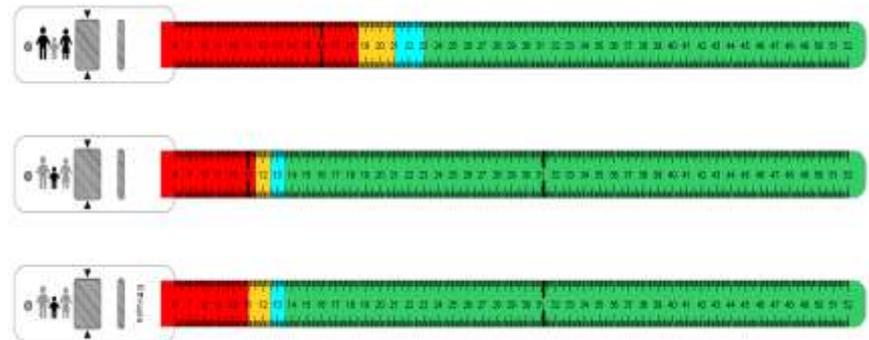


Factors contributing to older people's exclusion

- Lack of consultation or inclusion in assessments
- Limited data collection
- Programming based on assumptions of needs
- Limited access to information about available assistance
- Limited humanitarian awareness amongst partners of older people's needs, or capacity to address them

Examples of operational exclusion – nutrition

- Life saving sector
- Compound factors including poverty, care roles and disability place older people at specific risk
- Yet, risks of under-nutrition faced by older people are not recognised in humanitarian policy or practice.



Convention Recommendations

- Protect older people's right to be consulted and actively participate in the design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of humanitarian assistance
- Protect older people's rights to accessible, and where appropriate, targeted interventions
- Protect older people's rights to information about assistance, in accessible formats
- Hold humanitarian partners and donors to account for ensuring appropriate funding and capacity for response delivery



Thank you.
Questions?