



## WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT Side Event

### “Strengthening visibility, inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action”

**Tuesday 24 May, 5:00pm – 6:30pm**

Marmara Room, Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Center

More than one billion people worldwide, approximately 15 percent of the global population, have disabilities, of whom 80% live in developing countries.<sup>1</sup> Persons with disabilities are over-represented among those living in absolute poverty, while an estimated 6.7 million persons with disabilities are forcibly displaced as a result of persecution and other human rights violations, conflict, and violence.<sup>2</sup>

Join us for this unique, direct dialogue with persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, as well as experts in the field on the specific challenges persons with disabilities face in humanitarian crises. The panel will illustrate, through best practices, the role persons with disabilities and their representative organizations must play in successfully addressing the needs of this population and strengthening inclusion across humanitarian response, fully realizing commitments to ‘leave no one behind’.

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Photo: Two refugee girls with disabilities outside a tent in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. (Source: WRC / Emma Pearce)

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs352/en/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/disabilities/disabilities-fact-sheet>