



## HUMAN SECURITY AND INCLUSION

### OUTLINE FOR CONSULTATION

The concept of human security has a clear role to play in protecting the nearly 2.5 to 3.7 million disabled refugees and internally displaced peoples<sup>1</sup> as well as over 450 million people with disabilities in the developing world. In turn, the human security concept can benefit from the inclusion model advanced by many disability groups, which seeks to transform economic, political, social and cultural systems and processes into ones that are more participatory and inclusive.

Definition: Very simply, the human security concept has four key elements:

1. People-centred approach (re-defines security away from the traditional military context. I.e: state security vs. human security)
2. Focuses on risk factors to human well-being and security
3. Aims to protect, safeguard and empower people from both severe and widespread threats and situations
4. Requires an integrated approach; building relationships between political, social, environmental, economic, military and cultural systems

### Background

Throughout the world people with disabilities and their families face common challenges and shared barrier, at the heart of which sits political, social and economic exclusion. While there are approximately 600 million people with disabilities worldwide, an estimated 70 – 80%, or over 450 million people, live in a developing country and exclusion from basic services such as education remains one of the largest barriers to living in dignity and equal opportunity for full community living.

Consider that:

- Exclusion from education impacts an estimated 98% of children with disabilities in developing and transition countries worldwide

#### Consultation Question:

What are some key elements for building and maintaining secure societies?

#### Consultation Question:

What experiences of insecurity for people with disabilities and their families can you share from your country?

<sup>1</sup> Refugee International. Displaced and Disabled. <http://www.refugeesinternational.org/cgi-bin/ri/other?occ=00584>