

## Handicap International completes the construction of accessible latrines in Jedaah 6 IDP camp



Accessible latrines at the Primary Health Care of Jedaah 6 IDP camp

29 March 2018 - Handicap International has finalised the construction of six accessible latrine blocks (composed of one latrine for women and one for men) in Jedaah 6 IDP camp, Ninewa Governorate.

The latrines were designed in line with universal design standards so as to allow persons with functional limitations to safely access and use them.

The construction of the latrines is part of project funded by the Government of Norway. The project aims at identifying the needs of persons with injuries, disabilities and functional limitations, and at raising awareness of humanitarian actors on how to better include vulnerable population in humanitarian response. Lessons learned from the construction of the latrines will be used to advocate towards humanitarian actors for inclusive programming and ensuring the services provided are accessible to persons with functional limitations.

Persons with disabilities, with injuries and other vulnerable group are disproportionately affected by crises and are at higher risk of discrimination and exclusion from humanitarian assistance. Having

equal and safe access to humanitarian services, notably to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene services in Iraq is often proving difficult for them, further compounding their vulnerability.

Prior to the construction of the accessible latrines, HI conducted several focus group discussions with persons with functional limitations in the camp to assess whether they had safe and equal access to the latrines in the camp or not. The discussions revealed that most of the respondents were facing difficulties accessing the latrines and required the assistance of someone in order to access and use them, which in addition to impede on their independence, can prove to be degrading.

Following the focus group discussions and discussions with the camp management, it was decided to build the latrines in the camp's public spaces: in a school, primary health centre, child friendly space, camp management building, distribution area and in Handicap International centre.

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