

OLDER PEOPLE: MESSAGES

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About the Message Library

People affected by disaster must have access to timely, appropriate and accurate information to help them keep themselves and their families safe and well. They should know their rights, entitlements and be able to give feedback. Responders have a duty to put in place appropriate, systematic and coordinated mechanisms to ensure this.

Our Message Library offers clear, concise and simple messages on a range of topics as templates for you to adapt and use in the context you are working in. These are intended to help you make a quick start on communicating with communities while you further develop mechanisms for on-going dialogue with diverse groups within each community.

For help contextualising and using the messages we recommend you do our e-learning course and read the following technical guidance.

E-learning

<https://kayaconnect.org/course/info.php?id=768>

Guidance

<https://www.cdacnetwork.org/tools-guidance/cdac-message-library-user-guidance>

This message set is currently under development. If you can help us with this, please get in touch at info@cdacnetwork.org.

Identify the needs of older people

In your community, there may be older people who are completely alone and who might not be able to care for themselves. Please help the authorities identify them and make sure they get enough care, food and water.

Particular needs of older people and people with disabilities

Older people and the disabled should get shelter before everyone else. They need to be located close to water distribution points, latrines and kitchen facilities, as well as the health centre. As a camp resident, you can help by making sure they don't feel isolated or unsafe, and that they can evacuate their shelter easily.

REFERENCES

For more information on this topic, we recommend you read the following references.

HelpAge (2018). **New humanitarian guidelines launched for ageing and disability inclusion.**

www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/new-humanitarian-guidelines-launched-for-ageing-and-disability-inclusion/

HelpAge (2018).

www.helpage.org/download/5a7ad49b81cf8

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If you would like to contribute to topic reviews, have found a message that needs greater clarity, or wish to create a new topic, please contact us at info@cdacnetwork.org.