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# Data Collection and Analysis: the Use of a Specific Disability Marker

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## **AGENDA 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

While not dedicating a specific goal to disability, the SDGS defined in the Agenda 2030 take into consideration disability issues in a number of targets relating to: Education (goal 4), Growth and Employment (goal 8), Participation (goal 10), Social and environmental Accessibility (goal 11), Global Partnership on Sustainable Development and data collection (goal 17)



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## **The importance of Data collection**

The Agenda 2030 underlines once again the importance of good statistical data, as fundamental basis for orientating policies



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## **DATA COLLECTION IN THE DGDC ACTION PLAN ON DISABILITIES**

### **“Proposal to update the systematic collection of data as part of the OECD-DAC codes**

Current international systems for data collection and classification do not pay sufficient attention to persons with disabilities. Failing a specific definition, cooperation initiatives in the field of disabilities are classified under code 16010, “Social/Welfare services” (160 – “Other Social Infrastructure and Services”) and code 15162, “Human Rights”. It would be useful to explore the possibility of more clearly identifying the projects targeted at persons with disabilities in the OECD-DAC list of sectors, so as to improve their visibility. ”



## DATA COLLECTION IN THE DGDC ACTION PLAN ON DISABILITIES

### **“1.2.i Setting up a working group with the task of analysing current OECD DAC codes and putting forward a proposal to include the issue of disability more specifically**

With a view to mainstreaming disability, MFA will set up a working group, consisting of representatives from the relevant central/local institutions, civil society and development cooperation agencies of other countries. The working group will discuss a technical proposal aimed at integrating a selfstanding disability sector into the OECD-DAC list of sectors.”





## The Working Group on statistical data

After adoption of the Action Plan, the DGDC set up a working group on statistical data, with the aim of implementing the activities foreseen in the plan.

Thanks to the work of the group, a specific marker on disability was introduced in the DGDC statistical database on May 1st, 2014.



## The disability marker

The disability marker introduced in the internal statistical database of the DGDC was built upon the model of the marker on Reproductive and maternal health, introduced in the OECD statistics in December 2013.



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MARKER

- (4) EXPLICIT PRIMARY OBJECTIVE
- (3) MOST, BUT NOT ALL OF THE FUNDING IS TARGETED TO THE OBJECTIVE
- (2) HALF OF THE FUNDING IS TARGETED TO THE OBJECTIVE
- (1) AT LEAST A QUARTER OF THE FUNDING IS TARGETED TO THE OBJECTIVE
- (0) NEGLIGIBLE OR NO FUNDING IS TARGETED TO DISABILITY ACTIVITIES/ RESULTS. DISABILITY IS NOT AN OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT/ PROGRAMME
- (BLANK) = NOT SCREENED





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## Data analysis: first results

The Working Group has analyzed the data collected until now through the disability marker (which was manually applied also to project dating back to 2009)

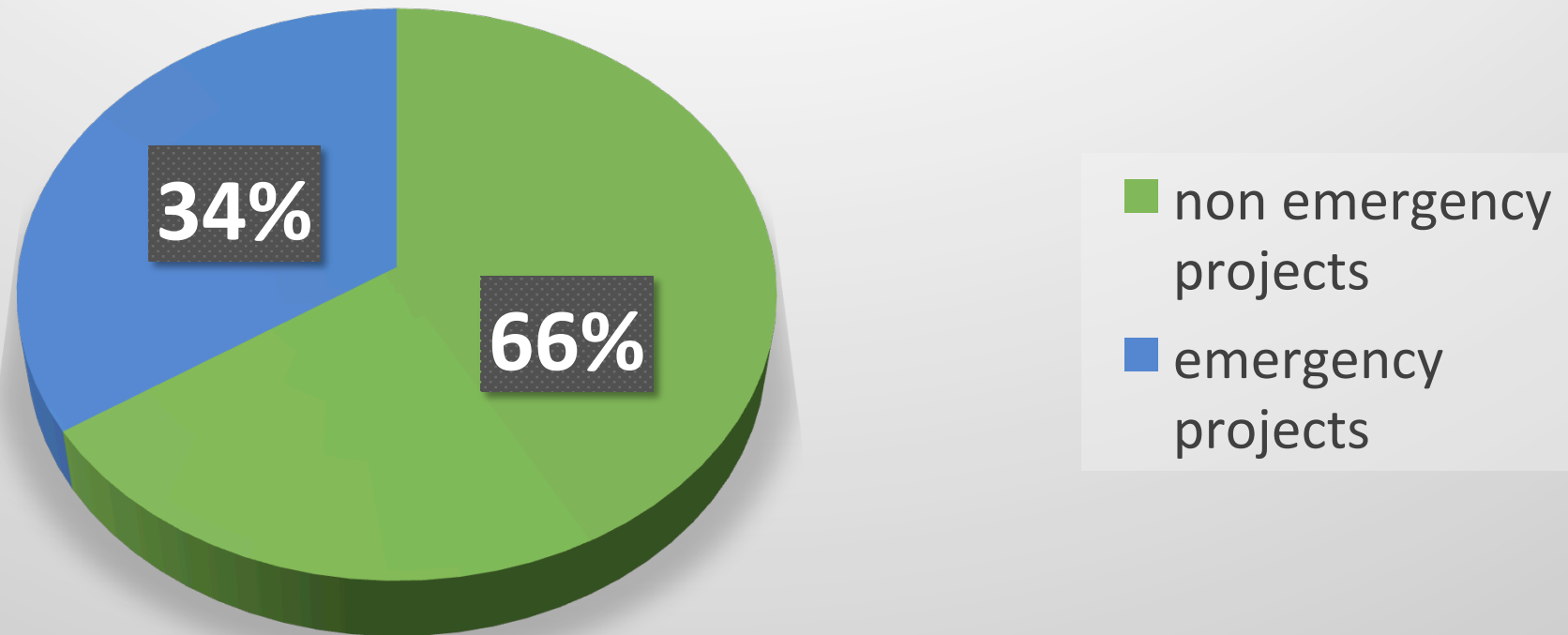


## Ratio between Total Grants and Grant Initiatives for Disability

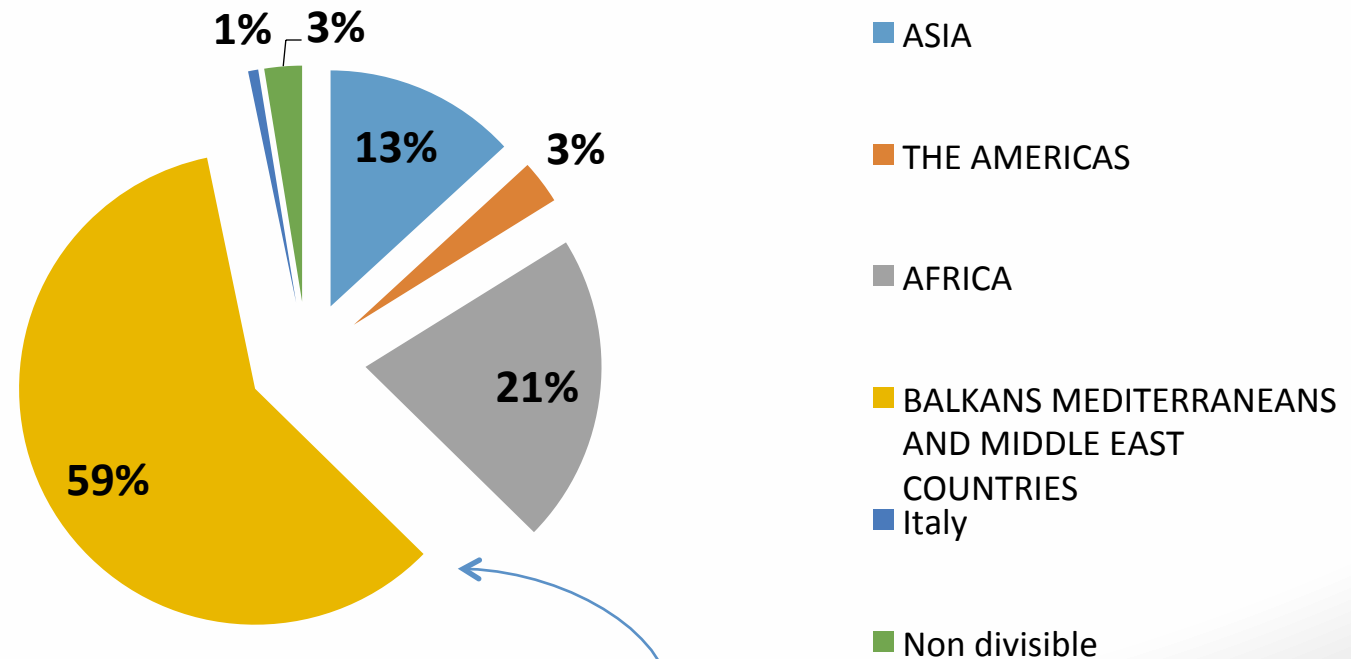
Year	Total grant initiatives	Grant initiatives for disability	
2009	251.120.167,63	4.874.042,02	1,94%
2010	319.394.906,26	8.665.955,37	2,71%
2011	169.459.196,73	4.059.526,20	2,40%
2012	141.138.374,96	1.460.627,15	1,03%
2013	229.235.689,98	9.621.864,81	4,20%
2014	200.381.248,53	6.392.547,80	3,19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.310.729.584,09</b>	<b>35.074.563,35</b>	<b>2,68%</b>

# Funding 2009-2014

Total amounts of the projects approved  
by DGDC: € 35 million



# Distribution of DGDC - Funded Disability Initiatives by Region



The DGDC has targeted the Mediterranean and the Balkans as its geographical priorities, with special attention to Palestine, that will continue to be a priority area for grants (allocating an average of 10 million euros a year, also through NGOs)

ALBANIA	4,6%
JORDAN	8%
KOSOVO	11%
LEBANON	8%
SIRIA	6%
PALESTINE	52%
TUNISIA	11%



## Distribution by OECD-DAC Sector Code

Since in the OECD statistical system there is no specific sector code for disability (yet), our initiatives fall into a series of different codes.

The 5 main sectors in which we realized disability initiatives are:

- Humanitarian Aid (7,5 million Euros)
- Social Services (6,8 million Euros)
- Human Rights (3,6 million Euros)
- Medical services (2,3 million Euros)
- Primary education (1,5 million Euros)





## NEXT STEPS

- The data analysis must be completed
- On the basis of the experience gathered until now, Italy intends to present in the next months a proposal for introducing a disability marker at OECD level



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