Key words: Assistive products in emergencies

Term	Definition	Image
Absorbent products	Absorbent products soak up and/or contain urine or bowel leakage. Absorbent products may be washable or single use.	
Catheter	A soft tube that is used to drain urine from the bladder. Used by some people who cannot empty their bladder independently or voluntarily. Depending on the type of catheter, other equipment, such as a leg bag, will be needed.	
Cognition	Mental processes including thinking, knowing, and remembering.	
Continence	The ability to voluntarily control emptying of the bladder and bowel in a socially acceptable place. Can be described as successfully going to the toilet.	
Displaced populations	A person or group of persons forced to leave the place where they live for their safety and protection. This could be due to conflict, violence, or disaster. People who are displaced and cross an international border to seek shelter or assistance may be called 'refugees'.	
Emergency	An emergency is a situation impacting the lives and wellbeing of a large number of people or a significant percentage of a population. An emergency requires substantial assistance involving government, non- government, private and community stakeholders.	
Frail / Frailty	Weak, fragile and with little energy. Often occurs as people grow older and their health declines.	
Incontinence	When a person has difficulty or is unable to voluntarily control emptying of their bladder (urinary incontinence) or bowel (bowel incontinence).	
Latrine	A simple toilet (often shared in a camp situation) not connected to a sewage system.	