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1) Woman at risk:

Definition: woman of 18 years old or above, who is at risk because of her gender:

- single mother
- single caregiver
- widow
- older woman
- woman with disabilities
- survivors of violence
- single woman (without partner, unmarried, widowed, divorced or separated, and without children)
- woman in the period of lactation.

2) Elderly/Older person at risk:

Definition: person of 60 years old or above, with specific need(s) in addition to his/her age.

- Single older persons
- Older couples
- Suffers from health problems
- Lacks psychological, physical, economic, social or other support from family members or others
- Without any family members in the country of asylum.
- Sole caregiver to children (related or non-related)

3) Child at Risk:

Definition: person below the age of 18 who is at risk due to his/her age, dependency and/or immaturity.

- Child parent: parent below the age of 18.
- Child spouse: person below the age of 18 who is married.
- Child carer: person below the age of 18 assuming responsibility as head of household without adult
- Teenage pregnancy
- Child labor
- At risk of not attending school
- Special education needs
- Association with armed forces/groups
- In conflict with the law

4) Single parent or caregiver:

Definition: single person of 18 years or above with one or more dependents including:

- biological children
- non-biological children
- other dependents (such as an older person)
- single parent/caregiver is both the primary income earner and/or caregiver.

5) Disability:

Definition: physical mental, intellectual or sensory impairments from birth, or resulting from illness, infection, injury, trauma or old age.

- Visual impairment (including blindness)
- Hearing impairment
- Physical disability (moderate and severe)
- Mental disability (moderate and severe)

6) Serious medical condition:

Definition: serious medical condition that requires assistance, in terms of treatment or provision of nutritional and non-food items, in the country of asylum.

- Mental illness
- Malnutrition
- Difficult pregnancy
- Chronic illness
- Critical medical condition
- Addiction