Leave no one behind!
Inclusion in development cooperation
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“Enhancing the global agenda for inclusion”

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**Where, after all, do universal human rights begin?**

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**Challenges to inclusion**

* Marginalised groups vs mainstream
* Developing vs developed countries
* Development vs human rights
	+ Economic, social, cultural rights vs civil & political rights
* Development vs human rights vs humanitarian

**The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) : a human rights instrument & development tool**

**All rights** for **all persons with disabilities everywhere** on an **equal basis with others**

* Embraces diversity & inclusion
* Participation of persons with disabilities (art 4(3))
* Women with disabilities (art 6); children with disabilities (art 7)
* Equal recognition before the law (art 12)
* Living independently and being included in the community (art 19)
* Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies (art 11)
* International cooperation (art 32)
* Data collection (art 31)
* National monitoring & implementation (art 33)
* Awareness-raising (art 8)

**Leave no one behind**🡪 **Reach the furthest behind first**

**References to persons with disabilities**

Sustainable Development Goals

* + Goal 4: Education – 2 references
	+ Goal 8: Employment
	+ Goal 10: Reduce inequality
	+ Goal 11: Inclusive cities – 2 references
	+ Goal 17: Means of implementation, data

Follow-up and review

* + Data disaggregation (paragraph 74,g)

Human Rights in the 2030 Agenda

* Preamble: The SDGs “seek to realize the human rights of all”
* Para. 8: We envisage a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality, non-discrimination; of respect for race, ethnicity, and cultural diversity; and equal opportunity.
* Para. 10: The new agenda is guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including full respect for international law. It is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties, …
* Para. 19: We emphasize the responsibilities of all states, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, to respect, protect and promote human rights, and fundamental freedoms for all…
* Para. 18: We … emphasize that the agenda is to be implemented in a manner that is consistent with the rights and obligations of states under international law.

**Human rights based approach to development**

* Universal: applicable to all countries and all people
* Indivisible : civil- political & socio-economic
* Interdependent/interrelated- enjoyment of one right facilitates enjoyment of others
* Equality & non-discrimination

– leaving no one behind, reducing inequalities, data disaggregation

* Participatory: led by rights holders
* Accountability of States to their people

**Accountability**

What action has been taken? Need to track & measure:

* + Progress / progressive realisation
	+ Inertia
	+ Retrogression

Monitoring and review frameworkrequires:

* + Evidence
		- Lived experience – voices & **participation** of rights holders
		- **Disaggregation of data**

Facilitated by **human rights indicators**

for **use by all actors** (govts, civil society, development agencies, human rights bodies, etc)

**The SDGs should have a human rights based approach, but how to ensure that the SDGs are informed and guided by the CRPD?**

**Bridging the Gap:
Human rights indicators for the CRPD in support of a disability inclusive 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

**Objectives**

To contribute to **the socio-economic inclusion, equality, non-discrimination of persons with disabilities** in low and middle-income countries through more **inclusive and accountable institutions and policies** by:

* Supporting **CRPD implementation** and monitoring through the elaboration of **human rights indicators**
* Supporting **SDGs implementation** guided by the CRPD

Tools for implementation, monitoring & reporting for SDGs & CRPD

**Why is there a need for this project?**

SDGs: “Leave no one behind” -yet persons with disabilities are commonly left behind

 Due to the lack of:

* **Know how** -Policymaking which promotes their rights, inclusion and participation
* **Know what** – Data
* **Know who** - Consultation with persons with disabilities and their representative organisations)

SDGs: measuring progress- limited in scope

 Unlikely to sufficiently or appropriately address persons with disabilities due to weak:

* **Indicators**
* **Follow up and review process**

SDGs: are here & now! – opportunities & risks

🡪 NEED FOR CONCRETE TOOLS TO LINK SDGs TO CRPD for MUTUAL REINFORCEMENT

**The CRPD can guide, inform, reinforce & enforce SDGs implementation & the SDGs can contribute to the realisation of the rights of persons with disabilities**

**What will we do?**

**Develop tools:**

* Develop human rights indicators for CRPD
* Develop policy guidelines for implementation of the SDGs guided by the CRPD
* Devise a matrix linking the SDGs based policy guidelines & CRPD based human rights indicators
* Develop guidelines on data sources to inform the CRPD based indicators

**Capacity Building:**

* Develop training materials on CRPD indicators & CRPD-SDGs implementation
* Deliver a training of trainers
* Develop an e-learning course

🡪 Wide dissemination of all tools & promotion of their use by all stakeholders

**Bridging the Gap II- Inclusive policies and services for equal rights of persons with disabilities**

Objectives:

* Support CRPD implementation & attainment of disability inclusive SDGs
* Country level efforts – 5-6 partner countries- to implement CRPD through capacity development of govt institutions and DPOs

Partners: Italian Agency for Development Cooperation; Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AECID); Austrian Development Agency; FIAPP, IDDC & EDF;

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland (observer)

Countries: Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Sudan, **Ethiopia, Paraguay**

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“Imagine a world where we embrace human diversity.

We remove the barriers in society and institutions that create discrimination and inequality.

We go past the fear and preconceptions that have historically resulted in so much social exclusion.

We see disability as part of human diversity, like any other difference.

And we see the contributions that persons with disabilities can make in all areas of society.”

- Catalina Devandas, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

Thank you for your attention!

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