

Voluntary Commitments of Organizations Working on Disability-Inclusion

Summary update following the 6th Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)

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The Stakeholder Group of individuals and groups concerned with disability are represented by:

- The Disability-inclusive DRR Network (DiDRRN):
ASB; CBM; Centre for Disability in Development (CDD); Handicap International (HI); Malteser International (MI); Pacific Disability Forum; South Asian Disability Forum.
 - The Nippon Foundation (NF)
 - Rehabilitation International (RI)
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A. Achievements

A summary of activities conducted since the 6thAMCDRR by the above representatives is presented in line with the four overall voluntarily committed actions as follows:

1. *Contribute to fostering inter-ministerial, inter-departmental and multi-sectoral engagement to ensure that disability-inclusive DRR is mandated and implemented.*
 - Co-lead on 3rd World Conference on DRR (WCDRR) Ministerial Roundtable event: *Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together.* (DiDRRN, RI and NF with the International Disability Alliance; International-Japan)
Note: Other events for WCDRR planned.
 - Advocacy to Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh on disability-inclusion in HFA2 including joint workshops and International Day for Disaster Reduction 2014 multi-stakeholder roundtable. (CDD/DiDRRN; National- Bangladesh)
 - Review of existing DRR guidelines and policies by National Disaster Management Agency, Bangladesh to ensure disability-inclusion across DRR actions. (CDD/DiDRRN; National- Bangladesh)
 - Development of inter-sectoral disability-inclusive DRR curriculum with National Disaster Management Agency, Indonesia. (ASB/DiDRRN; National- Indonesia)
 - Facilitation of Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (includes National Disaster Management Agency), Vietnam on the implementation of disability-inclusive DRR. (MI/DiDRRN; National- Vietnam)
 - Contributions to UN agency, with the participation of Social Affairs Ministries, and INGO Asia-Pacific consultations on disability-inclusion in DRR; including children and youth group partners. (ASB/DiDRRN; Regional)

2. *Empower persons with disabilities, and their representative organisations, to actively participate in, and report on, the development and monitoring of disaster risk reduction plans, programmes and actions.*
 - Increased capacities of DPOs to advocate for disability-inclusive DRR alongside improved monitoring of National Disaster Management Agency activities to generate disability-inclusive DRR implementation. (MI/DiDRRN; National- Vietnam)
 - Training of disabled people's organisations (DPOs) and community social workers on disability and disasters including completion of survey of 2,000 households with persons with disabilities. (ASB/DiDRRN with University of Sydney; National- Indonesia)
 - Capacity building to 58 DPOs to engage with, and contribute to reporting on, the HFA2 process. (ASB/DiDRRN; National- Indonesia)
3. *Extend the principles of universal design, in combination with assistive technology development and reasonable accommodation, to ensure the delivery of risk reduction related infrastructure establishment and service delivery for equal participation of persons with disabilities at all levels of disaster risk reduction.*
 - Provision of accessibility for the 2nd prep-com, Geneva and the WCDRR, Sendai to ensure the equitable participation of persons with disabilities and to foster the contribution of persons with disabilities to the development and implementation of HFA2. (The Nippon Foundation; International- Japan).
4. *Strengthen community-based inclusive DRR initiatives to empower all persons with disabilities, including women, children and older persons, to realise their full participation in, and contribution to, all phases of disaster risk reduction within their communities.*
 - Community-based disability-inclusive DRR actions ongoing in 10 countries in the Asia Pacific with an estimated 700 persons with disabilities and disabled people's organisations as direct beneficiaries. Secondary beneficiaries, including persons with disabilities and household members, are estimated at 1,000,000 individuals. (DiDRRN; Regional- Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kiribati, Pakistan, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Samoa, Solomon Islands)

Note:

Disability stakeholders have extended activities beyond the Asia Pacific to include the following:

Central and West Africa, Latin America including capacity building of 60 civil society and disabled people's organisation on disability-inclusive DRR (CBM/DiDRRN); Georgia (ASB/DiDRRN); engagement with the Council of Europe and European Community (ASB/CBM/HI/DiDRRN) prior to the WCDRR; ongoing direct HFA2 engagement (DiDRRN/NF/RI- Geneva, Sendai, Tokyo).

B. Impacts

- Increasing awareness of need for disability-inclusion in HFA2 by government and non-governmental actors.
- Increased direct participation of persons with disabilities in local, national, regional and international DRR consultations and actions.

- First draft of HFA2 (incomplete at time of writing) includes 7 direct references to persons with disabilities.
- Growing awareness at prep-com 2 evident of the need to move from seeing persons with disabilities as a 'vulnerable group' to ensuring active and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in DRR/HFA2.

C. Future plans

- Ongoing work to ensure direct representation of persons with disabilities at WCDRR.
- Ongoing work to ensure the active and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in DRR under HFA2.
- In acknowledgment of increasing awareness of the need for disability-inclusion in DRR an increasing focus on the 'how to' of disability-inclusive DRR is anticipated.
- Further capacity development and empowerment of disabled people's organisations on DRR.
- Further capacity development of mainstream DRR stakeholders to engage with, and utilise the knowledge and capacities of, persons with disabilities to ensure inclusion.

D. Challenges

- Development of HFA2 is still ongoing and as such the linkages between voluntary commitments to government-led priorities and commitments remain unclear.
- Timeframe of HFA2 and, therefore, the extent and scope of expected voluntary commitments remains uncertain.
- Dependency on donor funding for ongoing delivery of voluntary commitments over an uncertain timeframe and within an as yet to be agreed overall HFA2 context.

E. Success stories and good practices

Available from: <http://www.didrrn.net/home/index.php/resources/>

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