



# Disability Inclusion

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## NATIONAL CONTEXT, POLICY AND LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

- The 2022 National and Population Census indicates that the population of people with disabilities has increased from 9.3% in 2012 to 11.2% in 2022, which is equal to an increase of 1.9%.
- The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) Government has made continuous efforts to protect the rights of PWDs including by ratifying the CRPD and enacting disability-specific legislation, i.e the Tanzania Persons with Disabilities Act, 2010, the Zanzibar Act of 2006, and National Policy on Disability, 2004.
- There is a strong political commitment, especially from H.E. President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, to advance gender equality and the rights of persons with disabilities, and the need to advance PWDs rights is included in the national Five-year Development Plan.
- An inter-stakeholder action Working Group comprising of government entities and corresponding MDAs, UN Agencies (including UN Women), NGOs, and INGOs has been established.
- Despite the progress made, more resources and investments are required to address gaps in ensuring policy and legislation effectively addresses the unique needs and experiences of PWDs of all ages, genders, and social status, as well as strengthening the capacities and awareness among key stakeholders on disability inclusion, the CRPD, inaccessibility of services, etc.

## **UN WOMEN TANZANIA'S WORK ON PROMOTING THE RIGHTS & PERSPECTIVES OF PWDS**

The CO is taking a comprehensive approach to promoting the rights and perspectives of persons with disabilities with a specific focus on women with disabilities in our planning and implementation, including in our SN and projects, in line with **UN principles of LNOB**.

**Implementation of the UNPRPD programme in partnership with UNFPA and the GoT (Prime Minister's Office) yielded the following key results:**

- Support to the Prime Minister's Office to draft the new/updated version of 2004 National Disability Policy from a gender perspective which is expected to be finalised by January 2024.
- Supported the development of the 2022 UNPRPD Situation Analysis of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Development of a guideline/checklist for gender-sensitive disability inclusion in the UNSDCF for planning, monitoring and implementation.
- PWDs made contributions to the 2023 SDGs voluntary national report and awareness was raised for persons with disabilities on the national reporting process.

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### The implementation of the Women's Leadership and Economic Rights (WLER) Project

- **Adopting the principle of 'Nothing About Us Without Us'**, the project strengthens the capacities of women-led organizations of persons with disabilities (OPD) at the local level in Tanzania to facilitate meaningful participation and leadership of women and girls with disabilities in local governance and economic rights.
- The project is partnering to empower the grassroots OPD - Movement of Women with Disability in Tanzania (MOWADITA) to enhance women and girls with disabilities' influence and agency at local and national levels, and works with strategic actors to change social norms, attitudes, practices, and myths about PWDs.
- Over 100 women with disabilities have been supported to engage in policy dialogues such as on the National Plan of Action on Ending Violence Against Women and Children 2017/18 – 2021/22 (NPA/VAWC), and development of successor plan.
- Working with the two national statistical bodies, the project generated baseline data (from the Population Census 2022) on disability for evidence-based policy and planning, and strengthens the capacity of LGAs to develop systems and tools for the collection of disaggregated and disability-responsive data.
- The project is also working with available platforms in LGAs (6 regions and 18 Councils) to influence inclusive procedures, by-laws, and practices, based on accessibility audits (a tool to assess the accessibility of an organization's environment, communications and systems), to ensure safety and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the respective LGAs.

## UN WOMEN TANZANIA'S WORK ON PROMOTING THE RIGHTS & PERSPECTIVES OF PWDS

- UN Women Tanzania has actively promoted the inclusion of women with disabilities in the development of Tanzania's inaugural National Action Plan on United Security Council Resolution 1325.
- As one of the six guiding principles for the UNSDCF, UN Women is also supporting the **2023 Leaving No One Behind (LNoB) Analysis** that will be used to complement the UN Common Country Analysis (CCA) and support Tanzania's Vision 2050 development process addressing the contextual needs, issues and opportunities of women living with disabilities in Tanzania.
- Representations from Women with disabilities is included in our **Civil Society Advisory Group Tanzania Chapter** as well as the African Women Leaders Network which UN Women supports.
- The office adheres to disability inclusive procurement processes, including in the recruitment of consultants, and the UN Women Tanzania office is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.





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