Building Back Better For All

Disability Inclusive COVID-19 Response and Recovery

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Impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities

- Greater risks of contracting COVID-19.
- Greater risks of developing serious illness or dying from COVID-19.
- Exacerbation of pre-existing mental health conditions and psychosocial disabilities.
- Decreased access to healthcare, food and water, support services, medications and housing.
- Increased and disproportionate impacts on livelihoods.
- Limited access to or inadequate social protection programmes.
- Increased stigma, discrimination, neglect, violence and abuse.
UN-Women’s Approach to Disability Inclusion in a Pandemic

1. Developing robust Knowledge Hub to consolidate evidence base about women and girls with disabilities in the context of COVID-19 and beyond – including countries in transition, Conflicts and Post-conflict settings.

2. Capacity building and Technical advisory support to make UN-Women Offices, UNCTs and partners more inclusive: Promoting inclusive processes, reasonable accommodation and inclusive management practices.

3. Diversify Partnerships and Joint Initiatives, and resource base to harness complimentary advantages and doing more with less: Member states and private sector, MPTFs (UNPRPD), IFIs, UN partners (UNFPA, UN-HABITAT etc.)
UNPRPD’s response to COVID-19 Emergency

1. Support UNPRPD countries to repurpose existing activities to address COVID-19 emergency response and recovery and provide technical support and share information around COVID-19 and persons with disabilities.

2. Financial support to UNPRPD selected countries to conduct additional COVID-19 emergency related activities (Zimbabwe, Cambodia, Nepal, Uruguay).

3. Launch of global joint initiative with UN-Women as Coordinator to harness UNPRPD members expertise at the global level to support country level COVID-19 responses recovery through technical support, evidence-based approach and guidance.
UNPRPD Global Programme Supporting Disability Inclusive COVID-19 Response and Recovery at National Level

to build an evidence base on the situation of women and girls with disabilities in the context of COVID-19
UN-Women Focus:

• Regional Policy and Knowledge Analytics: Asia-Pacific, East and Southern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean;

• Joint Knowledge Product development with OPDs-CSOs;

• Policy brief on lessons learned and good practices on gender, disability, and violence and their relevance on the context of the COVID-19 crisis.

• Advocacy series: developing a set of “know your rights” material in support of national and regional networks of women with disabilities

• Stakeholders Consultations and Webinars: Arab Organisation of Persons with Disability; the Cross Regional Centre for Refugees and Migrant; UNCTs CSOs and OPDS in Africa, AP and LAC.

• UN-Women, Women Enabled, as well as UNFPA to develop a comprehensive checklist on gender-based violence in the context of COVID-19.

• Guidance and Checklist for UNCTs to incorporate gender and disability into an inclusive response to the COVID-19 crisis.
COVID-19 Response: Planned Products

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- **5 Checklists** around human rights of persons with disabilities, disability-inclusive socio-economic frameworks, SRHR inclusion, inclusive GBV protection measures, inclusion of learners with disabilities in open and distance learning throughout COVID-19 response and recovery
- **More than 24 webinars** around inclusion of persons with disabilities in COVID-19 response and recovery and disability inclusive strategic preparedness
- **Around 34 case studies, impact assessments and compendium of good practices** to assess the impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities and the practices and governments’ responses in place to mitigate the effects
- **More than 15 briefs, reports, and position papers** on inclusive social protection, mid-term, and long-term impact of COVID-19 on women with disabilities, deaths in care homes and proportion of persons with disabilities impacted
- **More than 6 guidance notes and guides** on inclusive social protection measures, effective inclusion of disability in COVID-19 response and recovery, standards in accessibility, inclusive urban governance, programme implementation and service delivery systems related to inclusion of persons with disabilities
- **Translations of the guidance and recommendations** produced in accessible formats
- **Training** to build capacity of stakeholders around inclusion of persons with disabilities in COVID-19 response and recovery
- **Online Portals and Repositories** on COVID-19 related data and resources

**Countries and Regions:** Global; Case studies and other assessments from South Africa, Mauritius, Ethiopia, Brazil, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Uganda, Thailand, Fiji, Timor, Indonesia, Philippines, Chile, Pakistan, Malawi, UK, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal, Mexico, Iran, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, and Zimbabwe and some other countries in EECA and AP (tbd); along with some regional consultations from Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the wider Asia-Pacific (and possibly other regions and sub-regions) for some case studies.
Celebrating 20 Yeas of UNSCR 1325 (Women, Peace and Security), and the first year of UNSCR 2475 (Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Conflict);

Position Paper on Disability Inclusion in Rule of Law and WPS: It will explore several institutional challenges of making ‘Rule of Law’, and ‘Women, Peace and Security’ agenda disability Inclusive. It will shed light on good practices and lessons learned identified by practitioners to make this happen and supporting countries to respond to the COVID-19 response and accelerate SDG implementation with a focus on the principle of ‘Leaving No One Behind’;

Policy Brief on Intersectionality in Rule of Law and Women, Peace and Security discusses the global context for intersectionality in conflict or crisis settings, and considers the specific barriers faced in relation to Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and the Rule of Law;

Knowledge Services and Webinar on Intersectionality in Rule of Law and Women, Peace and Security;

Countries and Regions: Global; Position Paper (Disability Inclusion in WPS); Policy Brief (Intersectionality in WPS) based on country-regional examples.
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