

DPF Snapshot



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Development Partner Forum Updates

This bulletin summarizes news concerning disability and development and recent related initiatives undertaken by Donor Governments, UN agencies, and Founders corresponding to the period Fall 2011 -

Italian Development Cooperation

Action Plan for the implementation of the Guidelines on Disability - "Working Table" Italian Development Cooperation (IDC) and the Italian Network on Disability and Development (RIDS).

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Following the signing and ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities adopted by the United Nations in 2006, the Italian Government is committed for its effective implementation. The year 2011 was therefore characterized by this effort that the Italian Cooperation has pursued in collaboration with institutions and civil society engaged in the sector. The Italian Cooperation, based on what is con-

tained in the National Plan for Aid Effectiveness, approved in 2010 the "Guidelines for the introduction of the issue of disability in the policies and activities of the Italian Cooperation" which require the drawing of an action plan to implement them. A "Working Table" for the drafting of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Guidelines on Disability of the IDC has been established and announced at a press

conference on October 11, 2011. (Members: P.F. Zazo, M. Lomuscio - IDC and F. Ortali, AIFO, G. Griffo, DPI Italia Onlus, A. Camerini, EducAid, and P. Barbieri, FISH - RIDS).

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala_Stampa/AreaGiornalisti/NoteStampa/2011/10/20111007_NS_RIDS.htm

Development Cooperation and Human Rights Report and proceedings of a seminar Rights held in Rome, Italy, 2011

Jointly published in 2012 by the Department of Communication and Social Research, Sapienza University of Rome and the Central Technical Unit of the Italian Development Cooperation (IC), the Report presents an overview of the main issues related to current questions concerning human rights in developing countries. The main objective is to improve students' awareness on these matters by sharing knowledge

on international standards and good practises supported by the Italian Cooperation. The report also points out how Italy implements the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Report represents a new modality of exchange of knowledge and experiences and it comes from two institutions having a different background but the same objective: raise the "culture of cooperation" as a

mainstreaming issue in the university curricula.

http://www.nuovacultura.it/collane_scientifiche.php?collana=54

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Snapshot of a person using a wheelchair

International Classification of Functioning, Disability and health (ICF) in KOSOVO

The technical collaboration between the experts of the CCIOMS (WHO Collaborating Center for the ICF) and the UTC (Central Technical Unit, Italian Development Cooperation) has been realised through the exchange of experiences and knowledge about social inclusion of persons with disabilities in Kosovo. The Poster “ICF in framing the National Action Plan for People with Disabilities in Kosovo” was drafted for the Meeting of the WHO Collaborating Centres for the ICF - 2011 Cape Town, South Africa.

The Poster was prepared by F. UNCRPD, Gongolo, G. De Polo, D.Mattosovich, H.Ibrahimi, I. http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgs/download/WHOFIC2011_Poster_ICF%20in%20Kosovo%20final.pdf

Abstract: *The implementation of the National Action Plan for People with Disabilities in Kosovo, for the years 2009–2011, supported by the Italian Development Cooperation has been a great opportunity for professionals of the Italian WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre in the use of ICF as operational language to implement, without historical constraints, the*

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Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

ADA Events

In the frame of its regular bi-weekly “**Tuesday Theme-days**” in ADA, which are intended to raise awareness about specific topics in ADA, the topic of disability is featured this semester (Sept.2012-January 2013) twice. The next theme-day planned for November will discuss disability in policy dialogue.

The **yearly conference of ADA** in July was dedicated this year to the Topic “All human rights for all” and included a session on disability in development cooperation. Panel members included representatives from GIZ and the chairperson of the Austrian Independent Monitoring Committee regarding the implementation of the

UNCRPD. Conclusions of the session were the need to strengthen efforts regarding disability mainstreaming in programs and projects, to increase awareness and provide platforms for learning from good practices.



Headshot of a woman with down syndrome

Working Group on Disability in Development

In 2011, the Unit on Quality-assurance and Knowledge-management of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) initiated a working Group on

Disability in Development. Participants of the working group comprise representatives from civil society (e.g. NGO Light for the World,) science and research

(University of Vienna, Institute for Educational Studies and Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights), different Ministries (Ministry of International and

European Affairs, Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer protection) and ADA staff. The intention of the working group, which meets three to four times a year, is to serve as a platform

for the exchange between science, research and practice, as well as public institutions and civil society;

for contributing to practical

measures for the inclusion of people with disabilities in ADC; to raise awareness and increase the development of capacities of its members and other actors of ADC.

Besides its constitutional session in 2011, the working group has discussed topics such as inclusive education, the National Action Plan on Disability 2010-2012 and recommendations of

the Austrian Independent Monitoring Committee regarding the implementation of the UNCRPD regarding disability and development cooperation. In its upcoming session in November 2012, the working group will discuss and provide their inputs to the new draft version of ADC's Quality Criteria for mainstreaming disability in development cooperation.



Girl on a wheelchair playing sports

European Foundation Centre

SAVE THE DATE! 6 November 2012 : Launch of the Study on "Assessing the impact of European Governments' austerity plans on the rights of people with disabilities"

The European Foundation Centre Consortium on Human Rights and Disability launched a study to gather evidence on the impact that the austerity measures undertaken by several European Governments might have on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The event will look at what can be done at European level to tackle social exclusion experienced by Europe's citizens which has been exacerbated by the crisis.

The debate led by Rosa Estarás Ferragut, Member of the Euro-

pean Parliament, will focus on how to build a model for a social Europe based on EU 2020 Strategy for inclusion of all European citizens. In addition, Yannis Vardakastanis, President of the European Disability Forum and Miguel Ángel Cabra de Luna, Co-Chair of the European Consortium on Human Rights and Disability will bring an European dimension to the discussion regarding finding solutions of support and developing cost-effective policies of inclusion with concrete measures. László Andor, Commissioner for Employment,

Social Affairs and Inclusion has been invited to give a keynote address and conclude the discussions.

This launch event will be hosted by Rosa Estarás Ferragut and The European Foundation Centre Consortium on Human Rights and Disability. The event will take place at the European Parliament, Brussels in József Antall Building (JAN), Room: 6Q1 between 5.00 and 6.30 pm.

The hearing is open to the public.

Please register by 31 October 2012 at sbalmas@efc.be

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Young boy with crutches

Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities (GPCWD)

Children with disabilities (CWD)¹ are among the most stigmatized and excluded of children around the world; girls and adolescent girls with disabilities are among the most disadvantaged due to discrimination against their sex, disability and other factors, such as poverty and ethnicity. Children with disabilities are likely to have poorer health, less education, less economic opportunity, live in greater poverty and deal with more inequalities than their counterparts without disabilities.²

‘Disability’ is an evolving concept – it can be physical, mental, intellectual and/or sensory; some children are born disabled and others become disabled due to an accident, injury, malnourishment or disease. Disabilities can range from moderate to severe, some are permanent and others are temporary. Many are preventable and are linked directly to poverty (lack of health care and immunizations, poor nutrition, etc.)

It is estimated that over 1 billion people in the

world today live with a disability, which includes about 80% living in developing countries and 20% of the world’s poorest and most disadvantaged people.³ It is calculated that about 1 in every 10 children in the world copes with a disability and only 2-3% of disabled children in low income countries go to school.⁴

In general, data on people with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, are lacking or underestimated. This is due to factors such as stigma, isolation, families hiding disabled children and not being counted in census reports.

While significant progress has been made – e.g. over 100 countries have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and actions by governments and the international development community to support children with disabilities appear to be increasing – the Forum on the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities is a Call to Action to address the significant need for more

effective coordination and cooperation to: systematically promote and achieve concrete, sustainable and equitable results on inclusive development that focuses on the rights of children with disabilities promote synergy in mainstreaming children with disabilities in advocacy, policy and programming avoid duplication of efforts.

For more information about the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities visit: http://www.unicef.org/disabilities/index_65319.html

References

CWD refers to all children and adolescents with disabilities 0-18 years old.

CBM. CBM Position paper on the post-2015 MDGs global framework.

WHO/World Bank - World Report on Disability - 2011.

Ibid.



Blind children studying in school

The Development Partners Forum (DPF) is an informal network of representatives and disability focal points from government donor agencies, United Nations agencies, multilateral organizations, and private foundations. It was established as an outcome of the “International Development Partners Forum on Disability and Development” organized by GPDD which took place at the World Bank Offices in Brussels, Belgium on September 15-16, 2010.

The goal of the DPF is to promote and foster increased donor coordination and collaboration in the area of disability and inclusive development through the sharing of experiences, information, knowledge and best practices.

