



UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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PROJECTS SELECTED FOR FUNDING

COSTA RICA

National Plan for Labor Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

In Costa Rica, despite the ratification of the CRPD in 2008 and significant advancements in the realization of a broad range of disability rights, persons with disabilities still face great difficulties in their efforts to secure adequate livelihoods through work and employment. Sixty four percent of persons with disabilities are non-active in the labour market (i.e. they do not work for a wage and are not looking for a job), while persons with disabilities who actively seek employment are confronted with significant additional challenges in comparison to persons without disabilities. Overall, persons with disabilities experience higher unemployment rates and higher unemployment duration as well as higher poverty rates (32% as compared to 24% for persons without disabilities).

This programme aims to complement the implementation of the Plan for Labour Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities which was developed through the application of the Millennium Development Goals Acceleration Framework (MAF) to target 1.2 of MDG 1: "Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people". The Plan is in line with article 27 of the CRPD, which emphasizes the right of persons with disabilities to work on an equal basis with others, including the right to the opportunity of earning a living by working in a freely chosen job and in a workplace that is inclusive and accessible. The programme builds on existing initiatives and proposes concrete ways to remove the bottlenecks preventing persons with disabilities from obtaining an adequate income through employment or entrepreneurship. It focuses, in particular, on five strategic areas: 1) improve the employability profile of persons with disabilities through education and training services, 2) expand the demand for workers with disabilities, 3) improve job facilitation services, 4) promote entrepreneurship, and 5) improve institutional coordination and governance.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UN Resident Coordinator's Office
UNPRD organizations	ILO, UNDP
Other UN organizations	UN Habitat
National counterparts	Inter-Institutional Technical Committee on the Employability for Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor, Ombudsman's Office, National Council for Rehabilitation and Special Education (CNREE), National Technical Institute (INA), FEREPRODIS (DPO), FECODIS (DPO), AED - Inclusive Business Network (Business Association)

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	350,000 USD
Project cost-sharing	542,800 USD

INDONESIA

Promoting the Rights of People with Disabilities in Indonesia

During the last decade, Indonesia has experienced steady progress in raising per capita income and alleviating poverty. However, the country still faces challenges in ensuring equitable access to development gains. Persons with disabilities, in this context, are often socially excluded and face considerable discrimination. At the same time, despite the relatively recent ratification of the CRPD, disability still does not get enough attention in policy debates. As Indonesia moves towards the full operationalization of the CRPD, the need is felt to put in place a more articulated national disability architecture, including strong institutions, capable of adequately representing persons with disabilities; a vibrant disability movement based on the effective coordination of disabled people's organizations and well-functioning mechanisms for the generation of strategic data and evidence.

In view of the above, this programme aims to achieve the following key outcomes: 1) the institutional capacity of the governmental focal point institution on disability rights is strengthened; 2) collaboration between the governmental focal point institution on disability rights on and disabled people's organizations is improved; 3) capacity for the collection of disability data, able to support efficient planning and budgeting, is further developed. The programme will address these issues building on the comparative advantage of the UN system in Indonesia, including technical, thematic expertise, programmes and initiatives, as well as the UN's overall mandate on normative and operational work at country level.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UN Resident Coordinator's Office
UNPRD organizations	ILO, WHO
Other UN organizations	UNESCO, UNFPA
National counterparts	Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, Ministry of Social Affairs, National Development Planning Bureau (Bappenas), National Human Rights Institutions, Disabled Persons' Organisations

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	327,473 USD
Project cost-sharing	29,960 USD

MOLDOVA

Paradigm Shift: UNCT Moldova Strategic Action Supporting CRPD Implementation

This programme builds on the strong political will of the Government of Moldova to bring domestic law, policies and practices into line with international human rights standards as well as constructive dialogue between national authorities, the broader civil society, and social partners. Specific attention is given to the following CRPD provisions particularly as they relate to persons with mental and intellectual disabilities: 1) Article 12 “Equal recognition before the law”; 2) Article 13 “Access to justice”; 3) Article 19 “Living in the community” with a focus on deinstitutionalization; 4) Article 24 “Right to education”; and 5) Articles 29 and 33, with a focus on Government, Ombuds and civil society monitoring and oversight of CRPD implementation. These provisions are taken as strategic entry-points for interventions aimed at significantly advancing the implementation of the CRPD, which was ratified by Moldova in 2010.

In keeping with the above, the specific goals of this programme are: 1) increase the effective exercising of key CRPD rights by children and adults with disabilities, especially those with mental or intellectual disabilities; 2) promote the conditions for relevant state institutions to ensure that all persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others in all aspects of life; and 3) build capacity of civil society as well as peer support mechanisms and networks to advocate for the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities as set out in the CRPD. The intervention is envisioned as a kick-off action under the new United Nations-Republic of Moldova Partnership Framework (UNPF) 2013–2017.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	OHCHR
UNPRD organizations	OHCHR, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO
Other UN organizations	–
National counterparts	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Protection, Labour and Family, Parliament, National Ombuds Institution, National Network of Mayors (CALM), Disabled Persons Organizations, Academia

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	349,890 USD
Project cost-sharing	22,680 USD

MOZAMBIQUE

United Nations Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Mozambique

This joint UN programme will employ a twin-track approach involving targeted as well as mainstreaming interventions in Mozambique. The work proposed with the National Institute of Statistics is an example of mainstreaming, whereby indicators on issues related to people with disabilities will be incorporated in a quarterly, national survey to improve data collection as a prerequisite for defining more accurate policies and programmes. On the other hand, the collaboration between UNDP, Handicap International and *Rede de Assistência as Vitimas de Minas* (RAVIM) is a targeted intervention, which seeks to empower the often marginalized group of mine survivors to claim their rights. Finally, the support to the Mozambican Association of People with Disabilities (FAMOD) is an example of an intervention with an inherently dual nature, as the stronger representation of a disabled people's organization in national fora will contribute to the advancement of the creation of a "society for all". FAMOD will receive capacity building support for the "Mozambicanisation" of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities through a review of the existing legislative/policy framework and for monitoring its implementation.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UNICEF
UNPRD Organizations	UNDP, UNICEF
Other UN organizations	–
National counterparts	Ministry of Women and Social Action, National Council on Disability, National Demining Institute, National Institute of Statistics (INE), Mozambican Association of People with Disabilities (FAMOD), Mines Victims Assistance Network (RAVIM), National Disability Platform

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	340,046 USD
Project cost-sharing	179,300 USD

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Strengthening Respect for the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities through Legislation, Services and Empowerment

This programme aims to raise awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities and develop capacities to mainstream disability in the education, health, employment, and social sectors in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). In the past, most programmes for persons with disabilities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories have been charitable in character and segregated in their approach; this programme prepares the ground for all future interventions to be rights-based and inclusive. The goal of the programme is to strengthen the respect for the human rights of persons with disabilities through legislation, services, and social and economic empowerment in compliance with the Palestinian Disability Law and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). This will be achieved through a close partnership between government ministries, UN agencies, international donors, Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs), and other key stakeholders.

Based on the above, the three main outcomes of this programme will be: 1) legislation, policies and practices of six key ministries are reviewed for their compliance with the CRPD and the Palestinian Disability Law; 2) equal opportunities are created for children with disabilities in selected pilot schools (selected by the Ministry of Education) – as a first example of good practice; 3) access to job creation programmes and business development schemes for women and men with disabilities is improved – as a second example of good practice. The programme partners recognize that women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple and overlapping forms of discrimination, and will therefore take all appropriate measures to ensure their full participation in all programme activities.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UN Resident Coordinator's Office
UNPRD Organizations	ILO, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO
Other UN organizations	FAO, UNESCO, UNFPA, WFP
National counterparts	Higher Council for People with Disabilities, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Social Affairs; Al-Azhar University, Al-Quds University, Al-Quds Open University, Atfaluna Centre for the Deaf, Bethlehem University, Birzeit University, Islamic University (Gaza)

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	349,890 USD
Project cost-sharing	390,000 USD

PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES¹

“Pacific Enable”

“Pacific Enable” will implement a range of activities with the overall goal of improving the lives and opportunities of persons with disabilities in selected Pacific Island Countries (PICs). The activities are targeted to meet existing gaps and to act as catalyzers for further work that will be undertaken by governments and/or development partners.

Assistance with legislative drafting and policy development will be provided to countries that have ratified, or are about to ratify, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). This will be the catalyst for those countries to undertake further work related to the CRPD. Employment opportunities and building sustainable livelihoods are critical for persons with disabilities. Proposed work in this area will be both at the policy and programme level – including advocacy with employers as well as service provision through targeted skills development and a community based rehabilitation approach. The proposed activities will provide leverage for persons with disabilities to move beyond lives of poverty and dependence. The lack of reliable data on disability prevalence in the Pacific is addressed through work on statistics, in particular through census and national surveys processes. This will draw from global and regional expertise and strengthen ongoing work by the Pacific Statistics Steering Committee. In addition, research will be conducted to explore the barriers to the ratification of the CRPD. This research will support the development of a regional advocacy strategy to increase ratification to the Convention. Early identification and detection of disabilities is fundamental to improving the lives of children with disability. Pilot work in early detection systems will provide a strong basis for this to be replicated throughout the Pacific.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UN Resident Coordinator’s Office
UNPRD organizations	ILO, UNICEF, WHO
Other UN organizations	UNESCAP, UNV
National counterparts	Government partners together with Employers’ and Workers’ Unions and national DPOs in Vanuatu and Fiji (employment), Government partners and national DPOs in Vanuatu and PNG (legislation), Government partners in Cook Islands and Vanuatu (child policy), Pacific Statistics Steering Committee/SPC, Government of Vanuatu (DHS-MICS), Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	350,000 USD
Project cost-sharing	105,000 USD

¹ Cook Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea

SOUTH AFRICA

Accelerating the implementation of the UNCRPD in South Africa

This joint United Nations programme was developed by UNCT in collaboration with the Department of Women, Children and Persons with Disability (DWCPD). The programme is aimed at achieving three complementary outcomes to: (1) strengthen M&E capacity for effective oversight and advocacy for promotion of rights of persons with disabilities; (2) establish a CRPD compliant legal and policy framework to implement provisions of the Convention in South Africa; and (3) reduce economic vulnerability of persons with disabilities. UNDP will be the lead agency and responsible for the overall coordination and M&E technical support of the programme, UNICEF will provide technical expertise on child-disability issues, OHCHR will focus on international standards and legislations on the rights of people with disabilities, while technical expertise on the needs for women with disabilities will be sourced from UNFPA and UN Women. These agencies have been individually supporting the DWCPD based on their respective mandates and comparative advantages. UNPRPD funding will bring together the UN agencies to collaborate on this joint programme for promoting the rights of persons with disability in South Africa.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UNDP
UNPRD organizations	OHCHR, UNDP, UNICEF
Other UN organizations	UNFPA, UN WOMEN
National counterparts	Department of Women, Children and Persons with Disability, Statistics South Africa, Department of Social Development Department of Basic Education, Department of Health, South Africa Social Security Agency, National Treasury, Department of Social Development, Department Public Service and Administration, Department of Labour, Department of Transport, Department of Health

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	349,890 USD
Project cost-sharing	235,400 USD

TOGO

Promoting the Rights of Children with Disabilities

Children living with disabilities are among the most vulnerable of all Togo's population. Young people with disabilities face not only poverty, but also social isolation and discrimination. Despite the rights guaranteed to them by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and national legislation, they are often prevented from meaningfully participating in their communities. They regularly lack basic health care and are often not allowed to attend school or to find work. This project offers a comprehensive approach to the integration of children living with disabilities into mainstream education. It expands on an already successful programme of providing suitable educational opportunities to primary school-aged children living with disabilities in the Savanes and Kara regions. It will also work to build national capacity and ensure that government fulfills its national and international obligations towards protecting the rights of children living with disabilities.

By combining the capacities of three agencies the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), and forging effective partnerships with government and non-governmental organizations alike, this programme will strive to put in place not only a collaborative and efficient response to the challenge of providing education to children living with disabilities, but also a sustainable one. This holistic human rights-based response, touching at the same time on health, education and protection, will serve as a model to be replicated in other development strategies across Togo and elsewhere.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UNICEF
UNPRD organizations	OHCHR, UNICEF, WHO
Other UN organizations	–
National counterparts	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry in charge of Human Rights, Ministry for Social Action, Primary schools in the Savanes region, Teachers in the Savanes and Kara regions, Parent-Teacher Associations in the Savanes region, Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy Centers, Rehabilitation Centre in Kara, l'Hôpital Des Enfants in the Savanes region; local and International NGOs and associations of people living with disabilities

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	350,000 USD
Project cost-sharing	310,000 USD

TUNISIA²

“The new Tunisia won’t be built without us”

Following the recent political changes, Tunisia is still facing challenges in establishing the rule of law and fully mainstreaming human rights into a new inclusive development process. The programme’s main objective focuses on the inclusion of persons with disabilities from a human rights perspective. It aims at strengthening stakeholders’ capacities in advocating, respecting, and fulfilling the rights of persons with disabilities as well as developing a common new national vision on disability in Tunisia. The programme was developed through a participatory and consultative process involving public authorities, civil society representatives and representatives of persons with disabilities.

The programme focuses on two enabling factors and two specific rights coupling them with two in-focus groups as entry points. Pursuing its objectives through a twin track approach involving targeted as well as mainstream actions, it will help increase capacities of right-holders (persons with disabilities and their representatives) as well as duty-bearers (main institutional actors concerned with the rights of persons with disabilities). The main outcomes of the programme are organized around the following four thematic priorities: rights-based advocacy for persons with disabilities; survey, statistics and assessment of social protection mechanisms for persons with disabilities; school inclusion and protection of children with disabilities; employment of youth with disabilities. It is expected that by 2014 the programme will have a significant impact on rights of persons with disabilities in general as well as the most vulnerable children, young people and women with disabilities in particular.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UN Resident Coordinator Office
UNPRD organizations	OHCHR, ILO, UNICEF, WHO
Other UN organizations	UNFPA, UN Women
National counterparts	Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning, National Statistics Office, Universities, local and International NGOs and associations of people living with disabilities

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	350,000 USD
Project cost-sharing	220,000 USD

² The proposal from Tunisia was selected by the Management Committee for priority funding provided that a number of changes are introduced in the submitted document

UKRAINE

Promoting Mainstream Policies and Services for People with Disabilities in Ukraine

Persons with disabilities constitute one of the largest vulnerable groups in Ukraine, and according to recent estimates, may represent as high as 15% of the total population. Over the past years, the Government of Ukraine became a party to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), signed the Optional Protocol and adopted important legislations protecting the rights of the disabled persons. However, the implementation of such laws remains poor and the persons with disabilities still face inaccessible environments and continue to be excluded from various spheres of life.

The United Nations System in Ukraine has an extensive experience in working on disability issues, which is among the priority areas of the UN-the Government of Ukraine Partnership Framework for 2012-2016. The proposed joint programme, developed by UNDP, UNICEF, ILO and WHO in cooperation with the Government and civil society organizations in Ukraine, aims to promote the application of accessibility and universal design standards as enablers of inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities. It focuses on existing barriers that prevent or limit equal access to services and facilities intended for the general public. The programme will work at sub-national (Kharkiv Oblast) and national levels, and will support comprehensive capacity development and awareness raising efforts. It will use a mix of mainstream and targeted approaches to benefit persons with disabilities directly through improved services and indirectly, by making the surrounding environment more accessible and disability-friendly.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UNDP
UNPRD Organizations	ILO, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO
Other UN organizations	–
National counterparts	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Policy, State Service on Persons with Disabilities and Veterans, Trade Unions and Employers Organizations, National Assembly of People with Disabilities of Ukraine and its regional branches, CSOs of persons with disabilities that are not members of the National Assembly

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	333,600 USD
Project cost-sharing	100,800 USD

VIET NAM

Strengthening the role of Disabled Persons Organizations to advance disability rights in Viet Nam

Viet Nam is actively considering ratification of CRPD, as well as ILO Convention concerning Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment of Disabled Persons (No. 159) and is currently finalizing a National Action Plan to support people with disabilities. While it will be important to further develop the national legal framework that is compliant with international standards, an effective implementation of the CRPD and the national Law on Persons with Disabilities will only be possible with the active engagement of Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) and the partnership between the State and DPOs. Only when people with disabilities (including children) are included in every step of the decision-making processes and in monitoring activities, will they be empowered to speak for themselves and only then will the legal framework materialize into the realization of rights.

The project will support the mainstreaming of participation of DPOs in ratification, developing implementation legislation and policies, monitoring and reporting on disability rights. It will ensure that the process of ratification and implementation of CRPD results in a rights-based legal and policy framework which can be used to support the realization of disability rights, in particular through the empowerment of DPOs to play a strong and continuing role in policy advocacy, monitoring and claiming their rights. This will set the stage for follow-on programming, firmly based in the current One UN Plan, to build the capacity of all actors in this framework to realize disability rights.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Overall focal point	UNDP
UNPRD Organizations	ILO, UNDP, UNICEF
Other UN organizations	–
National counterparts	Ministry of Justice (MOJ), the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Ministry of Public Security (MPS) and the Office of Government (OOG), the National Coordination Committee on Disability (NCCD), Vietnamese Federation of Persons with Disabilities (VFPWD), Provincial associations of People with Disabilities under VFPWD and other DPOs

BUDGET

UNPRPD Fund contribution	350,000 USD
Project cost-sharing	168,000 USD