



Human Rights Mainstreaming Fund

ADVANCING DISABILITY INCLUSION THROUGH THE HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT

The Human Rights Mainstreaming Fund (HRM Fund) supports the UN Development System to respond to the requests of member states to fulfill their human rights commitments as a critical tool to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The HRM Fund has enabled the Resident Coordinator (RC) system, UN country teams (UNCTs) and partners to advance disability inclusion and the rights of persons with disabilities, which is key to sustainable development and the pledge to leave no one behind.

Selected achievements from 2020-2021 in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities through human rights-based approach (HRBA) to development

In **Equatorial Guinea**, with the support of the Human Rights Advisor (HRA), the UNCT developed its action plan on disability inclusion and advocacy for the ratification of the CRPD. The government ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in March 2022.

In **Timor Leste**, the UNCT with the assistance of the HRA collaborated with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion to follow up progress on addressing COVID-19 impacts on persons with disabilities and implementation of CRPD commitments outlined in the National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities adopted in October 2021.

In **Belize**, the HRA facilitated the UNCT's engagements with vulnerable groups including organizations for persons with disabilities, women's groups and indigenous groups. These civil society groups actively participated and informed the consultation processes



Source: UN Cameroon. Video of participant at UN Cameroon LNOB consultation 2020

The Human Rights Mainstreaming Multi-Donor Trust Fund (the HRM Fund) is an inter-agency pooled fund that leverages the opportunities presented by the UNDS repositioning, enabling the empowered, independent UN Resident Coordinators (RCs) and new generation UN Country Teams (UNCTs) to advance the values of the UN Charter and ensure that human rights are at the heart of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through coherent, system-wide policies and coordinated inter-agency action at all levels. The HRM Fund was created in 2010 and is fully aligned with the UNDS reform including common standards under the Funding Compact. The only dedicated funding mechanism to enhance the capacities of RCs and UNCTs in their efforts to integrate human rights into their work, the Fund also supports the implementation of the Secretary General's Call to Action for Human Rights and Our Common Agenda. It is governed by a board comprised of: OHCHR, UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women, UNESCO, ILO, DCO and the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO).



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and crafting of the Socioeconomic Response Plan (SERP) for COVID-19, the Common Country Analysis and the UN multi-country Cooperation Framework.

In the **Republic of Moldova**, the UNCT with the HRA as focal point reinforced the Disability Inclusion Task Force to support the CRPD implementation, capacity building of the National Social Assistance Agency and Temporary Placement Centres, and the national advocacy which led to the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRPD.

In **Ukraine**, the Surge Initiative also helped the UNCT to deepen rights-based analysis of socio-economic impact assessment and responses to COVID-19 in relation to the inclusivity of stimulus packages and other emergency measures, which informed the briefing note on the impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities. Analytical inputs were also provided on counter-cyclical economic policies and on expanding fiscal space to guarantee minimum essential levels for the rights to health, food, housing and other economic and social rights.

In **Jordan**, the UNCT - reinforced by the support from the HRA, the Surge Initiative and the UNDP-OHCHR partnership to advance human rights and sustainable development - developed an infographic on [recommendations](#) from human rights mechanisms especially related to persons with disabilities, women and children which informed the priorities in their new Cooperation Framework outcome on reducing root causes and drivers of vulnerability.

In 2021 DCO, with support from the HRM Fund Secretariat, approved a [Disability Inclusion Strategy](#), which will further strengthen the leadership and accountability of Resident Coordinators in this area.

“Realizing the rights of persons with disabilities is crucial to fulfilling the core promise of the [2030 Agenda](#): to leave no one behind.” – UN Secretary-General António Guterres

FAST FACTS

- 185 of 193 UN Member States ratified the [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) (CRPD)
- [7 SDG targets](#) (under 4, 8,10 and 17) explicitly refer to persons with disabilities

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