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Dear ADDC Bulletin subscribers,

As our global community continues to come to terms with the impact and spread of COVID-19, we continue to need to adapt and grow in our insight to navigate this ‘new normal’.

As part of this, on 10 June 2020, ADDC is co-hosting a webinar with ACFID in ‘*Disability-inclusive Practice & Research: COVID-19 & Beyond’.* Prominent leaders from DFAT, PDF and PWDA will be reflecting on the work that has been realised to ensure people with disabilities can access their human rights during the COVID-19 pandemic and lessons emerging that can feed into future work. The full speaker list, details and registration link are [below](#ADDC_News). Registrations close on 3 June 2020 so confirm your attendance now!

This bulletin also includes other resources shared regarding people with disabilities and COVID-19, both Australia-specific and from a global perspective, as well as broader sector news. Please share with your networks as well to ensure all in our communities have access to the timely information they need and all are included in the local, national and global responses to this health crisis.

In solidarity,

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# ADDC News

## ACFID & ADDC webinar: Disability-inclusive Practice & Research: COVID-19 & Beyond

ACFID and ADDC are hosting a webinar, ‘Disability-inclusive Practice & Research: COVID-19 & Beyond’, where leaders from key organisations will be reflecting on the work that has been realised to ensure people with disabilities can access their human rights during the #COVID19 pandemic. They will also discuss lessons emerging from current responses to the pandemic can be used to improve disability inclusion in future health crises.

The webinar will be a panel discussion featuring:

* Mika Kontiainen, Director, Disability Section, DFAT
* Setareki S Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum (PDF)
* Samantha French, Senior Policy Officer PWDA, ADDC Executive Committee member, PDF Board Member, Pacific Women with Disability Committee member and Asia-Pacific Disabled Peoples Organisations United Vice Chair.

Kylie Shae OAM, Founder and CEO of Motivation Australia will be moderating this event. There will be limited opportunity for some Q & A at the end of the event.

This webinar will also launch the Research for Development Impact (RDI) Network’s eagerly awaited guidance, *Research for All: Making Research Inclusive of People with Disabilities*.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday 10 June, 3pm-4.30pm (AEST).

For more information on, and to register for the webinar, click [here](https://bit.ly/3c7emHO).

# ****IN THE NEWS****

## Joint Statement: Protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights and promoting gender-responsiveness in the COVID-19 crisis

On 6 May, Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator Marise Payne signed onto a joint statement alongside many global counterparts to highlight the importance of protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights in the COVID-19 crisis. The statement briefly mentions people with disabilities as another group experiencing widened inequalities in the pandemic context.

Read the statement [here](https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/protecting-sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights-and-promoting-gender-responsiveness-covid-19-crisis).

## Covid and Cyclone Harold crisis highlight disability accessibility in the Pacific

In this ABC *Pacific* Beat segment, reporter Tahlea Aualiitia spoke to Nelly Caleb, National Coordinator of Vanuatu Disability Promotion & Advocacy Association, and Lanieta Tuimabu, from Fiji's Disabled People's Federation about the challenges facing persons with disability in the Pacific.

This segment highlights that many products, devices, services and environments are not accessible for persons with a disability - and, that accessibility is made even harder when dealing with world events like COVID-19 or severe weather systems like Cyclone Harold.

Access the segment [here](https://www.abc.net.au/radio-australia/programs/pacificbeat/global-accessibility-awareness/12270238?mc_cid=6b42d9b68d&mc_eid=8efe41c761). The situation report on TC Harold prepared by Pacific Disability Forum can be found in the resources section [below.](#OtherResources)

## World Blind Union (WBU) *Call to Action* launched

The WBU, the global organisation representing the estimated 253 million persons who are blind and partially sighted worldwide, has launched a *Call to Action: 19 Actions for an Inclusive COVID-19 response.*

The actions are in line with recommendations by other Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) and reflect the urgent needs of WBU’s constituency following the spread of COVID-19 and responses to the pandemic.

WBU recognises the diversity of needs among persons with disabilities, especially in times of crises, and urges governments and relevant stakeholders to adopt inclusive approaches to "leave no-one behind".

Access the call to action [here](http://www.worldblindunion.org/English/news/Pages/WBU-Call-to-Action--19-Actions-for-an-inclusive-Covid-19-response-.aspx).

## IDA and IDDC World Health Assembly (WHA) statement

On 18 May, the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) members submitted a written statement that was considered during the 73rd World Health Assembly taking place in Geneva during 17-21 May.

"Together, we are monitoring the impact of #COVID19 on persons with disabilities and using this evidence to strengthen the COVID-19 response and recovery.... We are deeply concerned about protocols and practices attaching less value to lives and wellbeing of persons with disabilities including triage protocols and practice.

We call on governments, health providers, United Nations agencies, and all actors to ensure:

* Any policy, program, action or omission amounting to direct or indirect discrimination in accessing health care is prohibited, ended and remedied immediately;
* Communication on the COVID-19 outbreak, prevention measures and services, is truthful and provided in accessible formats reaching to all including girls, boys, women and men with disabilities;
* Essential health services, including rehabilitation, psychosocial support and interpretation services in medical centres, are adapted to prevent the spread of the virus and continue to operate."

Read the entire statement [here](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/discrimination-covid19).

## IDA and IDDC accessibility campaign launched

The International Disability Alliance (IDA), along with the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), have launched an accessibility campaign to call for public health information and communications around COVID19 to be fully accessible.

These organisations sent an open letter to the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations (UN) to call for them to make their daily briefings and any supporting documents on COVID-19 fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

Their desire is to see the WHO and the UN set an example and show leadership to national governments and other actors in providing a fully accessible COVID-19 response with all information that they disseminate fully accessible to persons with disabilities. This is to keep in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, General Comment No. 7 and the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy.

Access the letter to the WHO [here](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ida_iddc_letter-who-april_2020_002.pdf).

Access the letter to the UN [here](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ida_iddc_letter-un-april_2020.pdf) and read the UN Secretary General’s response [here](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/sg_response_letter_to_ida_chair_-_signed.pdf).

More information on the campaign can be found [here](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/acessibility-campaign).

## New UN report calls for disability-inclusive recovery

The COVID-19 pandemic is intensifying inequalities experienced by the world’s one billion people with disabilities, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in launching a report issued on 6 May calling for a disability-inclusive recovery and response to the crisis.

Mr. Guterres said people with disabilities are among the hardest hit. They face a lack of accessible public health information and significant barriers to implement basic hygiene measures, as well as inaccessible health facilities.

“If they contract COVID-19, many are more likely to develop severe health conditions, which may result in death”, he added.

The UN chief urged governments to place people with disabilities at the centre of COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, and to consult and engage with them.

Read the UN news report [here](https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/05/1063242) or view a video of this new report with sign language [here](https://youtu.be/1MNFApJSrQw).

## UN High Commissioner for Human Rights urges States to take extra steps to include people with disabilities

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Dr Michelle Bachelet, has made a statement urging States to take heed of the particular risk to people with disabilities during COVID-19 as well as the need for their inclusion in response plans.

“People with disabilities not only face greater risks from COVID-19, they also are disproportionately affected by response measures, including lockdowns. To address this double risk, we need to be engaging persons with disabilities in the COVID-19 response, and adapting plans to address their needs.”

The statement made by Dr Bachelet was in support of a guidance note published by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights identifying major concerns and sets out key actions in the context of the pandemic.

Access the statement [here](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=25847&LangID=E). The OHCHR’s guidance note can be found in the COVID resource section [below](#COVID_Resources).

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

## UN Policy Brief: A Disability-Inclusive Response to COVID-19

The United Nations Secretary General has published this brief highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities. It outlines key actions and recommendationsto make the response and recovery inclusiveof persons with disabilities. While the briefcontains specific recommendations focusingon key sectors, it identifies four overarchingareas of action that are applicable for all:

1. Ensure mainstreaming of disability in all COVID-19 response and recovery together with targeted actions.
2. Ensure accessibility of information, facilities, services and programmes in the COVID-19 response and recovery.
3. Ensure meaningful consultation with and active participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in all stages of the COVID-19 response and recovery.
4. Establish accountability mechanisms to ensure disability inclusion in the COVID-19 response.

Access the brief in PDF format [here](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/05/sg_policy_brief_on_persons_with_disabilities_final.pdf).

## UN/DESA Policy Brief: Leaving no one behind: the COVID-19 crisis through the disability and gender lens

This policy brief highlights the impact of COVID-19 on women and girls with disabilities and provides policy guidance for governments and other stakeholders to adopt inclusive and accessible measures to not only mitigate the adverse impacts of the crisis but to also build resilient societies.

Access the summary of the brief [here](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/news/dspd/covid-19-disability.html).

Access the full brief [here](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/05/PB_69.pdf).

## OHCHR guidance note: COVID-19 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

This guidance note by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) aims to bring awareness of the pandemic’s impact on people with disabilities and their rights; draw attention to some promising practices already being undertaken around the world; identify key actions for States and other stakeholders; and provide resources for further learning about ensuring rights based COVID-19 responses inclusive of persons with disabilities.

Access the guidance note [here](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Disability/COVID-19_and_The_Rights_of_Persons_with_Disabilities.pdf).

## The impacts of COVID-19 on people with disabilities: a rapid review

This document draws on emerging global evidence from the current outbreak and on other similar epidemics and covers both primary and secondary impacts. Recommendations for a disability-inclusive COVID-19 response are included.

Access the report by Jessie Meaney-Davis, Harri Lee and Nick Corby [here](http://www.sddirect.org.uk/media/1909/disability-inclusion-helpdesk-query-35-covid-19-rapid-evidence-review.pdf).

## WEI report: COVID-19 at the Intersection of Gender and Disability

Women Enabled International (WEI) has developed a report in response to the COVID-19 crisis, *COVID-19 at the Intersection of Gender and Disability: Findings of a Global Human Rights Survey, March to April 2020*.

This report - which draws on 100 responses to a global qualitative survey from women, non-binary, and trans persons with disabilities - outlines how responses to COVID-19 have further marginalized a population made vulnerable due to discrimination and stigma at the intersection of gender and disability.

Respondents shared:

* Their healthcare needs were being overlooked, particularly related to sexual and reproductive health, and they feared that they would be left behind should their States need to “ration” healthcare.
* They were increasingly having trouble meeting basic needs, including obtaining food, personal hygiene items, and assistance with tasks of basic living.
* Nearly one-quarter felt they were at increased risk of violence at home or in their communities, due to lockdown orders that kept them from leaving abusive familial and intimate partner relationships, disability-related stigma in their communities, and increased dependence on others to meet basic needs.

The full report, executive summary, and press release are available [here](https://womenenabled.org/blog/covid-19-survey-findings/).

## Devex article: How to ensure a disability-inclusive response to COVID-19

In this article, Devex asked several experts on what measures can organizations and governments take to ensure people with disabilities are not left behind when tackling COVID-19. Measures explored included:

* Inclusion in response plans
* Make information accessible
* Ensure access to health services
* Ensure access to regular services

Access the article [here.](https://www.devex.com/news/how-to-ensure-a-disability-inclusive-response-to-covid-19-97134)

## Webinar: Re-launching support services during the lifting of confinement rules

The European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities, representing over 15,000 support services for persons with disabilities across Europe, has hosted a webinar on support services and lifting of confinement rules. With the lifting of confinement restrictions across Europe, many of these forms of services will also start to re-open; yet many questions remain on how this will be done in practice. This webinar brought together experts who presented and discussed:

* How can providers ensure their professionals can work in healthy and safe conditions?
* How can we ensure safe distancing rules in services where face-to-face contact is so important?
* How can we ensure that both the workers and the people benefitting from the support are in the right mindset?
* What can be done to help people benefitting from such support to adapt to the new circumstances?
* What changes are needed on an organisational basis (human resources, funding, etc.) to ensure service continuity?
* What can we learn from the services which continued to operate?
* Which services could continue to be provided online?

Access the webinar recording [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxOuAgIKNlE).

## An inclusive response to COVID-19: Education for children with disabilities

Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Adviser to the World Bank Group, authored this piece for the Global Partnership for Education. She explores some of the ways the post-COVID-19 agenda can be moved forward to make education truly disability inclusive, seeing the pandemic as an opportunity to re-think how emergency education planning can be inclusive of children with disabilities.

She discusses the current barriers to learning children with disabilities are or are likely to experience during this pandemic, touching upon the World Bank’s Inclusive Education Initiative (IEI), where partners are addressing the educational needs of children with disabilities at scale.

Access this blog piece [here](https://www.globalpartnership.org/blog/inclusive-response-covid-19-education-children-disabilities).

## Paper: Social protection measures for persons with disabilities and their families in response to COVID 19 crisis

The Centre for Inclusive Policy has released a paper titled, "An initial overview of specific social protection measures for persons with disabilities and their families in response to COVID 19 crisis".

This paper is a first attempt to review the type of social protection measures taken by governments to support persons with disabilities and their families.

Updated monthly, this paper will be augmented by further analysis, with country case studies, documentation of interesting practices, and accompanied by thematic briefs to support stakeholders’ efforts to build back better by developing sustainable, universal, and inclusive social protection systems, including floors.

Read more and download the paper [here](https://inclusive-policy.org/2020/05/22/an-initial-overview-of-specific-social-protection-measures-for-persons-with-disabilities-and-their-families-in-response-to-covid-19-crisis/).

## RESOURCE HUBS ON COVID-19 AND DISABILITY

People with Disability Australia (PWDA) are regularly updating a [COVID-19 Hub](https://pwd.org.au/covid-19-hub/) on their website with general and disability-specific information. They are also updating their [accessible resources page](https://pwd.org.au/covid-19-hub/accessible-resources/) on the response and staying safe at this time.

The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) are also daily updating [their website with the most current information](https://www.afdo.org.au/coronavirus-covid-19-information/) for the Australian context.

The DID4All website are regularly updating their [page on disability and the response to COVID-19](http://did4all.com.au/ResourceTheme.aspx?9213ea00-9d1b-4407-9aa5-1a9f07491343) with resources for the development sector.

International Disability Alliance (IDA) is regularly updating [this website](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/covid-19) with information from around the globe on the response. The website features recommendations ([PDF](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ida_recommendations_for_disability-inclusive_covid19_response_final.pdf), [Word](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ida_recommendations_for_disability-inclusive_covid19_response_final.docx)) on a disability-inclusive approach to a COVID-19 response. The IDA is also hosting weekly Facebook live events on this theme. As these events occur in the early hours of the morning (2am AEST), you can be notified and access the recording of these webinars by joining the [International Disability Alliance Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/InternationalDisabilityAllianceIDA/). The World Blind Union is hosting regular Facebook live events with a disability-inclusive COVID-19 response on their [Facebook page.](https://www.facebook.com/BlindUnion/)

Key global health and disability groups (International Disability and Development Consortium Inclusive Health Task Group (IDDC IHTG) and the CORE Group Disability Inclusive Health Technical Advisory Group) are regularly updating this list of resources ([PDF](https://www.iddcconsortium.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Repository-of-resources-on-disability-inclusion-and-Covid-19-1.pdf), [WORD](https://www.iddcconsortium.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Repository-of-resources-on-disability-inclusion-and-Covid-19-1.docx)) focusing on COVID-19, disability, mental health, chronic health conditions and related topics.

The European Disability Forum is [updating this page](http://edf-feph.org/covid19) with resources and developments on the European disability-inclusive response to the pandemic.

## OTHER RESOURCES

## Situation report: TC Harold & disability inclusion

The Pacific Disability Forum has mapped out how Tropical Cyclone Harold has impacted people with disabilities in their respective Pacific Island countries, as well as how future responses can be more inclusive.

Access the report [here](http://www.pacificdisability.org/getattachment/Home/Situation-Report-1-%287-April-to-28-April-2020%29-Wedn/TC-Harold-Situation-Report-on-Disability-Inclusion.pdf.aspx).

## Online course: CRPD from a survivor-of-psychiatry perspective

This course is for anyone interested in learning about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) from a survivor of psychiatry perspective, helping survivors, activists, would-be activists and allies understand the technical details of the CRPD to support their arguments for the abolition of forced psychiatry.

Tina Minkowitz, a human rights lawyer and a survivor of psychiatry, teaches the course. Tina has been active in the movement since 1978 and was the main representative of the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in the drafting and negotiation of the CRPD. She set out the initial building blocks for advocacy that led to the normative change requiring abolition of forced psychiatry, and continues to develop the practical theory needed to put this norm into practice.

Access the course [here](http://www.crpdcourse.org/).

## ILO paper: Key issues on promoting employment of persons with disabilities

This document brings together the technical advice of the disability team at the Gender, Equality and Diversity branch (GED) of the International Labor Organisation (ILO).

The information in this document is pragmatic guidance, rather than a statement of ILO’s institutional position. ILO positions can be found in the statements and standards that are linked to throughout.

Access the paper [here](https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/disability-and-work/WCMS_741706/lang--en/index.htm).

## Webinar series: Innovation to Inclusion (I2I)

Innovation to Inclusion (i2i) aims to address key challenges people with disabilities experience in accessing economic opportunities and waged employment in low and middle-income countries.

The following consortium of partners will implement the i2i program: Bangladesh Business and Disability Network, Action for the Disabled Network Kenya, CBM, Global Disability Innovation Hub, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Plan International UK, International Labour Organisation (ILO), World Bank and the European Disability Forum (EDF)

The following webinar recordings from the i2i program are now available:

* Download i2i Webinar 1: Presenting the programme - October 2019 [here](http://www.edf-feph.org/newsroom/news/edf-hosted-its-first-innovation-inclusion-i2i-webinar)
* Download i2i Webinar 2: Monitoring Tools - December 2019 available [here](http://www.edf-feph.org/newsroom/news/edf-hosted-its-second-innovation-inclusion-i2i-webinar-0)
* Download i2i Webinar 3: the role of DPOs in international cooperation - February 2020 [here](http://edf-feph.org/i2i-webinar-3-role-dpos-international-cooperation#overlay-context=i2i-webinar-labour-market-data-persons-disabilities)
* Download i2i Webinar 4: Labour market data for persons with disabilities - April 2020 [here](http://edf-feph.org/i2i-webinar-labour-market-data-persons-disabilities#overlay-context=)

## Manual on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women with Disabilities in India

This manual deals with specific issues relating to the sexual and reproductive health/rights (SRHR) of women with disabilities. It aims to increase access to information to, and strengthen the voices and participation of, women with disabilities on issues and policies pertaining to SRHR.

It is a useful resource for medical service providers, NGOs and policy makers on issues of sexual and reproductive health of women with disabilities.

This resource was developed by Abha Khetarpal, President of Cross the Hurdles with support of Women's Fund Asia.

Access this resource [here](http://crossthehurdles.org/index.php?title=Manual_on_Sexual_and_Reproductive_Health_and_Rights_of_Women_with_Disabilities) or on Youtube in audio format [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlBQgvV0HsU&feature=youtu.be).

**An online, self-paced course on comprehensive sexuality education for persons with disabilities is also available** [here](https://www.onlinecourses.crossthehurdles.org/)**.**

## ****Paper: How do economically active people with disabilities access microfinance?****

This paper explores the barriers or challenges that people with disabilities face to access microfinance. The research uses a qualitative case study approach based on interviews with thirty-five economically active people with disabilities and ten stakeholders along with document analysis and observation as a tool for research data collection.

Access this paper by Debashis Sarker from the University of Queensland [here.](http://devpolicy.org/2020-Australasian-Aid-Conference/Presentation_Slides/Panel_5f/p5f_Debashis%28paper%29.pdf)

# ****OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT****

## Survey: People with Disabilities and Disasters

Are you a person with disability living in Asia or the Pacific (including Australia and New Zealand)? Please consider participating in this 10 minute online survey aiming to better understand how disasters impact you.

This online survey is anonymous and aims to understand whether and how people with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific are involved in disaster risk reduction, and what factors can help or hinder. There is opportunity to share your biggest concerns and recommendations in relation to disasters.

The survey has been funded by the Australian Government. The responses will be used to develop recommendations to give to people who implement disaster risk reduction projects in Asia and the Pacific.

The survey is available in the following languages: Auslan, Bahasa Indonesian, Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), English, Easy Read English, French, Hindi, International Sign, Nepali, PNG Pidgin, Tagalog (some of these versions are not available yet so please check back soon if your preferred language is not yet available).

Survey landing page [here](https://www.cbm.org.au/do-you-identify-as-a-person-with-a-disability/).

## Survey: Down syndrome and COVID-19

The Trisomy 21 Research Society (T21RS) is collecting vital information to understand the risks and course of COVID-19 among people with Down syndrome. The goal is to learn if people with Down syndrome are more vulnerable or have a different course of illness related to COVID-19 and if their illness is related to their pre-existing health profile.

Please consider completing this survey if the person with Down syndrome for whom you provide care has tested positive or has symptoms of COVID-19.

Information collected through the survey will aim to help identify who is at the greatest risk and how to offer better protection for them.

The survey will take about 10-20 minutes to complete. Access the survey [here](https://redcap.emory.edu/surveys/?s=JW3CW3MRKE).

## WBU Survey on COVID-19

The World Blind Union (WBU) has launched a short survey to identify challenges faced by blind and partially sighted people during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This survey is critical as it will help the WBU understand how best to advocate for the blind and partially sighted people to ensure that COVID-19 response strategies are inclusive and accessible.

The information and data collected will become a powerful tool for WBU’S advocacy efforts among governments, UN agencies and key stakeholders.

Survey link in English [here](https://forms.gle/d5NEs7yVPgS14h2Y7). If you encounter any difficulties or accessibility issues while completing the survey, kindly send an email here. Survey respondents may be contacted to follow up on some of their responses to the survey.

## TCI Asia Pacific - Call for Members

Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI) Asia Pacific is putting out a call for members. Individuals can apply as one of the following:

* Core Member: A core member is any person with a psychosocial disability or an organization of persons with psychosocial disabilities from Asia Pacific that are actively trying to transform communities for the inclusion of persons with psychosocial disabilities, in the light of the UNCRPD.
* Associate Member: An associate member is an individual or an organization working cross-disability who have closely supported persons with or organizations of psychosocial disabilities and are working towards the cause of actively trying to transform communities for the inclusion of persons with psychosocial disabilities in the light of the UNCRPD.
* Ally: Allies are people and organizations who provide a range of support functions to the alliance and with who the alliance may partner on specific contributions to areas of synergy with TCI Asia Pacific.

Additionally, applicants registered to any DPO may also register their organisation as a TCI member.

To apply as an individual member, click [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1S01q4u2f3SQ4XxUhuEIPFAkP_dpon4q2D1zvAzyu2rc/edit).

To apply as an organisation applying for membership, click [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/15_zZqv4paxlUss3P2KzhpBjwMSkMH4s_PjUOfmet2rA/edit?usp=drive_web).

Please find below a call for contributions to a community-based project collecting experiences of people with disabilities living during the COVID-19 pandemic using mapping as a form of storytelling.

## Call for Contributions: Mapping the Disability Experience in COVID-19

Researchers at the Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois, Chicago are calling for contributions to their collection of maps capturing and better understanding the experiences of disability and the environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

They invite you to draw a map of your neighborhood or environment indicating whether the pandemic has impacted (or not) your use and understanding of space. This can include drawings/images of your home, your neighborhood, your city or beyond. Maps can come in many forms, styles, perspectives, and mediums.

The researchers plan to share these maps through an online public display as a project aimed at capturing community knowledge, shared experiences, and creative expression.

You can share your maps using this [link](https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LGsseOd5Jnv2Ch) until June 30, 2020. If you have any questions, please email Assistant Professor Yochai Eisenberg here.

# ****CONFERENCES, TRAINING & EVENTS****

Due to the novel COVID-19 global pandemic, most events taking place here and overseas are now cancelled. Below are events that have been postponed to a later date in 2020 or beyond.

## Online event: ACFID & ADDC webinar

Wed 10th June 2020, 3:00pm-4:30pm (AEST)

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This webinar will also launch the Research for Development Impact (RDI) Network’s eagerly awaited guidance, *Research for All: Making Research Inclusive of People with Disabilities*.

Register [here](https://bit.ly/3c7emHO).

## Online event: Melbourne Development Circle: Leaving No-one Behind: Inclusion for People with Disability

Tue 16th Jun 2020, 12:00pm-1:00 pm (AEST)

Join David Moody (NDS), Alexandra Gartrell (World Vision Australia), Peter Persson (Brain Injury Matters) and Ian Jones (Agile Development Group) as they explore inclusion for people with disabilities.

In this Melbourne Development Circle event, hear from disability specialists with decades of experience within the international and community development sectors.

A must-attend for all development professionals, not just those working in disability but those with an interest in inclusion, innovation and disaster management.

The event will be held on Zoom, with connection details emailed to those who have registered prior to the event.

Register [here](https://events.humanitix.com/leaving-no-one-behind-inclusion-for-people-with-disability).

## [3rd CBR/CBID World Congress](https://cbrglobalnetwork.org/)

Postponed until 2021

The 3rd CBR/CBID World Congress has been postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19.

This decision has been taken by the CBR Global Network, with the Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, Government of Uganda and the CBR Africa Network.

Dates for a rescheduled congress in 2021 will be set out in due course following further discussion among the three parties and on consideration of the global situation regarding the COVID-19.

For any developments regarding the conference, refer to the [World Congress website](https://cbrglobalnetwork.org/).

## Save the Date: International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disabilities Conference

1-5 March 2022, Melbourne, Australia

The Australian Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine will be hosting the next combined meeting of the International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disabilities in Melbourne in 2022. This meeting will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Further details to be released in due course. For more information on this conference, contact this email.

# ****EMPLOYMENT and**** ****FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES****

## UN Talent Programme for Professionals with Disabilities

The UN Talent Programme for Professionals with Disabilities has the following vacancies available:

* [UNV Programme Officer](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.unv.org%2Fcalls%2FTHAR000349-7038&data=02%7C01%7Crebecca.daniel%40unv.org%7Cc5ecc46035e04b3afbcc08d7fd34db76%7Cb3e5db5e2944483799f57488ace54319%7C0%7C0%7C637256275789613533&sdata=DjH7HvCzMX2LqncC4ZDxyGLZ3OfCV%2FVqX19%2B7oVqEuw%3D&reserved=0), Thailand, UNDP
* [UNV UNPRPD Monitoring and Evaluation Officer](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.unv.org%2Fcalls%2FTLSR000121-7039&data=02%7C01%7Crebecca.daniel%40unv.org%7Cc5ecc46035e04b3afbcc08d7fd34db76%7Cb3e5db5e2944483799f57488ace54319%7C0%7C0%7C637256275789613533&sdata=o2%2FnlpmfuoojZA1Cb8iXgVMocR6liopidXpUi7fDsRQ%3D&reserved=0), Timor-Leste, UN Women
* [UNV Child Rights Officer](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.unv.org%2Fcalls%2FVNMR000082-7040&data=02%7C01%7Crebecca.daniel%40unv.org%7Cc5ecc46035e04b3afbcc08d7fd34db76%7Cb3e5db5e2944483799f57488ace54319%7C0%7C0%7C637256275789623524&sdata=WtqjW%2Fc5tDyL2wN3HkYo9dkMI3oEfaBG3vLBkKq8fqk%3D&reserved=0), Vietnam, UNICEF

To be eligible, applicants must be a person living with a disability.

As these are national volunteer positions for Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, only nationals of and legal residents with a residency permit in the respective countries of the available position, as well as persons with the status of refugee or of being stateless are eligible to apply.

All interested persons with disabilities should kindly sign up under the following link to the [UNV Talent Pool](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmam.unv.org%2Fcandidate%2Fsignup&data=02%7C01%7Crebecca.daniel%40unv.org%7Ccb2e574005af48638c2e08d7b6e0be4d%7Cb3e5db5e2944483799f57488ace54319%7C0%7C0%7C637178949151441881&sdata=ZPe82tpU4vycFIk%2F4GUNJj%2FSv%2FxLJ%2BXhPtTTqgtBbNQ%3D&reserved=0). More information on these vacancies and the Talent Programme can be found at the following webpage of the [Talent Programme](https://rise.articulate.com/share/GsaQ-krMOdjJX5Q5Ykb9T6SDh8M__GZQ#/lessons/_kN0lrdt0ZjFUQACva0QpHyJrbA9HPoY).

## IDA-MU Doctoral Scholarship Opportunity

The Assisting Living & Learning (ALL) Institute of Maynooth University (MU) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) are offering a PhD scholarship for one student intending to commence PhD studies in September 2020.

This scholarship will bring a decisive contribution to monitoring global progress in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities to participate in decisions that concern them, through their representative organisations.

The scholarship is in collaboration with and co-supported by the International Disability Alliance (IDA). Note, the scholarship panel are open to the idea of a candidate living remotely from Maynooth.

For more information on this scholarship, click [here](https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/ida-mu-doctoral-scholarship-opportunity).

Closing date for applications is 21 June 2020.

# ****NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS****

## East Wind 31, May 2020

This edition from the newsletter from the WBU Asia Pacific includes:

* WBU General Assembly Postponed
* WBUAP Board and Policy Council meeting in February
* Onkyo World Braille Essay Contest
* Indonesia has joined the Marrakesh Treaty
* Ensuring no one is left behind in disasters
* Volunteer platform helps visually impaired during Chinese New Year migration

Download the issue ([PDF](http://wbuap.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/East-Wind-31.pdf), [Word](http://wbuap.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/East-Wind-31.docx)).

## World Blind Union, E-Bulletin, April 2020

This issue includes:

* COVID-19 Global Updates
* Accessibility campaign – COVID-19
* Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation and Government Sued Over Lack of Accessible Information on COVID-19
* Update from European Blind Union
* WBU Call to Action: 19 Actions for an Inclusive COVID-19 response

Download the issue [here](http://www.worldblindunion.org/English/resources/publications/Documents/WBU%20e-Bulletin-%20April%202020.docx).

## Global Accessibility News, Issue 4

In this issue:

* Australia: Launch of Emergency Preparedness Planning Tool
* New Digital 'Accessibilitas' Portal to Promote Universal Design
* WHO Calls on Governments to Ensure Public Health Information is Accessible

Access the issue [here](https://mailchi.mp/e4a7a2e119c2/global-accessibility-news-march-853507?e=0679276aa0).

## Polio News, April 2020

In this issue:

* Polio in the news
* Taking action for Afghanistan’s vulnerable communities
* Parental trust in vaccines
* Celebrating United Arab Emirates (UAE) leadership to end polio

Download the issue in [PDF](http://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/polio-news-april2020-en.pdf) or access online [here](https://mailchi.mp/who.int/polio-news-april2020?e=15a7a0dd26).

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