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Welcome to our August bulletin. As the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccinations continues across Australia, it is vital that people with disabilities everywhere be prioritized in accessing these vaccinations. If you are a person with disability, are a carer for someone with a disability or have a person with disability in your family in Australia, you are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Find a vaccination clinic nearby by following [this link](https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility?lang=en).

At ADDC, we have been focusing on our ongoing advocacy efforts recently meeting with the [Minister for International Development and the Pacific](#MIDP) as well as preparing for our upcoming election of the [ADDC Executive Committee](#Elections) with nominations opening in September. Also, we have recently farewelled Claire Hanson (Good Return representative) from serving on our Executive Committee. We express our deep gratitude for her contributions to the committee with her vast field experience in disability inclusive development in Asia. We welcome [Fifi Rashando](https://www.addc.org.au/who-we-are/executive-committee/) in her place and look forward to continuing our work with Fifi on Committee.

If you have resources, reports, campaigns or projects you would like featured in our Bulletin, do contact us. We would love to hear from you.

On behalf of ADDC, we thank you for being with us on this journey to a more inclusive world,

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# ADDC NEWS

## Meeting with the Minister of International Development and the Pacific

On August 5th, ADDC Executive Officer, Kerryn Clarke and CBM Australia CEO, Jane Edge met virtually with Minister for International Development and the Pacific, [Zed Seselja](https://twitter.com/ZedSeselja/). Discussions centred on Australia’s commitment to advancing the inclusion and rights of people with disabilities through [Australian Aid](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23AustralianAid). Mr Setareki Macanawai CEO of the [Pacific Disability Forum](https://pacificdisability.org/) shared a video message for the Minister on the impact of the pandemic on people with disability in the Pacific. The Minister affirmed Australia’s commitment to delivering disability inclusive aid and is interested in working with the sector to advance this agenda. We look forward to working closely with the Minister to build towards a better world for all.

See Minister Seselija’s social media post on our meeting that includes a link to Mr Macanawai’s message [here.](https://twitter.com/ZedSeselja/status/1423190114553892871)

## ADDC Executive Committee elections

The ADDC Executive Committee is our strategic governance body elected every two years by the ADDC membership. The current Committee’s tenure is almost complete. Thank you to all the [elected members](https://www.addc.org.au/who-we-are/executive-committee/) of the Committee for all their work and commitment to the vision of ADDC.

Nominations for a seat on the Executive Committee will be open to all members in September. The election will follow online in October. All ADDC members will be notified by email along the process. If you are interested in being nominated for the committee see [here](https://www.addc.org.au/who-we-are/governance/) for more information or email Kerryn.

## Share your stories of disability inclusive development

Help us tell the story of how and why disability inclusion in international development matters.

Do you have case studies from programs that are either specifically addressing preconditions for inclusion or addressing inclusion within mainstream programs?. We are seeking case studies that explain the importance of disability inclusion within aid to use in advocacy efforts with the Minister of International Development and the Pacific and other DFAT and government meetings, shared on our website and as resource for our flagship day - International Day of People with Disabilities.

If so, we would love to hear from you – reach out to Kerryn via email.

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

## #WeThe15 global disability rights campaign

On 19th August, the headquarters of the UN Human Rights Office in Geneva was lit up in purple (the international colour for disability) marking the start of a global, 10-year campaign to empower people with disabilities and advance their human rights. To celebrate the launch of the campaign, more than 125 iconic landmarks, spanning several countries and time-zones were lit up in purple.

The [#WeThe15](https://www.wethe15.org/) campaign aims to end discrimination against people with disabilities and be a worldwide movement for greater visibility, inclusion, and accessibility. The campaign has brought together a large coalition of international organizations including from the world of sport, human rights, policy, business, culture and aims to work over the next decade to bring changes in the lives of the world’s largest marginalized groups.

[Access the WeThe15 website](https://www.wethe15.org/).

## CBM Australia Joins Historic Disaster Relief Alliance

CBM, Australia’s leading disability inclusive development organisation, joined 16 Australian charities to launch the Emergency Action Alliance (EAA).

In a historic move, the humanitarian agencies are uniting in their campaign and fundraising efforts during international emergencies to improve how Australians can support and donate when large-scale overseas humanitarian disasters take place.

[Read the full media release](https://www.cbm.org.au/media-release/cbm-australia-joins-historic-disaster-relief-alliance/).

## Human Rights Council holds panel discussion on violence against women and girls with disabilities

On 5th July, the Human Rights Council held a panel discussion on violence against women and girls with disabilities. Speakers noted that despite best efforts made, women and girls with disabilities suffered disproportionately from violence and abuse, facing unique and pervasive barriers to the realization of their human rights. With the pandemic, the situation has worsened as they are confined to the same household as their abusers. The risk affecting those at the intersection of gender and disability is hardly reflected in the disaggregated data.

The panel highlighted those women and girl with disabilities may experience unique forms of violence and abuse that are more difficult to recognize, making it harder to get the kind of help they need. The Council addressed the need to “ensure the full effective and meaningful participation and inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in decision making processes and leadership roles.”

[Access the full meeting summary.](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27263&LangID=E)

## Call for action: Disability inclusion in international cooperation - the way forward

The International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) and the European Disability Forum (EDF), with the support of the EU-funded initiative, *Bridging the Gap,* call on the European Union, all EU Member States and their respective development agencies to implement and promote international development policies and programs inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities that meet a set of requirements listed a document prepared for state and non-state actors to take action to empower and promote the rights of people with disability.

[Access the full document](https://www.iddcconsortium.net/blog/librairie/disability-inclusion-in-international-cooperation-the-way-forward-call-for-action/).

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## Report: Disability Inclusive Cash Assistance: Learning from practice in Humanitarian Response

This case study collection put together by the CBM Global Disability Humanitarian Unit describes lessons learned from seven inclusive humanitarian cash transfer projects implemented from 2015 – 2020, and five ongoing projects from the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic responses. The projects employed cash transfer in a range of humanitarian crises; using unrestricted cash transfers distributed via different cash delivery mechanisms.

The collection aims to benefit both humanitarian practitioners engaged in cash-based interventions (CBI) and the wider humanitarian sector by presenting insights and learning on how humanitarian CBI programs can be made more inclusive, to ensure equal outcomes for disaster-affected people with disabilities and other at-risk groups.

[Access the report](https://www.cbm.org.au/resource/disability-inclusive-cash-assistance-learning-from-practice-in-humanitarian-response/).

## Analysis: Integrating gender and inclusion in the social protection response to COVID-19: What have we learnt?

COVID-19 has exacerbated existing inequalities for women and girls and persons with disabilities. Persons with disability typically have worse outcomes in education, health and experience barriers accessing employment, and are less likely to be enrolled in social protection programmes, even when they are eligible. These inequalities and risks are compounded by diversity and intersectionality, (e.g., age, gender, disability, ethnicity, location), resulting in disproportionate impacts of the crisis. During the pandemic, women have been found more likely to drop out of the labour force compared to men and have shouldered an unequal burden of unpaid care work and are facing increased threats from gender-based violence (GBV) linked to lockdowns and financial stress. The pandemic has also increased the risk of poverty amongst people with disabilities. This paper provides a snapshot of how social protection responses to the COVID-19 crisis have integrated gender equality, disability and social inclusion into programme design and implementation.

[Access the full analysis.](https://reliefweb.int/report/world/integrating-gender-and-inclusion-social-protection-response-covid-19-what-have-we)

## Evidence Brief: What are the core principles that should be considered in the development of policies and programmes related to persons with disabilities in LMICs?

In this brief, the authors reflect on literature reviewed across the Disability Evidence Portal to summarise the core principles that need to be considered in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes that promote inclusion of persons with disabilities in LMICs.

[Access the brief](https://www.disabilityevidence.org/questions-evidence/what-are-core-principles-should-be-considered-development-policies-and).

## COVID-19 Stories: Deafblind International- A glimpse of our COVID world, Stories of resilience from young deafblind people during a global pandemic

The Deafblind International Youth Network has launched a collection of stories of experiences of young people with deaf and blindness during the COVID-19 pandemic. It seeks to reflect the stories of the deaf and the blind and how they have braved the pandemic. There are a total of 22 stories in the book, with the majority of the stories coming from India.

 [Download the report.](https://www.iddcconsortium.net/blog/librairie/deafblind-international-a-glimpse-of-our-covid-world-stories-of-resilience-from-young-deafblind-people-during-a-global-pandemic/)

# Webinar recordings

## From commitments to action: Financing for inclusive education (Global Disability Summit side event)

UNESCO along with International Disability Alliance (IDA), International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) and its partners the Global Action on Disability (GLAD) Network, the Global Campaign for Education and the support of Global Partnership of Education held an event promising practices for inclusive financing and promote peer learning and discussion on how countries can strengthen education policies, sector plans and budgets for inclusive education and address gaps in the data system. The side event featured the voices of young people with disabilities and education policy makers and education financing specialists from around the world. It called for action for governments and donor community to set a new vision for inclusive education financing.

[Access the video recording](https://en.unesco.org/gem-report/events/2021/commitments-action-financing-inclusive-education-side-event-global-education-summit).

## Build Back Inclusively: Achieving Agenda 2030 through disability inclusive COVID-19 recovery

In the framework of its 2021 General Assembly workshop, the International Disability Development Consortium (IDDC) focused on the theme of “Building Back Inclusively” across 5 sessions exploring different dimensions of the theme.

* The first session [Building Back Inclusively](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1ZapYQP234) (18 May) focused on setting the stage, giving a broad picture of the current situation regarding disability inclusion in development cooperation.
* The second session focused on [COVID-19 recovery and Disability Rights](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kaqm4GRLEx8) (18 May). It explored the extent of disability inclusion in response and recovery phases, and the extent to which persons with disabilities had voice in the development of those phases and in the allocation and sufficiency of resources associated within them. It also explored how to build back better, contributing to the development of more inclusive health and economic systems.
* The third session focused on [Climate change and disability](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWaU8frPvgw) (19 May). This session explored how we can be more proactive in the fight against climate change and ensure rights of people with disability is not overlooked. The session also discussed increasing participation of people with disabilities in climate change negotiations.
* The fourth session was on [Access to digital learning and education: technology pitfalls and opportunities](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_W6T_ornko) (May 20). Learners with disabilities are less likely to benefit from distance learning solutions and girls with disabilities are more likely to be more affected. Considering safeguarding of learners along with other considerations, the session elaborated on the pitfalls and opportunities of online learning and use of technology.
* The last session centered on [Civic space and meaningful participation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEFe38udeHI) (21 May). This session explored the disability movement’s engagement in civic space not only as a particular constituent group but in coalition with other civil society actors with a particular focus on engagement at the subnational and national levels.

[For more information and access documents here](https://www.iddcconsortium.net/blog/build-back-inclusively-achieving-agenda-2030-through-disability-inclusive-covid-19-recovery/).

## 25th session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is holding its 25th session online from August 16 until September 14. During the sessions it will focus on examining the reports from France and Djibouti. During the session, it adopted its agenda and provisional work program. Representatives from several intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations were present and offered their stances. The Committee also heard an update on the activities of its chairperson since the previous sessions.

 [Access recordings of the 25th session.](https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1y/k1yr4v22m5)

# ****YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED****

## Call for Good Practices: Building the case to accelerate meaningful OPD engagement

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Government of Norway will host the second Global Disability Summit 2022 (GDS), providing a unique global opportunity to generate communities to advance inclusion of persons with disabilities. The cross-cutting theme for the year is participation of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs). IDA has been mandated to lead on the development of a discussion paper on OPD engagement. It calls for good practices and case studies that will feed into the discussion paper. A small advisory group has been set up to guide the process of the discussion paper, who will review and select the good practices.

[Learn more.](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/call-good-practices-building-case-accelerate-meaningful-opd-engagement)

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

## Day of General Discussion on Children’s Rights and Alternative Care

UN OHCHR | September 16-17

[LEARN MORE](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/Discussion2020.aspx)

## 2021 Symposium: EdTech to accelerate foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN), particularly in low resource contexts

 My Education Alliance| September 27-30

[LEARN MORE](https://meducationalliance.org/2021-symposium/) & REGISTER

## 6th World Disability and Rehabilitation Conference 2021

World Disability and Rehabilitation Professionals’ Association| November 11-12

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](https://disabilityconference.co/call-for-papers/)

## Deafblind Africa Conference

Deafblind International Dbl | May 12-14, 2022

[LEARN MORE](https://www.deafblindinternational.org/african-conference-great-progress-despite-pandemic/)

## The 4th International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf

World Federation of the Deaf | Bangkok, Thailand| 20-22 April 2022

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# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Disability & Inclusion Advisor

World Vision Australia | Based in Burwood, Victoria | Apply ASAP

## [LEARN MORE](https://careers.worldvision.com.au/caw/en/job/497960/disability-inclusion-advisor)

## Gender Equality, Safeguarding and Inclusion Advisor

Marie Stopes International | Based in Melbourne | Apply by August 29

[LEARN MORE](https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/msia/gender-equality-safeguarding-and-inclusion-advisor?keywords=gender&locations=1)

## External Consultant for Gender Equality and Disability Inclusion Contextual Analysis (Located in Vanuatu)

Interplast | From September to December 2021 | Apply by September 5

[LEARN MORE](https://interplast.org.au/get-involved/employment-opportunities/) & [APPLY HERE (TOR)](https://interplast.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ToR_GEDI-Contextual-Analysis_Vanuatu-Updated-4.8.21-1-1.pdf)

# ABOUT US

ADDC is an Australian, international network focusing attention, expertise and action on disability issues in developing countries; building on a human rights platform for disability advocacy. To join ADDC (membership is free) or find out more, please visit our [website](http://www.addc.org.au).

This bulletin aims to provide information on Disability Inclusive Development across organizations working to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities both here in Australia and across the world. Generic disability and domestic information will be included in our Bulletins when possible as part of our commitment to disability advocacy and strengthening partnerships; however, our focus remains on disability and development issues.

**Acknowledgment of Country:**ADDC recognises the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We acknowledge their resilience, contributions and connection to land, culture and water. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and future. 45 per cent of Aboriginal Australians live with a disability or a long-term, restricting health condition. They are 2.1 times more likely to live with a disability than non-Aboriginal Australians, and 5 times more likely to experience a mental health condition. Aboriginal people with disabilities participate in cultural activities at the same rates as those without disabilities. We pay our respects to their enduring spirit and inclusivity.

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