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Welcome to our October edition. Executive Committee elections are now complete - we welcome new committee members and thank those who are continuing in their role. The Executive Committee list is available [here.](#ExComm)

With International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) just around the corner, we are eager to share with you our IDPD Activity Toolkit! This Toolkit will equip you with everything you need to celebrate this day as well as raise awareness of disability inclusion within your organisation. It includes ideas for activities to mark IDPD at your workplace, tips for who to get involved, including guidance on engaging speakers with disabilities. It also outlines the IDPD Social Media Actions that we hope you all get involved in. Together let’s celebrate inclusion and demonstrate solidarity with people with disabilities across our sector on IDPD!

This edition of our Bulletin is also full of resources to keep you updated on developments happening globally in disability inclusive development. Keep a lookout for our IDPD Resource Kit in our next Bulletin, which will complement our IDPD Activity Toolkit by providing you with content tailored to celebrate International Day.

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

## Welcome to the new ADDC Executive Committee

ADDC members have newly elected our Executive Committee.

Welcome to new Committee members Eva Lee from The Leprosy Mission Australia and Cashelle Dunn representing World Vision Australia who were elected to the Australian INGO positions. Also elected in this category were Fifi Rashando from Good Return and Louise Coventry from Motivation Australia, who were already serving on the committee.

Fleur Smith from the Nossal Institute for Global Health, Paul Calcott representing the First Peoples Disability Network and Ben Clare from Australian-based consultancy, Exemplar International were duly elected in the general organization category.

We welcome back to the committee Christina Parasyn and Alexandra Gartrell who were elected in their capacity as individual members.

Read more about our new [Executive Committee](https://www.addc.org.au/who-we-are/executive-committee/).

**International Day of People with Disabilities Activity Toolkit**

We are excited to introduce to you our *IDPD Activity Toolkit*, a resource designed to help your organisation mark International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) on Friday 3 December.

This Toolkit is aimed at helping you think through and plan how to mark IDPD within your organisation, to celebrate disability and raise awareness within your organisation about disability inclusion. It includes ideas for activities, tips for who to get involved, and guidance on engaging speakers with disabilities.

It also includes guidance on how to undertake an IDPD Social Media action. Join the action yourself and get others on board across the international development sector – together we can show strong solidarity across the sector for disability inclusion. It will be great for different organisations to be able to connect and support each other by sharing in this action together!

Keep your eyes peeled for the *IDPD Resource Pack* to be released mid-November. The pack will provide you with specific content that you can use on IDPD - including a highly anticipated video produced by CBM Australia featuring people with disabilities, case studies, suggested social media content, banners and assets, and disability facts and statistics. If you would like to receive the kit, email kclarke@addc.org.au.

Access the IDPD Activity Toolkit [here](https://www.addc.org.au/file/international-day-of-people-with-disabilities-friday-3rd-december-2021-activity-toolkit/).

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

## New End COVID For All Report - A Shot of Hope

The team at End Covid For All launched their [new report](http://www.endcovidforall.com), *A Shot of Hope*, on October 11 in response to the urgent need for Australia to help mitigate the impact and spread of the pandemic around the world.

The report was co-authored by a coalition of experts from leading global health and aid organisations who are calling on the Australian Government to increase its support to the global challenge of ending COVID-19.

The report makes the case for Australia to make an ambitious, expansive and intelligent investment to vaccinate the world, setting out a number of recommendations including:

* Contributing a fair share to the global COVAX facility by making an additional AUD 250 million commitment
* Make a commitment to share 20 million vaccines through the COVAX facility
* Commit to vaccine equity for all frontline workers and vulnerable groups around the world
* Commit AUD 50 million to addressing vaccine hesitancy
* Commit to regular public reporting of the delivery and administration of bilateral vaccine sharing
* Make a fair share commitment of AUD 170 million to the Rapid ACT-Accelerator Delta Response Appeal
* Establish a framework for responding to outbreaks in the Indo-Pacific
* Invest in Australia becoming a vaccine factory for the region
* Support the establishment of a technology transfer hub in the region
* Commit to contributing to the long-term COVID-19 recovery in our region and around the world.

ADDC is one of [more than 200 organisations](https://endcovidforall.com/whos-with-us) who have endorsed their support for this report.

[Access the report](https://endcovidforall.com/).

## “They do not care about us. They have forgotten us”- new research shows disability organizations were unsung heroes of COVID-19

Inclusive Futures, in their three published reports have revealed how people with disabilities have been disproportionately and catastrophically excluded from COVID-19 pandemic planning and relief efforts, but that representative disability groups were vital in aiding those left behind by the systems that are supposed to support them.

This research suggests that Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs) worked for months without funding addressing the gaps and providing lifesaving support with COVID-19 having devastating impacts on marginalized people with disabilities, particularly women and under-represented groups.

In the research, they found that many people with disabilities often could not access communications about COVID-19 or were excluded from food and financial assistance or social protection. In the published recommendations the authors have urged governments and development and humanitarian actors to consult with both OPDs and people with disabilities themselves and call for data to be properly collected and used to ensure no one is left behind in disaster responses.

[Access the full article](https://reliefweb.int/report/world/they-do-not-care-about-us-they-have-forgotten-us-new-research-shows-disability).

## IDA statement on the situation in Haiti

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) expressed its deepest sympathy and solidarity with the people of Haiti after the devastating impact of earthquake on 14th August 2021. It urged the Government of Haiti and the international community to ensure that the disaster response is inclusive of persons with disabilities, in accordance with the Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Sendai Framework, and the Charter on inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action.

The IDA believes that much is needed to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities in Haiti are respected, protected and fulfilled as there has been insufficient progress has been made in implementing relevant frameworks. It argues the promise to build back better and leave no one behind must be fulfilled prioritizing persons with disabilities in the international relief and reconstruction efforts.

[Access the full statement](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/ida-statement-situation-haiti).

## IDA statement on the situation in Afghanistan

IDA in solidarity with its members and allies, expresses their deepest concern about the impact of the rapidly unfolding crisis in Afghanistan on persons with disabilities. It calls on the international community, humanitarian actors and all governments involved to take speedy efficient measures to ensure the protection the lives and dignity of persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls.

[Access the full statement](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/ida-statement-situation-afghanistan).

## IDA on Digital Equity for Older Persons with Disabilities

This year’s theme for UN International Day of Older Persons is *Digital Equity*. COVID-19 has accelerated the uptake of digital technology for those with access, while leaving those without access further behind. Acceleration of digitalization during the pandemic has shown that there is a need to challenge the exclusion of older persons with disabilities so that they are not left behind.

[Access the full article](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/digital-equity-older-persons-disabilities).

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## Article: Synthesis of findings from Rapid Assessments of Disability and COVID-19 pandemic - Implications for response and disability-inclusive data collection

This study reviewed the available results from rapid assessments of impacts of COVID-19 on people with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries in Asia and the Pacific. Disability-inclusive response and recovery efforts require rapid, contextually relevant data, but little was known about the experience of people with disabilities in the first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The study findings suggest that people with disabilities experienced less access to health, education, and social services and increased violence. Efforts to standardize data collection in disability surveys are not reflected in practice.

The article concludes that persons with disabilities were disproportionately impacted by the ‘first wave’ of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite complex implementation challenges and methodological limitations, persons with disabilities have led efforts to provide evidence to inform disability-inclusive pandemic responses.

[Access the full article.](https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/18/18/9701)

## Report: GDS Regional and National Consultation 2020-2021

The Global Disability Summit (GDS) consultations took place between October 2020 and April 2021, with the theme to ensure that no one is left behind. The consultations indicate a positive impact of the GDS consultation process. This report analyses the issues highlighted and deliberated by and with persons with disabilities and their representative organizations. It also aims to inform the priorities and set the agenda onwards and beyond the GDS22. It finds for the first time that governments are having constructive dialogue on disability-inclusive development with persons with disabilities and planning together ahead of the GDS22.

[Access the full report.](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/resources/gds-regional-and-national-consultations-2020-2021-report)

**Report: Consequences of exclusion: A situation report on organizations of people of disabilities and COVID-19 in Bangladesh, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe**

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated inequalities and barriers to social inclusion for people with disabilities. To address the critical gap in the evidence base, the disability inclusion helpdesk carried out a rapid assessment of the role of OPDs during the pandemic, and how the pandemic has affected OPDs’ operations and priorities. The research report revealed that the pandemic had negative impact on OPDs, and the effect was felt when the members needed them most with reduced funding along with increasing demand. It also highlights the positive practices and new opportunities for OPDs.

Access the full report in [English](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/english_-_situation_report_opds_covid_19_report_final.pdf) and [Bengali](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/bangla_-_situation_report_opds_covid_19_report_final.pdf).

**Learning piece: A disability inclusive response to COVID-19 - Four lessons learned about including people with disabilities in humanitarian aid**

Inclusive futures played a critical role in supporting some of the most marginalized people with disabilities in developing countries around the world during the pandemic. This paper summarizes the learning and steps that can be taken to include people with disabilities in future programming, particularly in contexts at risk of crisis. The four learnings include the following:

* Partnership and collaboration with OPDs are essential.
* Disability data is essential but not sufficient for an inclusive crisis response.
* Information must be available and accessible.
* Partnerships between OPDs and decision makers can lead to longer-term change.

[Access the full article.](https://inclusivefutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Inclusive-Futures-COVID-learnings.pdf)

[Access the easy read version.](https://inclusivefutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Plain-English-Inclusive-Futures-COVID-learnings.pdf)

## Analysis report: Disability Inclusive peacebuilding: State of the field and the way forward

This report reviews the current state of disability inclusion in peacebuilding, covering international legal frameworks, gaps requiring immediate attention and opportunities. It concludes with recommendations for how organizations can further include persons with disabilities in peacebuilding.

[Access the full report.](https://reliefweb.int/report/world/disability-inclusive-peacebuilding-state-field-and-way-forward)

# Webinar recordings

## Disability & Digital Advocacy

A discussion on disability and digital advocacy was held on August 25. The conversation focused on social media and its revolution of digital advocacy and its impact on accessible living. Social media has revolutionized the way we communicate, paving a path for a new age of digital advocacy. The discussion revolves around the issue of social media being unable to connect with the world and the way it could be possibly used to advance the rights of people with disabilities.

[Access the full video recording.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfU1m4XRdVo)

[Access the transcript.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10lIvD_gLForJomGZxKBdoN-O4fqSMo9pQWShKe9CIsU/edit)

## Innovative responses to data collection about and by persons with disabilities in the time of COVID-19

The Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, the IDA, CBM Global Disability Inclusion and the World Blind Union organized a session at the World Data Forum on 5 October on *Innovative responses to data collection during COVID-19 regarding persons with disabilities*. During the session, the disability data advocacy toolkit was presented. The overall idea delivered in the conference included the following:

1. Data disaggregated by disability must be at the center of policy design and decision-making across the board in order to remove barriers and allow participation of all persons with disabilities, including in current and future emergencies.
2. A greater focus on mainstreaming the collection of disability data is needed to continuously monitor the status of persons with disabilities and be better prepared for the next disaster.
3. Recognizing OPD-led data mobilization and creation, building key partnerships, investing in disability data, and building data capacity are vital to addressing disability data gaps.

[Access the full video recording with ASL and caption](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CU-Uz1aM1A8&list=PLBc4lThqX-WMnXI1gt95r_hJ4IgZP8tWY&index=75).

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

## Disability, resilience and Inclusion in our cities - inclusive design and community-led urban solutions for disability-inclusive climate resilience

COP26- Global Disability Innovation Hub | November 11

[LEARN MORE](https://ukcop26.org/events/disability-resilience-and-inclusion-in-our-cities-inclusive-design-and-community-led-urban-solutions-for-disability-inclusive-climate-resilience/) & [REGISTER](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gdi-hub-at-cop26-disability-resilience-and-inclusion-in-our-cities-tickets-192524545097?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1)

## 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/)

## 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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## Deafblind Africa Conference

Deafblind International Dbl | May 12-14, 2022

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

## High-Level Political Forum 2022

UN-Sustainable Development | July 5-22, 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf)

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Project Evaluation & Replication Guidelines for Disability Inclusive Financial Services

Good Return | Consultancy | Remote work | Apply as soon as possible

[LEARN MORE & APPLY](https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/GoodReturn/743999771079290-consultancy-to-produce-project-evaluation-and-replication-guidelines-for-disability-inclusive-financial-services)

## Diversity and Inclusion support volunteer

Good Return | Part-time | Apply as soon as possible

[LEARN MORE & APPLY](https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/GoodReturn/743999759990782-diversity-inclusion-support-volunteer)

# 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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