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Welcome to our March edition. Within the Federal Budget 2022-2023 released earlier this week, while we welcome a small overall increase to aid, significant cuts to disability inclusion within aid were maintained. This is a devastating outcome for people with disabilities. The Australian Government failed to restore a 25% cut to DFAT’s central disability allocation instated in October 2020. [ADDC and CBM Australia](#ADDCCBM) have been vocal in expressing their disappointment of the Government’s decision, and will continue to lobby our government and political leaders to increase disability inclusion within the aid program.

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

## Statement on Federal Budget: Funding cuts for people with disabilities sustained for third year in a row

The Federal Government has dealt another cruel blow to people with disabilities, with no increase to the Aid budget’s central disability-inclusion allocation following years of devastating cuts. The central allocation funds critical work in partnerships, capacity development and technical expertise, including for our nearest neighbours in the Pacific. “The government has once again ignored our calls to restore and increase the central disability inclusion budget, meaning that people with disabilities who have been overwhelmingly impacted by the last two years will be left even further behind,” said Kerryn Clarke, Executive Officer for the Australian Disability and Development Consortium.

“While we welcome Australia’s commitment to develop a new disability inclusion policy, Australia cannot adequately address the urgent needs of people with disabilities and its policy ambition without adequate funding.” said Ms Clarke.

“We call on Government to restore central disability funding and provide strong policy to guide our investments for people with disabilities in the Australian aid program.”

Read the full media release [here](https://www.cbm.org.au/media-release/federal-budget-funding-cuts-people-with-disabilities-sustained-third-year).

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

## CBM statement: Australia’s 2022 federal budget: disability inclusive development remains frozen at $9.6 million

On Tuesday night, Australian treasurer Josh Frydenberg delivered the 2022 Federal Budget, revealing a small overall increase to the underlying foreign aid budget to AUD$4.549 billion, this includes indexation of the base ODA as well as AUD$460million in temporary and targeted COVID-19 measures –CBM Australia welcomes this increase.

We are however disappointed that investment in the central disability-inclusion allocation remains frozen at $9.6 million. Calls to reverse the sustained cut in last year’s aid budget have largely been ignored which is a major setback for disability inclusive development. With a federal election only months away and the possibility of new a new political party in power we plan to continue our petition to restore the budget. This will allow CBM and our supporters to advocate for greater investment in disability inclusion and get bipartisan support on disability inclusion.

Please continue to share the petition with your networks.

The link to the petition can be found [here](https://www.cbm.org.au/restore-disability-budget-petition).

## ACFID Federal Budget analysis

Australia’s peak body for aid NGOs – the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) – has welcomed the Australian government’s decision to increase the Australian aid budget in 2022-23 to $4.549 billion from an originally estimated $4.335 billion in 2021-22, and the announcement of $324.4 million for the Pacific and Timor-Leste to help COVID-19 recovery.

But ACFID is calling on the Australian government to end the temporary nature of some aid measures and make aid growth permanent to reflect growing human need, instability and the changing regional geostrategic environment.

Read the full statement [here.](https://acfid.asn.au/media-releases/immediate-aid-boost-pacific-recovery-welcomed?mc_cid=3ee80db7d5&mc_eid=2bec40b861)

## Federal Election 2022: Australian Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance for a Changed World

Ahead of the Federal Election, ACFID is releasing a series of policy briefs on the critical issues that will define our world and region over the next decade — COVID-19, conflict and competition, inclusive aid and climate change. These briefs will provide new ideas for the future of Australia’s development cooperation and humanitarian assistance and aim to help shape a shared future with our partners to fulfil the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The briefs form the basis of ACFID’s election platform [available here.](https://acfid.asn.au/content/federal-election-2022)

The policy brief on disability inclusive aid will be released soon. Watch our news channels!

## Ukraine Crisis: CBM Global Statement

CBM Global is deeply concerned by the war on Ukraine, the tragic loss of life and human suffering that it is already causing, and the wider impact it may have on the global economy, further affecting the most vulnerable and at risk communities in the poorest countries of the world.

CBM Global stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and call on all parties involved to abide by International Humanitarian Law, ensure the full protection and dignity of civilians and the respect of their human rights.

[Read CBM Global’s full statement here](https://cbm-global.org/news/ukraine-crisis).

## Remarks by SRSG Mizutori: Disability inclusive disaster risk reduction: still a tick marking exercise?

Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction stated that it is important to engage people with disability in all decision-making process and not just to “tick boxes”, ensuring their voices are being heard. Mizutori added that the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), listens to persons with disabilities talk about their experiences, fears, concerns, and hopes, which allows them to learn how to better ensure that the groundwork meets their needs. UNDRR looks forward to engaging with Member States and other stakeholders to achieve this common goal.

[Access the article here](https://www.undrr.org/news/remarks-by-srsg-mizutori-disability-inclusive-disaster-risk-reduction-still-tick-marking).

## UNAIDS: Towards a life of dignity for people living with disabilities

UNAIDS has long advocated for a three-track approach to advance the inclusion of people living with disabilities in HIV responses which includes disability-specific activities and mainstreaming disability across all aspects of HIV responses, authentic participation and active involvement of people living with disabilities in all elements of programmes, disability-inclusive policies, programmes and implementation strategies that ensure appropriate funding and resources. Specifically, UNAIDS is advocating for five actions.

Read the article and the five actions [here.](https://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2022/february/20220215_disabilities)

## Global Protection Cluster commitments and recommendations for humanitarian partners ahead of the Global Disability Summit (GDS)

Persons with disabilities experiencing a humanitarian crisis are at elevated risk of rights violations due to attitudinal, institutional, physical and communication barriers to safety and lifesaving services during times of socio-economic breakdown and suspended or dismantled services. Global Protection Cluster (GPC) published its commitments and recommendations for humanitarian partners in time for the Global Disability Summit [accessible here](https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/2022/02/09/gpc-commitment-and-recommendations-ahead-of-the-global-disability-summit/).

**Save the Children commits to ensure children with disabilities get fairer treatment**

At the Global Disability Summit, leading child rights organization, Save the Children, pledged to 12 commitments to enhance the work carried out by the organization. Last year, it launched its new [Disability Inclusion Policy](https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/pdf/Save-the-Childrens-Disability-Inclusion-Policy-2021.pdf/) and its first comprehensive [Disability Inclusive Child Safeguarding](https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/document/disability-inclusive-child-safeguarding-guidelines/). Next month it is launching Inclusive Education Resources and Toolkit for teachers and humanitarian workers.

Read about the 12 commitments made [here](https://www.savethechildren.org/us/about-us/media-and-news/2022-press-releases/save-children-ensures-children-with-disabilities-get-fairer-treatment).

**USAID announces commitments at the Global Disability Summit**

At the GDS 2022, the US government announced its longstanding support for disability-inclusive development and humanitarian action. Responding to the call of GDS to mobilize targeted and concrete action to achieve real change in the lives of persons with disabilities, USAID is undertaking 16 commitments to be achieved by 2026. USAID’s GDS22 commitments encompass concrete activities and investments.

[Access the full article here, including their commitments.](https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-16-2022-usaid-announces-commitments-global-disability-summit)

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

**Video: Why is it important to identify the population with disabilities?**

This video is the first video in a series on disability data collection produced in collaboration with the Washington Group on Disability Statistics and Sightsavers. This video focuses on the need for disability disaggregated data. Coming soon is a video on translating the Washington Group questions.

[Access the video here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCaLWDq27sw).

**Report: Photovoice study on women with disabilities in Nepal**

This study examines the situation of women with disabilities in Nepal, focusing on the barriers and enablers to their inclusion through photovoice methodology and in-depth interviews based on photographs. The research identified an urgent need for action and makes several recommendations linked to the following thematic areas, such as ending stigmatization and addressing multiple forms of discrimination, enhancing confidence-building and social inclusion, ensuring accessibility of infrastructure and information, and establishing access to employment and entrepreneurship.

The study was commissioned by the Swiss Disability and Development Consortium (SDDC) at the University of Bern (Interdisciplinary Centre on Gender Studies).

[Access the report here](https://leave-no-one-behind.ch/my-lens-my-reality/photovoice-study/).

**Analysis: Inclusive approaches to Disaster Risk Management**

This report presents a qualitative review of inclusive approaches to disaster risk management (DRM) - a part of the first stocktaking exercise that the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) conducts to assess lessons learned and generate knowledge to help mainstream inclusive approaches and strategies across GFDRR activities. The findings are based on a literature review, analysis of portfolio data, and internal consultations with World Bank task team leaders of GFDRR-funded activities. The reviewed literature includes GFDRR project documentation and knowledge products, World Bank operational documents and research findings, and relevant publications from other scholars and organizations. The stocktaking exercise emphasizes gender, disability-inclusive DRM, citizen engagement, and community participation.

[Access the full article here.](https://reliefweb.int/report/world/inclusive-approaches-disaster-risk-management-qualitative-review)

**Analysis: Mainstreaming Disability in Humanitarian Action 2021: A field study from Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh**

Humanity and Inclusion project "[Phase 2 -- Leave no one behind!](https://www.hi-deutschland-projekte.de/lnob/en/)" promotes the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action, using the global Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidance on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action. To better understand the challenges of implementing inclusive humanitarian assistance, and to document best practices, part of the project has been dedicated to research inclusive humanitarian assistance based on disability mainstreaming in Cox’s Bazar.

[Access the full analysis here](https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/mainstreaming-disability-humanitarian-action-2021-field-study-cox-s-bazar).

## Article: “We'll starve to death”: The consequences of COVID-19 over the lives of poor people with disabilities in rural Nepal

There is no doubt that the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 negatively impacted billions of people worldwide, and among them, people with disabilities became most susceptible. However, little is known about the impact of COVID-19 on the lives of people with disabilities in Nepal. Using empirical data from semi-structured in-depth interviews with people with disabilities, disability specialist, and community leaders, this study discusses the lived experiences of people with disabilities who have been affected by COVID-19 in Nepal.

[Access the article here](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/aswp.12250).

**Analysis: From commitment to action- Towards a disability-inclusive humanitarian response in South Sudan**

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Read the study findings and recommendations here.

**Manual: Rohingya Refugee Response: Disability Inclusion**

Disability inclusion is achieved when persons with disabilities meaningfully participate in all their diversity, when their rights are promoted, and when disability-related concerns are addressed in compliance with the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The manual includes the evolving definition of disability, the different forms of disabilities, the etiquette for communication with children with disabilities and recommendations for action.

[Access the manual here.](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/bangladesh/document/tip-sheet-disability-inclusion-cpss-2022)

# Webinar recordings

**Fostering Disability Inclusion through the UN SDGs**

The Zero Project Conference (ZeroCon22) on accessibility focused on achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) fostering disability inclusion. This webinar sought to better understand the interaction between disability and the SDGs while exploring the gaps and necessary areas of improvement to achieve the SDGs to fulfil the mission of creating an inclusive society.

[Access the recording here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O03TRe8a9Zo).

**Innovative practices in Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction**

This session was part of ZeroCon22, which was around the theme of accessibility. The session focused on discussions around making emergency procedures more accessible and inclusive, and how refugee camps can be made more accessible. The session presented innovative practices from different countries such as Thailand, Zambia, and Israel.

[Access the recording here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1lXcPb7rU4)

**Promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities affected by humanitarian emergencies**

This event was a Global Disability Summit side event. It was organized by the Disability Reference Group and brought together key humanitarian, development and disability actors for a dialogue and call to action on promoting the rights of persons with disabilities affected by humanitarian emergencies. The webinar highlighted the need to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities affected by humanitarian emergencies are protected and that they are not left behind in humanitarian actions and in long-term peace and development processes and outcomes. Central to the discussion was the role of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations.

[Access the recording here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LqhLRDgnTE)

**Disability inclusive disaster risk reduction: still a tick marking exercise?**

In the lead up to the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and in view of the upcoming Mid-term Review process of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, this webinar, was part of UNDRR's risk dialogues. This webinar sought to identify the challenges and opportunities that disability inclusive disaster risk reduction brings. The event highlighted solutions to ensure a risk-informed policy planning and decision-making process that puts accessibility at the heart of disaster risk reduction for the benefit of all.

[Access the recording here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWa2lhY2tok)

**Investing in inclusive education to lessen social inequalities**

The webinar aims to emphasize the importance of inclusive education for people with disabilities, encourage all actors to renew and operationalize their commitments for inclusive education; and intends to collaborate and make sure that the learning of persons with disabilities is fully included in all national and international development efforts. The webinar was organized as a side event to the Global Disability Summit.

[Access the recording here.](https://zoom.us/rec/play/RGT1H9E8kWUY7UF2U7f1XypwuZW-XUsjuobt65OpGRM0yE5xJ51cyCw6uUHwEUu7_lzhx2yDw5i_rphd.emC_RJCY-8SviTqC?continueMode=true&_x_zm_rtaid=eg571vCCSiq7SEGerfFprw.1645608114526.94c8c00d92ba82c23239e27a03e85eba&_x_zm_rhtaid=424)

**Webinar series by TCI: #WhatWENEED**

Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI) ran a campaign on "#WhatWENeed" and in 2021-22, keeping in tune with the global momentum and efforts within the UN on the theme of “De-institutionalization”. TCI, in partnership with Inclusion International, DRF, Validity Foundation, IDA, CIP, BAPU Trust, and IMHA, is conducting a series of 4 webinars on De-Institutionalization.  The webinars

"**Creating enabling environments for De-institutionalization**" and “**Building community support and psychosocial ecosystems**” these webinars contributed to the realization of the CRPD by elaborating on the pedagogy and practice of article 19 of the CRPD (Right to Living independently and being included in communities. TCI advocated for the practice of inclusion and hopes to see it manifest in all national policies and laws all over the world.

Access “[Creating enabling environments for De-institutionalization](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqML1fQaN74)” webinar here.

Access “[Building community support and psychosocial ecosystems](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h33kyHy2brY)” webinar here.

"**Access to Community Services for People with Disabilities following De-Institutionalization** webinar called out national governments, global technical support organizations, cross-disability actors working in global landscape to recognize them as belonging to disability sector, share opportunities for full and genuine inclusion and recognize the article 4.3 of the CRPD and enable full and effective participation.

Access “[Access to Community Services for People with Disabilities following De-Institutionalization](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SunkKYyMJ9k)” webinar here.

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

## TCI call for memberships

Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI) is an independent global Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (OPD), focusing on the monitoring and implementation of all human rights, for persons with psychosocial disabilities. TCI is guided by the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), with a special focus on Article 19 (Living independently and being included in communities). It aims to mobilize persons with psychosocial disabilities and their organizations to advocate for inclusion within disability and development. People with psychosocial disabilities, organizations operated by people with psychosocial disabilities, NGOs, INGOs, cross-disability organizations, friends of TCI and technical support agencies are welcomed by TCI for their memberships.

Individual memberships for self-advocates – [Click here to apply](https://forms.gle/Vc9uanMaQ9D9Jwps8).  
Organizational memberships – [Click here to apply](https://forms.gle/cdtPrBc2r1Pi1fSd7).

## Call for proposals: Inclusive ‘Built back better’: Mental Health Responses to COVID-19 Phase II

The Pan African Network of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities (PANPPD) **Inclusive ‘Built Back Better': Mental Health Responses to COVID-19 Phase II** Request for Proposals (RFP) envisages the continuation of previous microgrants to leverage the momentum created in Phase I as well as the establishment of new ones.

It aims to continue the support to national/local advocacy campaigns from PANPPD members from across Africa to raise awareness on the social and economic challenges precipitated by the Covid-19 pandemic for persons with psychosocial disabilities and to advocate for responses to COVID-19 and for “building back better” policies and programs that are inclusive, human rights- and community based, and that include psychosocial support and other alternatives to the medical model as key components.

[For more information click here](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/panppd_phase_2_grant_call_for_proposals_final.pdf). [Application form](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/panppd_grants_application_form_final.pdf) here.

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

## Perkins Early Connections Conference

Perkins | April 30 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://www.perkins.org/event/early-connections-conference/)

## Microsoft Ability Summit

Microsoft | May 10 2022 | Registration opens in March

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://sway.office.com/WF3abdbmkH6gJudi?ref=Link)

## 7th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

UNDRR | 23-28 May 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://www.undrr.org/event/seventh-session-global-platform-disaster-risk-reduction-gp2022)

## Disability in an Age of Conflict, Crisis and Climate Change

National University of Ireland Galway, Ireland | 20-24 June 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://cdlp.clr.events/event/132113:13th-international-disability-law-summer-school)

## Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on DRR

UNDRR | 19-22 September 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://www.undrr.org/event/asia-pacific-ministerial-conference-disaster-risk-reduction-apmcdrr-2022)

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Program Assistant

Transforming Communities for Inclusion | Based in Islamabad | Apply by 10 April

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/job_description_application_form_program_assistant_final.pdf)

## Admin and Finance Manager

Transforming Communities for Inclusion | Based in Islamabad | Apply by 10 April

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/avi/disability-support-officer-voluntary-federated-states-of-micronesia/?categories=13,33&page=5)

## GDS Fellowship

IDA | Apply by 10 April

[LEARN MORE](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/ida-fellowship-program-apply-now) & [APPLY HERE](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/tor_gds_asia_fellow_17032022_final.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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