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Welcome to our May Bulletin.

ADDC welcomes the new Australian Government’s strong commitment to rebuilding our international development program. They have committed both to growing the aid budget as well as strengthening the expertise within DFAT to deliver a more ambitious aid agenda that is founded on values of fairness, equality, and compassion. Now is the time to also rebuild Australia’s leadership in disability inclusive development. Keep reading below for more information.

This month, another momentous occasion, with the release of the first Global Report on Assistive Technology. It revealed that almost one billion children and adults with disabilities and older persons in need of assistive technology are denied access, particularly in low and middle-income countries. Globally, access varies from as high as 90% of those in need accessing assistive technology in high income countries, to as low as 3% of those needing life-changing products in some low-income countries. See below for more.

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

## Federal Election – New Australian Government commits to rebuilding international development program

ADDC welcomes the new Australian Government’s strong commitment to rebuilding the Australian aid program. They have committed to $1.052 billion in new funding which includes:

* $538.2m for the Pacific region over four years ($525m program, $13.2m DFAT administration)
* $481.8m for Southeast Asia over four years ($470m program, $11.8m DFAT administration)
* $31.6m for the Australian NGO Cooperation Program over four years ($30m program, $1.6m DFAT administration)

They have also committed to increasing ODA as a percentage of GNI every year beginning with the first budget in office due to be released this October and aiming to reach target of 0.5% of GNI.

ADDC is now seeking commitment from the new government to also rebuild Australia’s leadership in disability inclusive development. A corner stone needs to be rebuilding Australia's commitment through a new innovative and multiyear strategy for disability inclusion within the international development program.

In the lead up to the Federal Election ACFID released a series of policy briefs sharing vision from the sector advancing Australian aid to meet the greatest needs of our region and world, including a disability inclusion paper. In addition, ACFID with the Development Policy Centre and IDCC hosted a series of forums to give the major political parties an opportunity to convey their platform and priorities for Australia’s international development cooperation and humanitarian assistance programs.

[Read all the ACFID policy briefs here](https://acfid.asn.au/content/federal-election-2022)

[Watch the Election Forums here](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/australian-aid/international-development-election-forums)

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

## New policy paper launched: Locating disability inclusion in action on climate change

The devastating impacts of climate change and crises are felt most acutely by those living in more risk prone and marginalised environments – most often the poorest communities worldwide. As persons with disabilities represent 1 in 5 people living in poverty globally, disability inclusion is a human rights issue and must be taken into account in all interventions, including those related to climate.

CBM UK is has released a new Policy Paper 'Locating disability inclusion in action on climate change' that examines the interlinkages between climate change and disability, illustrating the disproportionate impact on people with disabilities living in poor communities who have done least to contribute towards climate change. Armed with this knowledge, we ask “what can we do to make climate action inclusive of all?”

[Read the paper here](https://www.cbmuk.org.uk/news/locating-disability-inclusion-in-action-on-climate-change/)

## WeThe15 wins again!

WeThe15, aspiring to be the largest human rights campaign to represent the world’s 1.2 billion persons with disabilities, has won the Campaign of the Year at the Sports Industry Awards for the second time. The campaign, launched by a coalition of international organizations and spearheaded by the International Paralympic Committee and International Disability Alliance, advances WeThe15’s message on the rights of persons with disabilities who make up 15% of the global population has reached 80% of the world. It was launched ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. WeThe15 aims to end discrimination towards persons with disabilities and act as a global movement campaigning for disability visibility, accessibility, inclusion and equality of rights. The objectives of WeThe15 are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

[Access the article here](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/wethe15-wins-again-%E2%80%93-time-campaign-year-sports-industry-awards-2022\)

## We cannot keep leaving women with disabilities behind in leadership

Women still represent a minority of decision-makers worldwide. And the barrier is even higher, and the discrimination often doubled, for women with disabilities. There is a need to change this narrative and challenge the stereotype, as Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame argues in this article. For the world to be truly inclusive, women from a diverse range of backgrounds need to be fairly represented in leadership roles. Governments need to commit to tackling some of the most pervasive forms of exclusion that women experience, particularly women with disabilities, and ensure that they are involved in making policies that affect their lives. She continues we have all the methods and knowledge available to do this; it is just the commitment, financing and work that needs to be done.

[Access the full article here](https://africanarguments.org/2022/05/we-cannot-keep-leaving-women-with-disabilities-behind-in-leadership/)

**The Ripple Project launched**

The Ripple Project was launched this month and is calling on the Australian government to increase it’s development cooperation budget and commit to long-term investment in international development and humanitarian assistance.

[For more information and to join the call visit here.](https://therippleproject.org.au/)

**Video: How to include Organisations of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action**

A coalition of organisations released a video on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action in 10 languages, including international sign language and in Ukrainian. These videos focus on raising awareness about the importance of involving Organisations of People with Disabilities and people with disabilities in humanitarian action, using the IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, published in 2019. They are designed to promote the implementation of quality humanitarian programs in all contexts and across all regions and to establish and increase both the inclusion of persons with disabilities and their meaningful participation in all decisions that concern them.

[Access the video here](https://cbm-global.org/blog/opds-in-humanitarian-action)

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## ACFID Election Policy Brief: Health systems

This policy brief draws upon three research reports coordinated by ACFID, the Fred Hollows Foundation and Micah Australia, setting out the primary and secondary health impacts of COVID-19, the need to build upon Australia's health response to COVID-19 and highlights the need for a greater focus on locally-led health leadership, programs and initiatives to ensure sustainability and transformational change.  
  
As detailed in the paper, COVID-19 has demonstrated the inextricable link between the health and wellbeing of populations worldwide. In the Indo-Pacific region, the pandemic has exposed the fragility of health care systems, impacting already marginalized people most significantly and created secondary impacts worse than the pandemic itself. Australia must now help build strong, responsive, and resilient health systems in the Indo-Pacific that are capable of responding to health emergencies while ensuring continuous equitable access to essential health services which address ongoing population health needs.

This is one of a series of policy briefs released ahead of Federal Election on issues of significance that will shape our world & region over the next decade. These briefs provide new ideas for the future of Australia’s development cooperation and humanitarian assistance and aim to help shape a shared future with ACFID partners to fulfil the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

[Read the full policy brief here.](https://acfid.asn.au/content/federal-election-2022)

## New Global Report on Assistive Technology

The World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) launched the first Global Report on Assistive Technology this month. The Global Report on Assistive Technology presents evidence for the first time on the global need for and access to assistive products and provides a series of recommendations to expand availability and access, raise awareness of the need, and implement inclusion policies to improve the lives of millions of people. The report notes that the number of people in need of one or more assistive products is likely to rise to 3.5 billion by 2050, due to populations ageing and the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases rising across the world. The report also highlights the vast gap in access between low- and high-income countries. An analysis of 35 countries reveals that access varies from 3% in poorer nations to 90% in wealthy countries.

[Read the report here](https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/354357)

[Access the video recording of the launch here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCuyhiv38iw)

## Toolkit: Intersectionality Resource Guide and Toolkit- An intersectional approach to leave no one behind

The toolkit, funded by the UN Partnership for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD), explains, and provides practical guidance and concrete examples to promote inclusive programming and practices by UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and governments. Acknowledging multiple identities and intersecting forms of discrimination, it does not simply add disability and gender or other identity factors but provides a tool to influence power dynamics and embrace diversity in programming to leave no one behind.

This Resource Guide and Toolkit offers a starting point for those wishing to deepen their understanding and apply an intersectional approach to their work. It aims to provide conceptual clarity, a practical framework, and tools for reducing compounded and intersecting inequalities faced by people experiencing diverse and compounded forms of discrimination. Its purpose is to:

* Contribute to an understanding of intersectionality that bridges the gap between theory and practice.
* Help practitioners, policymakers, and advocates mobilize efforts to address the 2030 Agenda and its goals by embedding an intersectional mindset as part of their policies, programs, and services.

[Access the toolkit here](https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/Intersectionality-resource-guide-and-toolkit-en.pdf)

## Toolkit: The Disability Data Advocacy

Data is critical for realization of the rights of people with disabilities. Without it, marginalization is perpetuated, and the discrimination encountered by persons with disabilities around the world remains unaddressed. Lack of data has resulted in inadequate planning and budgeting for reasonable accommodations and, overall, ineffective policymaking. Evidence-based data on persons with disabilities at national and global levels are essential to identify the gaps and challenges experienced by persons with disabilities and help policymakers to address them.

The goal of the Disability Data Advocacy Toolkit is to contribute to the growing global dialogue on the importance of data on people with disabilities, providing basic knowledge on data collection, analysis, and use of data for evidenced-based advocacy. The toolkit aims at building the capacity of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations around the world, by offering simple approaches to essential advocacy skillsets that could benefit all people with disabilities, particularly those underrepresented and in more impoverished regions.

[Access the toolkit here](https://cbm-global.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Disability_Data_advocacy_toolkit_English.pdf)

**Report: The role of cash and voucher assistance in increasing equity and inclusion for girls and children with disabilities in education in emergency**

The Global Education Cluster has been working to build the evidence base around cash and voucher assistance (CVA) in education in emergencies. The report identified gaps in the evidence, particularly on the role of CVA in increasing equity and inclusion of the most marginalized children in education in emergencies (EiE), informing the central focus of this research. The evidence shows that CVA interventions integrated with wider EiE programming are highly effective in addressing a range of supply-side and demand-side barriers to improve the equity and inclusion of girls and children with disabilities in education in emergencies. In addition to employing an integrated approach with complementary EiE sectoral interventions, humanitarian organizations should work across sectors to meet the needs of marginalized children and their families holistically.

[Access the report](https://educationcluster.app.box.com/s/28qfzj0yyq2ka9fhq2od1m02yvwli51w)

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

## Call for nominations: The 2022 D-30 Disability Impact List

The 2022 D-30 Disability Impact List honours people with disabilities globally who are making a difference. The list will honour the unique accomplishments of our most impactful community members through a nomination and selection process. Now in its third year, Diversability’s D-30 Disability Impact List was launched in 2020. Over the years, they have received almost 700 nominations and honoured 60 +1 of the world’s most impactful leaders with a disability.

[Click here for more information](https://mydiversability.com/d30)

## Survey: Accessibility in events

Accessibility barriers often prevent women and gender minorities with disabilities from joining relevant discussions and events on gender equality and feminism, even though their voices and perspectives are invaluable in these spaces. This survey is an initiative of the Inclusive Generation Equality Collective (IGEC), a group of feminists with disabilities and those advocating for gender and disability-related rights and justice from around the world. This group’s goal is to ensure that actions to advance gender equality, including the Generation Equality Forum, are inclusive of feminists' disabilities and promote transformative change towards equality leaving no one behind.   
  
The information gathered through this survey will be used as background information for the recommendations included in the Feminist Accessibility Protocol, a document being developed by the IGEC to guide States, UN agencies, and international organizations on how to ensure accessibility and inclusivity in events, meetings, and other spaces where discussions on gender equality and women’s rights take place. Your information will not be shared, and your responses will not be quoted or associated with you or your organization

[Access the survey here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19-EWwRzeR6i1fumzXClofAbMPoDMeAXSZ6S9YR4z7kc/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## Call for nominations: #ZeroCall23

The #ZeroCall23 is focused on Independent Living & Political Participation, and ICT. It calls on inclusive, innovative, and scalable solutions from around the world to submit their nominations, which will be evaluated in a multi-step process that includes peer-review and voting. A select number of solutions will receive a Zero Project Award and support through the Zero Project Network. The Zero Project encourages nominations from all sectors of society – policy makers, startups, academia, civil society, businesses – and especially, those relating to multiple or severe disabilities, humanitarian action, gender equality, the arts, sexual orientation, psychosocial disabilities, or other multiple disadvantaged groups

[Click here for more information](https://zeroproject.org/zerocall23#msdynttrid=MfoeEOPk9rAqkTJgYS24dyuF2cXrkJZIOhgSxbcUAX0)

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

**15th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the UN CRPD (2022)**

United Nations DESA | June 14-16, 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp15.html)

[LEARN MORE](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp-application-for-side-events.html) [& ACCESS SIDE EVENT APPLICATION HERE](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp-application-for-side-events.html)

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

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

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

**Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on DRR**

UNDRR | September 19-22, 2022

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

## ACFID National Conference 2022: Healthy Planet, Healthy Communities- Acting with evidence, equity, and inclusion for a resilient future

## ACFID | October 26-27, 2022

## [LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://acfid.asn.au/content/conference-2022)

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Executive Director

Women Enabled International | Flexible (ability to work US business hours) | 10 June

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](https://womenenabled.org/employment/executive-director-position/)

# 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 recognizes 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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