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Welcome to our July edition.

Right now, 49 million people in 46 countries are on the brink of famine. ADDC, CBM Australia and a host of community and humanitarian organisations are calling on the Australian Government to help fight famine and urgently deliver $150 million to support the world’s hungriest countries, including the Horn of Africa, Yemen, Afghanistan and Syria. Find out how you can play a part to #HelpFightFamine [here](#HelpFightFamine).

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

## Campaign announcement - #HelpFightFamine

Conflict, COVID, climate shocks and now the war in Ukraine, have created the perfect storm for an unprecedented global hunger crisis. Over the last few weeks, a coalition of community and humanitarian organisations including ADDC, have united on a campaign to #HelpFightFamine. They are calling on the Australian Government to help lead the global fight against famine by taking action now including through an urgent $150 million Famine Prevention Package.

Learn more about this campaign [here](https://www.fightfamine.com.au/) and join us in this campaign by [writing to your MP today](https://www.fightfamine.com.au/#action).

## CEDAW Committee publishes concluding observations adopted at its 82nd session

The Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) recently published its *Concluding Observations* adopted at its 82nd session.The *Concluding Observations* include several recommendations to States to enhance implementation and protection of the rights of women and girls with disabilities including living independently and being included in the community, access to inclusive education, health care, employment, social protection and housing.

[Access the article here](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/cedaw-committee-publishes-concluding-observations-adopted-its-82nd-session-13-jun-2022-01-jul).

Access the [report](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2578&Lang=en) and [82nd session website](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCEDAW%2fCSS%2fNAM%2f48670&Lang=en).

## Ensuring stronger partnerships for disability inclusive policies and programs in Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands

Disability inclusion remains a strong commitment of the Pacific Disability Forum and the United Nations in the Pacific as they work to ensure a stronger partnership for disability inclusive policies, programs, and offices to promote preconditions for inclusion. In a workshop in Suva on 17 June 2022, there was an opportunity for participants to provide feedback to UN agencies and leads on ways to improve accessibility for all persons with disabilities and promote disability inclusion in the UN.

[Access the article here](https://www.ilo.org/suva/public-information/press-releases/WCMS_849662/lang--en/index.htm).

## High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development took place from 5th to 12th July. The central role of this forum is to follow-up and review progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals at the global level. The Forum is an opportunity to ensure that the 2030 Agenda remains relevant, assessing the successes, challenges and learnings faced by all countries in aiming for the SDGs.

The theme for this year’s HLPF was, "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

The UN Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, a collective of individuals with disabilities, Organisations of People with Disabilities and others working to progress the rights of people with disabilities, submitted a position paper to the Forum, which can be found [here](https://bit.ly/3IbnNYm).

This Stakeholder Group advocates with a unified voice for the inclusion of disability in all sustainable development related UN processes.

## Disabilities convention supports ‘inclusive, accessible, and sustainable world’

During the 15th Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the UN Secretary General, António Guterres, remarked that there are tools to end systemic marginalization of persons with disabilities, stating “Together, we can make sure that every person … can fully participate in every aspect of life – social, economic, cultural, and political.” He hailed the progress driven by the disability convention as being “broad, swift, and tangible.”

“With 185 ratifications since its adoption in 2006, the Convention has crystallized the commitment of the international community to realize an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable world for all”.

Mr. Guterres noted that 92 per cent of States Parties has adopted national disability laws, more than 60 per cent have taken actions to prohibit discrimination in the labour market, nearly 90 per cent have passed laws protecting the rights of children with disabilities to education, and the percentage of countries with school materials supporting the inclusion of students with disabilities has more than doubled.

Unfortunately, the UN chief said that progress has been overturned by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has exposed existing inequalities and given rise to new threats.

“Even before the pandemic, persons with disabilities were less likely to enjoy access to education, healthcare, and livelihoods … [and] when COVID-19 struck communities, persons with disabilities were among the worst affected”, he said.

[Access the article here](https://www.un.org/en/desa/disabilities-convention-supports-%E2%80%98inclusive-accessible-and-sustainable-world%E2%80%99).

## Statement Adopted by the Thematic Group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Action for the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022

Highlighting the need for participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations in building resilient societies, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities called for governments to ensure implementation of the Sendai Framework and to fulfil their legal obligations under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Stakeholder Group asked to achieve this by prioritizing the development and implementation of fully inclusive disaster risk reduction and climate action strategies.

[Access the statement here](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/statement-adopted-thematic-group-disaster-risk-reduction-and-climate-action-global-platform).

## Why do we need data on women and girls with disabilities?

“As the 15th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities concludes, it’s important to highlight women and girls with disabilities and the importance of qualitative data” writes Elizabeth Lockwood, PhD, CBM’s representative to the United Nations.

Women and girls with disabilities are one of the most marginalized groups in the world and are often excluded from society in various ways and face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination. This includes exclusion from participation in economies, a significant increase of risk of violence and abuse, lack of access to justice, minimal participation in political and public life, and facing discriminatory attitudes in sexual health, reproductive rights, and in the right to family life. For example, women and girls with disabilities are up to 10 times more likely to experience gender-based violence than women and girls without disabilities.

Despite these myriad barriers, there is a lack of data on women with disabilities. Little or no data means it is difficult to create policies and programmes inclusive of women with disabilities who may be most at risk of being left behind. Conversely, high-quality, timely, reliable, and available disability data are needed to understand the real situation of women with disabilities, to identify gaps that are not addressed through policies, and to provide examples of success.

[Access the blog here.](https://cbm-global.org/blog/women-girls-with-disabilities-data)

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs): Making a difference in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands

CBM Global Disability Inclusion and CBM Australia IAG’s new research report with Humanitarian Advisory Group, Pacific Disability Forum, People with Disabilities Solomon Islands and Vanuatu Disability Promotion & Advocacy Association found that “OPDs in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu are making a difference via tackling several barriers to inclusion for people with disabilities”.

This report draws on two comparative case studies in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands, as well as an extensive desk review of documents. It explores the roles and impact of OPDs in each country and identifies key challenges and enablers constraining and supporting OPDs’ contributions to the disaster preparedness and response sector. A localization lens was applied to the study to enable the identification of practices that support the empowerment of OPDs as local advocates and disaster preparedness and response actors. The report consists of the following findings:

* OPDs in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands are engaged and making a difference across three main areas: as self-advocates, technical advisors, and implementers.
* Lack of systematic data collection hampers measurement of the impact of OPDs and other actors for people with disabilities.
* OPDs are not being resourced sufficiently to operate effectively in disaster preparedness and response. This constrains their ability to drive change at multiple levels.
* Partnership approaches are a critical factor for OPDs’ success in their roles.
* OPDs’ strategic visions and objectives pave the way forward and invite partners to align their support.

[Access the report here](https://t.co/HC3brlgiBw).

## Case study: Nepal’s changing climate and its impact on communities including persons with disabilities

CBM Global have published a case study to highlight the impact of climate induced disasters on people living in poverty who have much less adaptative capacity to respond to the negative and sometimes devastating impact of climate change. Despite cursory recognition of the impact of climate change on persons with disabilities, very little evidence is available about how persons with disabilities are impacted. Even less is available on how organisations of persons with disabilities have been engaged in climate change negotiations, policy-making, and programme implementation to-date. CBM hope that this case study on climate induced disaster that happened in 2021 can make some contribution to this under researched area by highlighting some of the key issues and recommendations.

[Access the case study here](https://cbm-global.org/resource/case-study-nepal).

## Listen, Include, Respect – International Guidelines for Inclusive Participation

Inclusion International and Down Syndrome International have developed the “Listen, Include, Respect – International Guidelines for Inclusive Participation.” Over 1,500 people with intellectual disabilities and their families from almost 100 countries helped write them.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) tells us that all people with disabilities have the right to “meaningful participation.” “Meaningful participation” is what happens when people with intellectual disabilities get everything they need to be fully included, participate equally, and feel valued.

These guidelines will help organisations to make this happen.

[Access the website here](https://www.listenincluderespect.com/).

## WHO Report: World mental health report: Transforming mental health for all

This report has been designed to inspire and inform better mental health for everyone all over the world. Drawing on the latest evidence available, showcasing examples of good practice from around the world, and voicing people’s lived experience, it highlights why and where change is most needed and how it can best be achieved. It calls on all stakeholders to work together to deepen the value and commitment given to mental health, reshape the environments that influence mental health, and strengthen the systems that care for mental health.

[Access the full report here](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240050860).

## “Nothing about us, without us!”: Disability inclusion in community-based climate resilient programs. A case study of Indonesia

The International Institute of Social Studes have published a case study to assess how climate change affects water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, and gender and social inclusion outcomes. In the design of climate-resilient programs for community development, there is growing awareness of the benefits of gender assessments, but it is far less common that disability is considered. The meaningful inclusion of people with disabilities can reveal their knowledge and capacities to contribute, and result in more contextualised and socially-just responses to climate change and WASH services.

[Access the article here](https://issblog.nl/2022/02/15/nothing-about-us-without-us-disability-inclusion-in-community-based-climate-resilient-programs-a-case-study-of-indonesia/).

## Learning from the Multi-Country Study on Inclusive Education

USAID is partnering with Purdue University, the University of Massachusetts at Boston and Inclusive Development Partners through the Long-term Assistance and Services for Research (LASER) Partners for University-Led Solutions Engine (PULSE) mechanism to evaluate three USAID inclusive education activities in Cambodia, Malawi, and Nepal.

The Multi-Country Study on Inclusive Education (MCSIE) is led by Inclusive Development Partners (IDP) in partnership with the Cambodia Disabled People’s Organization, Invest in Knowledge in Malawi and Kathmandu University in Nepal. The study spans August 2019 through February 2023.

The MCSIE is the first major, multi-country effort by USAID to investigate what works in supporting children with disabilities to learn to read. The study aims to derive lessons about what works to sustainably advance teaching and learning outcomes for children with disabilities in varying contexts. USAID and its partners will use this information to inform adaptations to its activities in Cambodia, Malawi, and Nepal, as needed, and plan for new inclusive early grade reading programming globally.

[Access the study here](https://www.edu-links.org/resources/learning-multi-country-study-inclusive-education).

# Webinar recordings

## High Level Political Forum Side Events 2022:

* [HLPF 2022: All You Need to Know](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEHl3j_H8ao) (July 2)
* [Count me in! Evidence and Participation to shape inclusive Education Policies](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miimRUJh26A) (July 5)

## United Nations 15th Conference of States Parties (COSP) to the CRPD Side Events 2022:

* [Remedy and reparation for institutionalization](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOSp7I9z0Nk) (June 14)
* [Generation Equality comes to CoSP15](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pXz9Jxll3Q) (June 14)
* [Capacity strengthening of organizations of persons with psychosocial disabilities in the Global South](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXn0FeSJ9o8) (June 15)
* [Launch of draft Listen Include Respect guidelines](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFelZ_x2RfA) (June 15)
* [Women with disabilities leading climate action](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5fcUgtHh5w&t=4025s) (June 15)
* [Toward inclusive societies: making data and statistics disability- and gender-inclusive?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4quGFOsz-so) (June 17)
* [Economic empowerment for persons with disabilities](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtETZ0_8Uuw) (June 17)
* [Climate and crisis: Disability-inclusive resilience in cities (with ISL)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1uO5znJqa4) (June 24)
* [Promoting inclusive and participatory societies in the Global South](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4xHWEYcy-E) (June 24)
* [Inclusion of invisible and neglected disabilities (leprosy) in climate change action and disaster risk reduction for a sustainable and resilient future](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw8WBR4LcOA)

## Who eats last? The impact of food insecurity on people with disabilities in the horn of Africa

The session focused on the design and implementation of disability inclusive food assistance and nutrition programs and responses for people with disabilities linking it to the SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) and the CRPD, while highlighting the importance of “nothing about us without us”. Drawing on the current humanitarian responses and use of the 2019 IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, the session unpacked the following:

* How to identify the barriers faced by people with disabilities in current assessments of food security and nutrition and examining key gaps that exist in data collection and analysis that need to be addressed.
* The extent to which current food assistance and nutrition programs are including people with disabilities and their representative organizations as actors in program cycle management focusing on the key challenges and opportunities
* Whether current coordination systems to address food security and nutrition are working in a way that both protect people with disabilities in the immediate term and transform how they impacted by future crises.

[Access the webinar recording here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn4-PEMBA4U).

## Four months in war: Latest update on Ukrainians with disabilities

Ukrainians with disabilities have been disproportionately affected by Russia’s war of aggression on Ukraine. The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations organized this side event on the margins of the Conference of State Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to bring attention to the situation of Ukrainians with disabilities. Marking the start of the first day of the 15th Conference of States Parties to the CRPD, 14 June, 2022, this side event allowed several actors to share the most recent update about persons with disabilities affected by the war. States, disability rights experts and organizations of persons with disabilities also provided their recommendations and requests. The main idea summarized in the conference is as follows:

* Over 143,600 persons with disabilities have been displaced because of the war.
* There are several issues that need to be addressed: non-accessible shelters, lack of access to food, inaccessible information, poor logistics and problems evacuating children with disabilities. Ukrainians with disabilities seeking refuge are also at risk of being segregated in residential institutions.
* Persons with disabilities and their representative organizations must be automatically included in all steps of emergency response and conflict resolutions, including in peace-building processes and in international bodies.

[Access the recording here](https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1z/k1zyv2wcj7).

[Click here for more information](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/four-months-war-latest-update-ukrainians-disabilities).

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

## Call for papers and panels: Australasian AID Conference 2022

The call for papers and panels for the 2022 Australasian AID Conference (AAC2022) is now open. The conference is multidisciplinary in nature and examines topics related to aid and international development (the AID in the conference acronym). Abstracts and panel proposals from academics and practitioners are welcomed.

Find out more [here](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2022/call-papers-and-panels?mc_cid=2db84d2470&mc_eid=8efe41c761).

**Survey: Needs snapshot on Ukrainians' in and out of Ukraine**

Save the Children are currently collecting data on the situation in Ukraine as well as amongst refugees who have left Ukraine. They are seeking help to share the survey among networks and organizations that are active either in Ukraine or in countries where Ukrainians have moved to or directly to people in Ukraine or on the move. The survey is available in Ukrainian, Russian and English and can be filled in online.

[Access the survey here](https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/tM9ofY7M).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

## UNICEF workshop: Collecting, analyzing, and using data on children with disabilities

UNICEF is organizing a workshop on collecting, analyzing, and using data on children with disabilities. The workshop is intended primarily for representatives of National Statistical Offices, Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and others working on data collection, analysis and dissemination. The sessions will be delivered in a virtual live format via Zoom with 3 hour daily sessions. The workshop will take place in two cohorts to accommodate the various time zones. The second cohort will take place from 7 to 17 November starting at 9:00 pm EST. If interested, register by 1 October 2022.

[Click here for more information](https://www.inclusive-education-initiative.org/index.php/news/workshop-collecting-analysing-and-using-data-children-disabilities).

[Link to register.](https://lnkd.in/g7GtZFM4)

## Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

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).

## Australasian AID Conference 2022

## Development Policy Centre | November 28-30, 2022

[LEARN MORE HERE](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2022).

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Finance and Administration Assistant**

Inclusion International | Apply by 1 August, 2022

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](https://inclusion-international.org/news-item/finance-and-admin-assistant/)

**Master of Science Scholarship in Monitoring of Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs) Participation in Development Programmes and Policies**

International Disability Alliance & Maynooth University | Apply by 10 August, 2022

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/master-science-scholarship-monitoring-organisations-people-disabilities-opds-participation).

**Advocacy Advisor/Senior Advocacy Advisor**

Women Enabled International | Apply by 14 August, 2022

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](https://womenenabled.org/senior-advocacy-advisor-july-2022/)

**Program Assistant**

Women Enabled International | Apply by 14 August, 2022

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](https://womenenabled.org/program-assistant-july-2022/)

## Virtual classroom on applying for and navigating a Fulbright scholarship as a person with a disability

Fulbright Association

[REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE.](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH3TvBNXFi8X6xTvxYYR1mFxZJKpaTzcklpPgUefMciqIFVw/viewform)

# 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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