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Welcome to our August edition.

Great to have a lot happening at ADDC this month. Our Executive Committee with CBM Australia have developed a series of policy recommendations to the new Australian Government to strengthen disability inclusion within the aid program. You can access the short and long versions of this policy [below](#AustralianAid). We are working to engage relevant politicians in this issue with the recommendations as our platform, including calling for a new disability inclusion and rights strategy for DFAT as well as increases to disability inclusion funding. Do share the recommendations within your organisations and beyond, and contact Kerryn if you would like any more information or to discuss amplifying them.

As part of revising our strategic plan for 2023-2026, we have recently sent ADDC Members an email asking for their input via a survey. Early next week we will be sending out a reminder email which will have an Easy Read version of the draft strategic plan available.  We look forward to incorporating your comments and ideas in our next strategic plan! If you have not received the email and would like to be a part of it, contact Linda on details below.

Consider sharing our Bulletin with your networks to keep them updated with key developments in disability inclusion.

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****

## Australian Aid needs to invest in disability inclusive development

People with disabilities in low and middle income countries, particularly women and girls, are often poorer and face higher levels of discrimination, exclusion and violence than the rest of the population. Further exacerbating this situation, the COVID-19 pandemic had a catastrophic impact on people with disabilities.

In this context and since 2020, the central disability allocation in the Australian aid budget has been cut by 25%, disability funding in country and regional programs has fallen by over 20% since 2013, and there is now a lack of strategic direction with the disability inclusion strategy Development for All expiring at the end of 2021.

The government now has an opportunity to boost funding, continue to lift disability performance and reassert disability as a policy and programmatic priority in Australia’s international development efforts.

ADDC and CBM Australia are urging the Australian Government to take immediate action to rebuild disability inclusion as a central component of the Australia’s development and humanitarian program. A series of recommendations have been developed for government to strengthen disability inclusion within the aid program.

The short and long policy paper of these recommendations are available in accessible and PDF versions [on this page](https://www.addc.org.au/file/addc-cbm-policy-recommendations-2022/).

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

## ACFID Parliamentary Engagement & Launch of the Help Fight Famine Campaign

Early August saw ACFID lead a delegation of a dozen CEOs and Executives to meet with MPs and Senators regarding Australia’s aid program. Representatives of the Aid Sector met with approximately 30 politicians or their offices, across Labor, the Coalition, the Greens, independents and minor parties. The content of each meeting was tailored slightly to the interests and background of each MP or Senator, but key messages focused on the importance of Australia’s development program and humanitarian program, ACFID’s submission to the 2023 budget update, and the urgent food security crisis which is affecting many countries, especially Yemen, Syria, the Horn of Africa, Afghanistan and Myanmar.

This parliamentary engagement coincided with the launch of the [Help Fight Famine campaign](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=01c14d9efc&e=8efe41c761) on Monday 1 August at Parliament House, which has been spearheaded by the Public Engagement and Campaigning Committee and Micah Australia. The campaign is garnering widespread attention as many constituents take up the campaign’s call to write to Members of Parliament and Senators on this issue.

Coverage of the campaign across the country hit more than 150 outlets including [The Australian](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=613f7f75f6&e=8efe41c761), [Australian Financial Review](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=9ee8244e11&e=8efe41c761), [Canberra Times](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=ee24b7aa17&e=8efe41c761), [The West Australian](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=a38cccf752&e=8efe41c761), [Daily Telegraph](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=b488152724&e=8efe41c761), [Courier Mail](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=ba1fac3563&e=8efe41c761), [Crikey](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=88b0a84803&e=8efe41c761), [news.com.au](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=b730f5a421&e=8efe41c761) and a number of regional mastheads including major dailies. Campaign spokesperson Mariam Veiszadeh spoke live on ABC News Breakfast TV, followed by news packages on [SBS TV](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=e223e49385&e=8efe41c761) and [SBS Radio](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=38979a7792&e=8efe41c761).

## Supporting the World Food Program - six months in

The Inclusion Advisory Group (IAG), an initiative of [CBM Global Disability Inclusion](https://cbm-global.org/), formed a partnership with the World Food Program (WFP) and launched a Disability Inclusion Helpdesk that supports WFP programs to be inclusive of people with disabilities. The WFP Disability Inclusion Helpdesk has been operational for six months and there has been demand for the Helpdesk across geographic areas, including South and Southeast Asia and the Eastern and Southern Africa regions. IAG have supported WFP’s efforts through the Helpdesk by supporting country offices to reach out and engage with Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs) and by facilitating the participation of OPD representatives in country-level activities.

Helpdesk tasks are many and varied and while most requests (38%) are to seek general guidance, others are more targeted. For example:

* A full-day training session on disability inclusion to 11 staff from one country team who have responsibility for protection, gender equality, and inclusion.
* Advice on methodology to engage with the disability movement and conduct mapping of key organizations of people with disabilities to engage with in one country.
* A checklist to ensure accessible shelter, WASH, food and nutrition assistance within a refugee camp or temporary shelter contexts.
* Supporting a country office team with their school meals program, which has subsequently grown to include schools specifically serving children with disabilities. The advice helped WFP adapt the program to meet the needs of children with disabilities including understanding their food and nutrition requirements.

[Access the update here.](https://cbm-global.org/news-iag/inclusion-advisory-group-supporting-world-food-programme-six-months)

## How can inclusive data advocacy help us to achieve the SDGs?

There has been increasing visibility on the importance of inclusive data, yet there are still challenges. This is caused by limited political will, inadequate financing and investments in strengthening systems continue to be barriers to the production and use of better-quality inclusive data. Nevertheless, there has been significant progress in Pakistan, Cameroon and Senegal. Some lessons on inclusive data advocacy, drawing on experiences in Pakistan, Cameroon and Senegal include:

* Gathering evidence to increase awareness and understanding of the key issues
* Engaging key stakeholders to build collaborative relationships and trust
* Mobilising non-state actors by equipping them with the tools to advocate for action

A common learning seen across inclusive data advocacy work is the value of cross-sectoral partnerships. Governments have increasingly recognized that official data sources alone are not enough, and partnerships and collaborations with civil society organizations, marginalized groups and others are important to enable knowledge exchange, learning and spark innovative approaches.

[Access the full article here.](https://www.sightsavers.org/blogs/2022/07/how-can-inclusive-data-advocacy-help-us-achieve-the-sdgs/?utm_content=buffer67d62&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

## CRPD Committee opens 27th session

On August 15, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) initiated its 27th session with proceedings until September 9. The session will host a great level of participation by OPDs and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). Throughout this session, the Committee will review States’ reports and hold public constructive dialogues with 8 countries. It will hold a special session to discuss with State Parties about the situation of people with disabilities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine. Documents related to the reviews and previous CRPD documents, reports by OPDs, CSOs and national human rights institutions can be found on [this page](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2545&Lang=en).

All public meetings will be webcasted live by [UN Web TV](https://media.un.org/en/search/?q=&filter-term=6900&term-name=Human+Rights+Treaty+Bodies&filter-categories=Human+Rights+Treaty+Bodies&sort-by=date_desc&start=10).

Access a summary of the session by the IDA [via this link](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/crpd-committee-opens-its-27th-session-coming-monday-15th-august).

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## Policy Brief: The Global Hunger Crisis

ACFID and the Humanitarian Reference Group have created a brief that outlines a proactive and strategic approach to global food insecurity, that builds resilience and protects development gains.

The brief calls for Australia to commit to a ten-year Global Food Security Strategy to proactively respond to critical hunger spots and prevent food insecurity in countries at risk by building resilience.

Read the brief [here](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fasn.us2.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dfbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c%26id%3D0a78171017%26e%3Def8642764f&data=05%7C01%7Cetouzeau%40acfid.asn.au%7C9ad13579559444f00cc608da6b96bb14%7C1abf347def6d4f0d855ecfc16a55fc7d%7C0%7C0%7C637940592385048003%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PgiieJ6neSppxmw1STisAzgqnDembQmaCIpQVpm1Q5A%3D&reserved=0).

## CBM Global Inclusion Advisory Group: Disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction report

To help disability-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction become a reality, the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF), the International Disability Alliance (IDA), and CBM Global’s Inclusion Advisory Group, worked together to conduct inclusive consultations across Asia and the Pacific, to seek the perspectives, experiences and priorities of the diverse range of people with disabilities in relation to disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

A total of 506 people from across Asia and the Pacific completed an online survey to share their experiences of disability and disasters. An additional 80 people participated in virtual focus group discussions and key informant interviews in the South and East Asia regions. 274 people participated in face-to-face focus group discussions and key informant interviews in five Pacific Island Countries.

Drawing upon these consultations, this report highlights the stories and experiences of people with disabilities from Asia and the Pacific in recent disasters, including COVID-19.

The report also delivers findings and recommendations from the sub-regions to inform governments, the development and humanitarian sectors, and other actors involved in disaster policy, mitigation, and response.

Download [Our Lessons: disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction report](https://cbm-global.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CBM-Inclusion-Advisory-Group-IAG-Our-Lessons-report-May-2022.pdf).

Download the [Easy Read version](https://cbm-global.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CBM-Inclusion-Advisory-Group-IAG-Our-Lessons-short-report-Easy-English-May-2022.pdf).

## Toolkit: Working together for inclusive sexual and reproductive health

Within the context of sexual and reproductive health rights, people with disabilities remain disenfranchised. This is despite the fact that they have the same rights as persons without disabilities. Persons with disabilities continue to encounter multiple and significant societal, environmental and individual barriers to sexual health services,

leading to increased vulnerabilities and poor health outcomes.

This toolkit by Leonard Cheshire serves to address this need and presents a comprehensive package of information, guidance and practical tips for health service implementers. It has been designed with SRH service implementers in mind. However, much of the information is easily generalisable to other health programs.

Access the Toolkit [here](https://www.leonardcheshire.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/Working-together-inclusive-sexual-reproductive-health.pdf).

## Women and Young People with Disabilities: A Needs Assessment for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Gender-Based Violence, and Access to Essential Services in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu

In 2020 supported by UNFPA, Women Enable International and the Pacific Disability Forum undertook research in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu to assess the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender-based violence (GBV) needs of women and young people. They found that women and young people with disabilities living in each country face significant barriers that hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. Due to the limited implementation of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the national legal and policy frameworks on gender and disability rights, persons with disabilities living in Vanuatu experience extreme forms of marginalization and significant restrictions to their autonomy and self-determination.

As these reports reveal, women and young people with disabilities living in each country are prevented from fully realizing their SRHR and their rights to legal capacity and to be free of GBV.

These reports document the findings along with recommendations for stakeholders in these countries. The reports are available at the following links:

* Fiji: <https://bit.ly/PwDFiji>
* Samoa: <https://bit.ly/PwDSamoa>
* Vanuatu: <https://bit.ly/PwDVanuatu>

## Case Study: Climate Change and its Humanitarian Consequences

Reflecting on experiences from Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) partner, the Plateforme des Fédérations des Personnes Handicapées de Madagascar (PFPH-MAD) funded by the Global Greengrants Fund and the humanitarian response initiated by CBM Global, this study shares learnings on the impact of the climate crisis in Madagascar, the on-going food crisis and the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in accessing humanitarian assistance.

[Read the case study](https://cbm-global.org/resource/case-study-climate-change-and-its-humanitarian-consequences).

# Webinar recordings

## 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).

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

## Call for proposals: Global Disability Summit Grants

The Global Disability Summit (GDS) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) are making grants available to OPDs to support local and national initiatives contributing to the implementation and monitoring of the GDS commitments for change.

[Access more information on the grant process here](https://www.globaldisabilitysummit.org/blogs/call-for-proposals-global-disability-summit-grants).

## Call for papers for the Journal “Disability and International Development” with the theme of “Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)”

There is little data on the work and impact of OPDs on legislative and policy processes as well as on the participation, access, and well-being of persons with disabilities. Against this background, Issue 2022-2 of the Journal “Disability and International Development” intends to review the state of OPDs and take a closer look at opportunities, challenges, good practices, and lessons learned regarding their mode of operation and work. It invites researchers and experts from practical background to contribute a paper for this purpose on the following topics:

* Work and impact of OPDs on a practical and political level
* Opportunities, needs, and ways forward for the engagement and participation of OPDs at the international level
* Programs, concepts, and practices by OPDs that promote disability inclusion and sustainability,
* Experiences, successes, challenges and lessons learned of OPDs in the areas of social and individual empowerment, advocacy, independent living, and social inclusion,
* Organizational capacity, composition, and membership of OPDs as well as possible disadvantaging factors.

 Submit your suggestions to coordinating editor at langensiepen@bezev.de

The deadline for papers is October 1, 2022.

## Call for inputs: Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has issued a call for inputs to inform his studies to be presented to the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council.

These inputs will specifically inform the Special Rapporteur’s next thematic report on innovation around the world in the design and delivery of services that underpin the right to live independently and be included in the community. This call seeks to gather new thinking and innovation that is already happening around the world on re-imagining the service paradigm. From this, it is hoped trends will be detected to identify critical success factors for change and to make useful recommendations on how to carry the process forward.

[Access more information](https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2022/call-inputs-report-special-rapporteur-rights-persons-disabilities-52nd-session) on the call for inputs here.

# ****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

## Fulbrighters with Disabilities Launch

Fulbrighters with Disabilities (FWD), launched in April 2021, is a global, virtual chapter of the Fulbright Association dedicated to supporting students and scholars with disabilities around the world. As the first of its kind, FWD will pioneer new ways of engaging with stakeholders and advocating for students and scholars with disabilities on our own terms across physical, national, and cultural borders.

Find out more information [here](https://fulbright.org/2022/08/02/fulbrighters-with-disabilities-launch/).

## ACFID online course 'Introduction to Disability Inclusive Development'

This course is for anyone working in the development sector. It can be used as introductory training or as a refresher course. ‘Introduction to Disability Inclusive Development’ will help you understand:

* Definitions and models of disability.
* Disability inclusion principles and approaches.
* Implementing disability inclusion in development organizations and programs.
* Where to find information and resources on disability-inclusive development.

[Register for this free course](https://learnwithacfid.com/).

## Development Policy and Program Enabling Officers

DFAT | Closing date August 29

[More information on how to apply.](https://acfid.asn.au/jobs/development-policy-and-program-enabling-officers-multiple-vacancies-multiple-levels)

# 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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