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Welcome to our October Bulletin.

Today we bring good news. With the release of the federal budget last night, we saw an increase of $3.3 million to the disability central allocation in the Australian aid program. This restores it to $12.9 million. The [Australian Official Development Assistance Budget Summary October 2022-23](https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/corporate/portfolio-budget-statements/australian-official-development-assistance-budget-summary-october-2022-23) outlined a $1.4 billion increase to the overall aid budget, with a clear and transparent positioning of disability inclusion in the narrative as a central component of the aid program going forward. Thank you to all ADDC members and supporters who have been campaigning for this increase over a number of years of stagnation and reductions. While more growth going forward is needed, this positive step is welcomed. See below for our full analysis.

Now we turn to the Australian Government's [announcement of a new development policy.](#NewDevPolicy) The new policy is to set the long-term direction for Australia’s international development engagement. Consultations will be held throughout November with written submissions due at the end of the month. We are drafting ADDC’s submission calling for both specific focus on disability inclusion in the policy as well as having disability inclusion woven throughout all Australian aid. For more information [see below](#HaveYourSay) and our call for your contributions.

With International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) just around the corner on the 3rd December, our IDPD Toolkit will be out in your inbox soon. This Toolkit will equip you with everything you need to celebrate this day as well as raise awareness of disability inclusion within your organisation. It includes ideas for activities to mark IDPD at your workplace, tips for who to get involved, including guidance on engaging speakers with disabilities. Together let’s celebrate inclusion across our sector on IDPD!

On behalf of ADDC, we thank you for being with us on this journey to a #MoreInclusiveWorld,

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# ADDC News

## Increase in federal aid budget for disability inclusion

ADDC welcomes the increase to the Australian aid central budget for disability inclusion in Tuesday’s federal budget after years of stagnation and reduction. This is an important priority in ensuring that Australian investment in aid is inclusive and aligns with the priorities identified by people with disabilities.

This is an important step to partnering with people with disabilities across all Australian aid.

The central allocation funds critical work in partnerships, capacity development and technical expertise, including for our nearest neighbours in the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

See ADDC and CBM Australia comment on the budget [here](http://bit.ly/3zbUbXL).

## ACFID Conference – on now!

This week ACFID are hosting their annual conference. Being held online, it is a ripe opportunity to hear from leaders in the Asia and Pacific region on a myriad of topical issues under the theme of *Healthy Planet, Healthy Communities*. Great to see many concurrent sessions featuring disability inclusion including:

* Women with disabilities’ leading climate action in the Pacific
* Engaging People with Disabilities in the Impact Data Collection and Financial Services to enhance their Social & Economic Participation
* The Experiences and Responses of Ni-Vanuatu Women with Disability to Climate and Humanitarian Action
* Frenemies? Gender Equality and Disability: What is lost and what is found
* Empowering local actors to increase the climate resilience of WASH services: A presentation of case studies across Southeast Asia

ADDC is looking forward to moderating the first two above sessions with the Pacific Disability Forum and Good Return. See ADDC's [Twitter](https://twitter.com/addcnews) and the [ACFID conference website](https://acfid.asn.au/content/conference-2022) for more information.

## Have your say to shape the new Australian government development policy

The [Australian Government announced](https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/speech/national-statement-un-general-assembly-new-york) they will design a new international development policy, to be shaped in consultation with key partners in the international development and humanitarian sectors. The new policy will set the long-term direction for Australia’s international development engagement. As such, DFAT has called for submissions to hear priorities of our partners and seek their ideas on how we can work together to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The Terms of Reference and submission information are [available here](https://www.dfat.gov.au/development/new-international-development-policy). Submissions to DFAT on the policy are due on 30 November.

ADDC encourages all Australian aid partners to submit their priorities and vision for the future of Australian aid. In consultation with you our members, the ADDC Executive Committee is writing a submission calling for the Australian aid program to both have a specific arm focused on disability inclusion and meeting pre-conditions for inclusion in partner countries, as well as disability inclusion being a theme across all Australian aid. To receive regular updates from ACFID on DFAT’s policy development and consultations, ways for ACFID members to input into ACFID’s submission as well as access support to make your own submission, see [here](https://acfid.asn.au/content/new-development-policy-2022).

ADDC’s current recommendations for the Australian aid program are [here](https://www.addc.org.au/file/addc-cbm-policy-recommendations-2022/) and we will be in touch with opportunities to inform and shape ADDC’s submission. For more information contact Kerryn on [kclarke@addc.org.au](mailto:kclarke@addc.org.au).

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

## ACFID marks a strong start to re-building aid program

ACFID has welcomed the Australian Government building on its election commitments and directing an additional $1.4 billion over 4 years to the Official Development Assistance (ODA) program. A total of $4.651 billion will be delivered in 2022-23. This is a strong start towards rebuilding Australia’s ODA program and sets the scene for the new Development Policy process. However, there are some notable gaps that require further action through the Development Policy process and future budgets to resource critical areas like hunger and climate change.

See ACFID’s media release on the federal budget [here](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=b5fbac4cf1&e=66a7dc2161).

Read further analysis of the federal budget facts and figures from ACFID on aid [here](https://asn.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbe41073efe267439b5e8ac0c&id=69233c6446&e=66a7dc2161).

## Aid Sector Welcomes New Development Policy

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) warmly welcomes the Australian Foreign Minister's announcement of a new development policy, which will shape our approach to international development and humanitarian issues in coming years.

Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong gave her maiden address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, in which she stated: "Over the coming months, we are designing a new development policy, outlining how we will play our part in a world in an era of crisis – and how we will help developing countries without driving them into unsustainable debt".

ACFID and its members welcome this announcement of a new development policy and will be starting work soon on a pre-submissions process.

ACFID has published a policy brief setting out its position that development must be at the heart of foreign policy, which can be accessed [here](https://acfid.asn.au/sites/site.acfid/files/Election%20Policy%20Brief%20-%20Elevating%20Development_V3.pdf).

[Access the full article](https://acfid.asn.au/media-releases/aid-sector-welcomes-new-development-policy?mc_cid=31761ebba2&mc_eid=ef8642764f&mc_cid=2a7747f281&mc_eid=8efe41c761).

## CBM Australia | APCMDRR Wrap Up

Last month, key leaders from our region from the disability movement gathered at the [Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction](https://apmcdrr.undrr.org/) Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction(APMCDRR) in Brisbane to share their expertise on inclusive disaster risk reduction, to ensure DRR initiatives leave no one behind. For International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, CBM Australia interviewed some of these leaders from the Pacific and Asia who spoke about the vital need for disability inclusive DRR.

[Listen to what these leaders had to say about inclusive DRR](https://vimeo.com/756273076/eac508cce9?embedded=false&source=video_title&owner=48705898).

## High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

From 19-21 October in Jakarta, members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) States reviewed the progress and achievements made in the past decade under the Incheon Strategy (2013-2022), the world’s first set of disability-specific development goals, at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities.

ESCAP members also fostered consensus on new strategic directions and renewed commitments to disability rights and disability-inclusive development in the Asia-Pacific region, leading up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Side events to the High-Level meeting included:

* Bringing the Hope of Incheon 2012 to Jakarta 2022: “Make the Right Real” - Past Decade Achievements, Ways forward: Reflections and Commitments of ESCAP Champions and Promoters of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022
* Closing the justice gap: Innovation, evidence and action to enhance access to justice for women with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

The meeting was held in Jakarta and online from 19-21 October.

[Read more on the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities.](http://bit.ly/3CTcoLZ)

## Flipping the script on inclusive employment

Persons with disabilities are significantly underrepresented in the labour market, including in OECD countries. With the pandemic exacerbating an already challenging job market, how can we ensure equal and sustainable access for persons with disabilities?

For more, [read this blog](https://www.oecd-forum.org/posts/flipping-the-script-on-inclusive-employment-73ce659a-1060-4744-b1a0-d8470b1a0209) by Vladimir Cuk, Executive Director, International Disability Alliance.

## IDA’s compilations of CRPD Committee’s Concluding Observations

The CRPD Committee has undertaken more than 100 State reviews during its total of 27 sessions. Consequently, the Committee has adopted more than 100 Concluding Observations (CO) that include detailed recommendations to State Parties around the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). These recommendations conform to the main body of the CRPD Committee's “jurisprudence” and reflect the interpretation by the Committee under each article.

The International Disability Alliance has systematically compiled the recommendations issued by the CRPD Committee in the concluding observations throughout the years, organizing them by article, to facilitate access to them for the benefit of organizations of persons with disabilities, civil society organizations, disability rights researchers and other interested stakeholders.

Each document includes a cover, the text of the article/s, an automated table of contents and all the recommendations in reverse chronological order (the more recent first).

Download the full compilation [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AiX09eZCAvWURa_oI1s3EogtvRWE4RKL/view?usp=sharing) or download the CRPD Committee CO by Article on this [page](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/ida%E2%80%99s-compilations-crpd-committee%E2%80%99s-concluding-observations).

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## Experiences of people with physical disabilities when accessing microfinance services in Bangladesh: A qualitative study

This paper represents the experiences of people with physical disabilities in accessing microfinance lending and provides insights into the issues that they face in accessing microfinance. The study suggests that people with physical disabilities experience substantial exclusion, stigma and barriers in accessing microfinance. In many cases, despite the efforts of microfinance institutions, credit is unavailable to many people with physical disabilities, as they experience negative and unfriendly behavior from microfinance staff and unaffordable credit conditions.

This study not only share the experiences of people with physical disabilities from a context in the Global South, but also provides insights which might be useful to understanding the challenges that other people with disabilities in different countries face in terms of financial inclusion.

[Access the full article here.](https://journals.openedition.org/alterjdr/1115?lang=en)

## Towards Transformation: Shifting Social Norms for Transformative WASH

This guidance note refers to social norm change in, and through, WASH programs. It is not a comprehensive “how to” guide for designing successful social norm initiatives, but the checklists within provide guiding questions and practical examples that can be used to increase understanding of how to implement a social norms initiative as a component of WASH programs.

This guidance primarily draws from the literature on shifting social norms that sustain gender-related harmful and exclusionary practices; there is less documented experience on shifting social norms that perpetuate the exclusion of people with disabilities and people with diverse gender identities and sexual orientations.

[Access the guidance note here](https://www.waterforwomenfund.org/en/news/towards-transformation-shifting-social-norms-for-transformative-wash.aspx).

## Rohingya Refugee Response: Disability Inclusion Tip Sheet

Disability inclusion is achieved when persons with disabilities meaningfully participate in all their diversity, when their rights are promoted. The tip sheet illustrates the different types of disability, the issues faced by people with disability and shows partial and integrated solutions to address the issue. It also provides etiquette for communication with children/persons with disabilities and provides recommendations for disability inclusive action.

[Access the full document here](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/bangladesh/document/disability-inclusion-tip-sheet?_gl=1*9jru3b*_ga*NjY0MDI3MjYwLjE2MDY4OTAzMjI.*_ga_E60ZNX2F68*MTY2NTMwNzM3MS4xLjEuMTY2NTMwODY3Ni42MC4wLjA.).

# Webinar recordings

## Day of General Discussion on racial discrimination and the right to health organized by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

During the general discussion by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the intersectionality between disability and race was acknowledged. In the opening remarks to the discussion, the OHCHR representative also emphasized the importance of providing mental health services to persons with psychosocial disabilities calling on ‘States Parties to guarantee access to community services by persons with psychosocial disabilities.’ The discussion highlighted how health care inequalities adversely impact women with disabilities from racial minorities and that persons with psychosocial disabilities from racial minorities are overrepresented among those forcibly institutionalized in inpatient care. Several recommendations were made to recognize the intersectionality between disability and race in health outcome and health-care services.

[Access the webinar here](https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1f/k1fm1s2f9g).

## UNFPA Transformative Agenda (23 August 2022)

Listen to the launch of reports on the barriers that women and girls with disabilities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu face in accessing services for sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence.

[Access the webinar here.](https://cbm365au.sharepoint.com/ADDC/ADDC%20Shared/Communications/Bulletin/2022%20Bulletins/ADDC%20Bulletin%20October%202022/fb.watch/fPDWTGVQre/)

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

## Call for short articles on aid and development from Pacific scholars

Are you a scholar/PhD student from a Pacific island country? Do you have research-based insights on disability inclusion in the Pacific? If the answer is “yes”, now is your chance to publish a paper in a well-regarded academic journal.

The UK-based *Development Policy Review* is calling for short academic articles on aid and development from scholars from Pacific island countries, for a special issue titled ‘Pacific people’s perspectives on foreign aid and development’. This is a great opportunity for PhD students and scholars, particularly early career scholars, to share their knowledge with a global academic audience.

Closing date for abstracts is 18 November. More information on this call can be found [here](https://devpolicy.org/pacific-authors-dpr-20221007/).

## Call for abstracts for 5th Asia-Pacific CBID Congress

The scientific subcommittee of the International Organizing Committee of Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Congress calls for abstracts to facilitate the exchange and sharing of knowledge and experiences on CBID.

The theme of this congress is, “Strengthening Social and Economic Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic through Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID)”, with the following sub themes:

* Promoting Economic Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities
* Promoting Social Well Being and Social Protection for Persons with Disabilities
* Strengthening Collaborations and Partnerships among all Stakeholders for Effective CBID
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Abstracts must be submitted no later than 15 November 2022.

[Learn more about abstract submission](https://www.cbid5.dac.gov.kh/abstract).

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

## 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).

## 7th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability - “Nothing without us: Deepening partnership for an inclusive recovery for the Blue Pacific Continent in a post COVID world”

Fiji | February 27-March 3, 2023

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## 5th Asia-Pacific Community-based Inclusive Development Congress 2023

Royal Government of Cambodia & CBID/CBR Asia Pacific Network | March 15-17, 2023

[LEARN MORE HERE](https://cbid5.dac.gov.kh/).

## Launch of WHO Training in Assistive Products

World Health Organization | November 10-24, 2022

[LEARN MORE HERE.](https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/11/10/default-calendar/launch-of-who-training-in-assistive-products)

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Director of Program Impact

CBM Australia | Applications reviewed as received.

[LEARN MORE & APPLY](https://bit.ly/3S39Vms).

## “Stepping Into Program” for students with disability

The Australian Network on Disability runs an internship program which pairs university students with disability with executives in Australian organisations.

Twice a year the Australian Network on Disability recruits university students who meet employers’ job descriptions. The students complete an internship either during their winter or summer semester break to gain practical experience and confidence in the workplace.

Students do a minimum of 152 hours, either as a four-week full-time block or flexibly across a longer period. They work at the organisation’s head office or branch locations giving them a chance to experience a range of tasks and project challenges.

91% of interns reported that they felt better prepared for the workforce after doing the program and 98% of managers who supervised the interns said they would participate in the program again.

[Find out more about the program](https://www.and.org.au/students-jobseekers/start-an-internship/).

## 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/).

# 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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