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Welcome to our latest newsletter, where we bring you the latest updates on disability-inclusive development in our region and beyond. In this issue, we highlight notable reports that have been recently released, including UNICEF's *The State of Children Report*, which offers new insights into the experiences of children with disabilities. We also feature *Missing Millions*, a report that sheds light on the often-overlooked experiences of older persons with disabilities in humanitarian crises. These reports provide valuable information and analysis that can help to guide efforts to create more inclusive and equitable societies for all.

The Australian Government will be releasing the Federal Budget for 2023-2024 on Tuesday 9th May. The ADDC secretariat will be providing commentary on the impacts on disability inclusive development with the international development budget. See our social media on the night. ACFID will be providing their expert analysis and insights on how the budget will affect Australia’s work in international development, and humanitarian assistance. Follow their [Twitter feed](http://www.twitter.com/ACFID) for real time developments on Budget night. For more information on what ADDC is calling for in this Budget read our submission to the Treasury [here](https://www.addc.org.au/federal-budget-2023-2024-submission-to-treasury/).

This month, we welcomed our new ACFID representative, Lanni Hamblin to the [ADDC Executive Committee](https://www.addc.org.au/who-we-are/executive-committee/).

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

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

## International development sector concerned about drop in Australia’s OECD DAC ranking

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) is concerned that Australia has fallen further down the global development assistance ladder, sitting at 27th out of 30 member states in [new data released by the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)](http://www.oecd.org/dac/foreign-aid-surges-due-to-spending-on-refugees-and-aid-for-ukraine.htm) on 12 April 2023.

This is a drop from our previous position of 21st out of 29 member states. According to the OECD data, Australia’s development spend is now 0.19% of gross national income (GNI), down from 0.22% in 2021. There are some adjustments for calendar years and currency fluctuations that can be taken into account but the overall direction of Australia’s ranking amongst peers is concerning.

[Read the full media release](https://acfid.asn.au/international-development-sector-concerned-about-drop-in-australias-oecd-dac-ranking).

## Australian Global Development Ecosystem Map

InDev has launched a project to map the various organisations within the broader development ecosystem to support their goal to enhance the international development ecosystem in our region.

Building across NGOs, contractors, and academia, technology and finance, the map seeks to better visualise and understand the ecosystem and everyone involved in global development.

View map in detail [here](https://indev.media/ecosystem-map-aus/).

The InDev team has sorted based on size, impact and primary focus area across each organization. The map has limited inclusion of organisations to those with larger revenue or size in order to fit the myriad or organisations into one page. ADDC is included in the network segment of the map.

This map is the first step in a growing effort to highlight and showcase the incredible work being delivered across the ecosystem. By sharing insights into the many organisations engaged in the ecosystem, InDev’s hope is that there may be greater opportunities for collaboration across sectors, more mobility in employment across the sectors, and a greater awareness and profile of development across the country.

[Access InDev’s Global Development Ecosystem Map](https://indev.media/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/InDev-ADEM-2-Large.png).

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## PDF 2023 Conference Discussion Paper and Conference Outcome Statements

Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) co-hosted the 7th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability. The Conference focused on the theme “Nothing Without Us: Deepening partnership for an inclusive and equitable Blue Pacific Continent for persons with disabilities”.

The PDF 2023 Conference Discussion Papers, outlining their full recommendations on issues across the sector as required to achieve equity and fulfil rights of people with disabilities across the Pacific region, can be found in accessible Word and PDF versions [here](https://www.addc.org.au/file/pdf-2023-conference-discussion-paper/).

The PDF Conference Outcome Statements, informed by all stakeholders at the conference, including but not limited to PDF, are available here: [7th Pacific Conference Outcome Statement](https://pacificdisability.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Final_Outcome-Document_PDF-2023-7PRCD-Conference-Outcome-Statement.pdf) as well as detailed statements for 6 key groups of people with disabilities ([Indigenous](https://pacificdisability.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/7PRCD_Indigenous_OutcomeStatement-1.pdf), [older people](https://pacificdisability.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/7PRCD_Older-persons-Disability_Outcome-Statement-1.pdf), [youth](https://pacificdisability.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/7PRCD_Youth-Disability_OutcomeStatement.pdf), [persons with psychosocial disabilities](https://pacificdisability.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/7PRCD_Youth-Disability_OutcomeStatement.pdf), [persons with intellectual disabilities](https://pacificdisability.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/7PRCD_Intellectual-Disability_Outcome-Statement-1.pdf)).

## UNICEF’s flagship report, The State of the World’s Children 2023 - First-ever statistical table on children with disabilities

For this first time, UNICEF’s flagship report, The State of the World’s Children 2023, which was launched on 21 April 2023, includes a statistical table in its annex with data on children with disabilities. Table 16 presents a selection of indicators on child well-being across various domains: child protection, early childhood development, education, nutrition, social protection and equity as well as WASH. For each indicator, data are presented for children with and without disabilities. There are data for 43 countries spanning many regions of the world. This is the result of data collected through the [Child Functioning Module](https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-disability/data-collection-tools/module-on-child-functioning/) developed by UNICEF and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics.  
  
Inclusion of children with disabilities starts with data.

[Access the report.](https://data.unicef.org/resources/sowc-2023/)

## Good Return’s new and local partnerships in Cambodia - a further step in their commitment to disability inclusion

In Cambodia, only half of people with disabilities are formally employed (52.9%), poverty rates amongst people with disabilities in Cambodia are 4-6% higher than for people without disabilities, and households which include members with disabilities incur an average extra expenditure of USD 40 per month. The financial inclusion of this group is therefore crucial, and Good Return's four new local partners - which are organizations of people with disabilities (OPDs) - are uniquely placed to ensure improvement in the livelihoods of those living with disabilities. Good Return is working with these new partners alongside longstanding partner Chamroeun Microfinance Plc. to deliver our CAFE (Consumer Awareness and Financial Empowerment) Initiative. The CAFE Initiative is an innovative financial education program for people in disadvantaged communities. Focused on behavioral change, CAFE helps learners make good financial choices so they can plan and take control of their money.

[Read more about Good Return’s partnerships in Cambodia](https://goodreturn.org.au/blog/celebrating-our-new-and-local-partnerships-in-cambodia-a-further-step-in-our-commitment-to-disability-inclusion).

## ESCAP guidance note on disability-inclusive project management cycle

To translate the concepts and principles contained in the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS) and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Disability Inclusion Policy into reality, this guidance note lays out core principles and practice steps to be taken to mainstream disability perspectives at all stages of project management: planning; implementing; monitoring and evaluation.

This guidance note aims to support project managers in integrating disability inclusion into the design of projects.

[Access the guidance note](https://www.unescap.org/kp/2023/guidance-note-disability-inclusive-project-management-cycle).

## Missing Million: How older people with disabilities are excluded from humanitarian responses

Up to 14 million older people with disabilities may be affected by humanitarian disasters. These people are among those most at risk, yet little is known about their particular experiences. Their rights and needs are widely overlooked in humanitarian response. The aim of this study was to explore the experiences of older people with disabilities across a range of humanitarian settings.

This study was undertaken by Phillip Sheppard and Sarah Polack, International Centre for Evidence in Disability at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

[Access the report](https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/media/23446).

## UNICEF & CBM Global guide: How to get started on disability inclusion in humanitarian action

This short guide outlines basic steps on how to get started on disability inclusion in a humanitarian context for disability focal points, emergency focal points, and staff engaged in humanitarian coordination.

[Access the guide](https://www.unicef.org/media/124166/file/How%20to%20get%20started%20on%20disability%20inclusion%20in%20humanitarian%20action.pdf).

## UNICEF & CBM Global guide: Cluster coordination - essential actions on disability inclusion

Cluster coordinators and information managers play a pivotal role in coordinating and supporting partners to identify and address the needs, priorities, risks, and capacities of children and adults with disabilities, to make humanitarian responses person-centred, safe, and accessible for all throughout the Humanitarian Programme Cycle. This document outlines essential actions to ensure that disability inclusion is embedded across cluster coordination systems and processes.

[Access the guide.](https://www.unicef.org/media/124156/file/Budgeting%20and%20mobilizing%20resources%20for%20disability%20inclusion%20in%20humanitarian%20actions%20%20.pdf)

## UNICEF & CBM Global guide: Budgeting and mobilizing resources for disability inclusion in humanitarian actions

This short guide addresses those aspects. It introduces considerations in inclusive budgeting, how to estimate the costs relating to disability inclusion, and provides tips on disability inclusion within the resource mobilization strategy.

[Access the guide.](https://www.unicef.org/media/124156/file/Budgeting%20and%20mobilizing%20resources%20for%20disability%20inclusion%20in%20humanitarian%20actions%20%20.pdf)

## UNICEF & CBM Global guide: Interagency coordination on disability inclusion at country level

This interagency/ intersectional approach to disability inclusion in humanitarian actions at the country level. It provides tips for more systematic efforts to improve cross-sectoral coordination on disability inclusion and coherence with other cross-cutting issues such as gender equality and accountability to affected populations (AAP). This guide describes disability working groups and disability focal points as two mechanisms to strengthen coordination on disability inclusion.

[Access the guide](https://www.unicef.org/media/124206/file/Interagency%20coordination%20on%20disability%20inclusion%20at%20country%20level%20.pdf).

## UNICEF & CBM Global checklist: Essential actions on disability-inclusive humanitarian action checklist

This checklist provides a package of essential actions required to ensure disability-inclusive humanitarian action in line with the IASC guideline, CCCs, UNICEF Emergency Procedures, and guidance. It is a companion to UNICEF’s Guidance on including children with disabilities in humanitarian action.

[Access the checklist](https://www.unicef.org/media/124241/file/Essential%20actions%20on%20disability-inclusive%20humanitarian%20action:%20checklist.pdf).

## 10 years of effective disability rights advocacy in Southeast Asia

According to World Health Organization estimates, Southeast Asia is home to about 95 million people with disabilities, who face many barriers in their daily lives, including while exercising one of their most fundamental rights—the right to engage in political life. In 2011, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) established the [General Election Network for Disability Access (AGENDA)](http://agendaasia.org/) as a forum to improve access of people with disabilities in Southeast Asia to political and electoral opportunities through increased public awareness and advocacy for change.

Over the past 10 years, AGENDA’s initiatives have supported gender equality, women’s rights, and youth engagement as critical elements of disability rights advocacy. These efforts aimed to promote the creation of inclusive enabling environments where all persons with disabilities can exercise their human rights and participate meaningfully in the social and political fabric of each country.

[Access the webpage here](https://www.ifes.org/news/10-years-effective-disability-rights-advocacy-southeast-asia).

# WEBINAR RECORDINGS

## High-Level Political Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals - The Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities for Sustainable Development

This is a joint webinar with UN DESA and the Major Groups & Other Stakeholders on Stakeholder Participation in the 2023 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). UN experts and civil society partners on the VNR process share their ideas and provide an opportunity to learn about key steps for engagement in the buildup to the UN's High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). The first section covers the background and context of the VNRs, including the official UN processes of the 2030 Agenda. The second section offers specific insights into how stakeholders can engage in practical steps towards the HLPF in July 2023.

Access the full webinar in [English](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mx-AZvXuNKw), [Spanish](https://youtu.be/njkUehuUJ-U) and [French](https://youtu.be/yhj5o-g35IA).

## Summit for Democracy: Disability Rights Cohort Virtual Session

The 2023 Summit for Democracy cohorts have been formed around key themes to help advance topic areas raised at the first Summit in 2021. The Disability Rights Cohort is led by the Government of Australia and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). With the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and economic instability disproportionately impacting persons with disabilities, having a voice in governance is crucial. This session provides details on the Summit for Democracy, what the Disability Rights Cohort proposes to achieve, and how governments and civil society organizations can engage going forward.

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

## WHO-Ukraine event on rehabilitation, assistive technology and disability inclusion in conflict

On 7 March, WHO/Europe, the WHO Country Office in Ukraine and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine hosted a public event highlighting truly urgent issues: people’s rehabilitation needs, disability inclusion, and the use of assistive technology in the context of the health response to the ongoing war. The event also discussed WHO’s work related to law, policy and service provision in the context of the war in Ukraine, WHO's rehabilitation, assistive technology and disability inclusion strategy, and WHO's partnerships and collaborations with international and local organizations, and key ministries. There is simultaneous interpretation provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian.

[Access the webinar here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wki1p-zxzJY)

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

## Centre of Excellence on Data for Children with Disabilities: Call for proposals

UNICEF’s Centre of Excellence on Data for Children with Disabilities launched a call for proposals on data analyses to promote the use of data and the generation of knowledge on the state of children with disabilities.

This initiative is designed to build capacity for data analysis and to promote collaboration between skilled and early career researchers/data analysts, as well as collaboration among associated institutions. The recipients will have the opportunity to design and conduct innovative data analysis on topics relating to children with disabilities; the results will be published in a format to be determined by UNICEF.

A globally competitive process will be undertaken to select successful candidates. Applications from qualified candidates from low- and middle-income countries and/or who identify as having a disability are encouraged.

Closing date for applications is 1 May 2023.

[Access more information on the call for proposals](https://data.unicef.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Call-for-proposals-Data-Analyses.pdf).

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Consultant opportunity

International Disability Alliance | Closing date: 14 May 2023

[LEARN MORE HERE](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/opportunities).

## Youth-led climate action course

University of Oxford & Global Youth Coalition | Online | Closing date: 30 April 2023

[LEARN MORE HERE](http://theglobalyouth.co/) & [REGISTER HERE](https://forms.gle/CUXuFu85kfypLp6z6).

## Introduction to Digital Accessibility eLearning

Vision Australia | Self-paced e-course

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# 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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