UNPRPD: Engaging with Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action Matters
About UNPRPD Fund

✓ UNPRPD stands for United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

✓ We are a Fund, part of the United Nations

✓ The United Nations is where 193 countries work together to make the world better and safer

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What does the fund do?

- It gives money to United Nations organizations in different countries around the world.
- It tells United Nations organizations to use this money to make sure people with disabilities have their rights.
- It makes sure the United Nations and governments listen to people with disabilities about what they need.
How UNPRPD Fund works

UNPRPD has three ways for working with organizations of people with disabilities:

 ✓ We make sure **all** programmes partner with organizations of people with disabilities

 ✓ We make sure **all** disability representative organizations are partners including self-advocates'

 ✓ We make sure **women and girls with disabilities** have equal rights
People with disabilities decide

We also make sure:

- Organizations of people with disabilities have a say in all decisions
- Organizations of people with disabilities are part of decision-making like steering committees or advisory groups
We make sure that no one is left out by reaching out to organizations of people with disabilities.

And by finding other groups often left behind like people with psycho-social disabilities, Deafblind people, people with albinism and people with intellectual disabilities.
We work to make sure women and girls with disabilities have their rights.

We make sure women with disabilities have a say and are included.
1,057 organizations of people with disabilities participated in UNPRPD programmes in 80 countries.

54% of UNPRPD programmes had to do with the rights for women and girls with disabilities.

46% of UNPRPD programmes had to do with rights of people with disabilities who are more marginalized.
✓ We make sure our programmes are accessible

✓ We make sure our communications and information are accessible using Easy Read and Easy to Understand

✓ We worked with Inclusion International to learn how to do this
We support the United Nations to use accessible communication.

For example: We require reports and written documents to be accessible using Easy-to-Read.
Our work in emergency response and humanitarian crises

- We support people with disabilities in Ukraine to have information, services and a place to stay to keep them safe during the conflict.

- We also support people with disabilities from Ukraine who had to leave their homes and now live in Moldova and Georgia.
Our work to do with humanitarian response

✓ United Nations organizations in Ukraine worked with people with disabilities

✓ Together they wrote a document to make sure communication is accessible during an emergency
United Nations organizations and the government in Zimbabwe worked with women with disabilities. They made sure the National Preparedness and Response Plan to do with emergencies like floods included women with disabilities.
What are the gaps?

✓ People with disabilities should have more of a say about things that matter to them

✓ People with disabilities need to be seen as the experts on inclusion

✓ They need to be seen as partners and not just participants
Disability inclusion needs to be part of all humanitarian and emergency response efforts.

It must be coordinated across UN organizations.

Inclusion must be planned in the beginning (for example, all new shelters should be accessible).
What is important to do

✓ Find organizations of persons with disabilities

✓ Make sure to include all types of people with disabilities including self-advocates

✓ Invite people with disabilities and their organizations to be part of decision-making to do with climate change and humanitarian emergencies
What is important to do

✓ Ask persons with disabilities what they need in humanitarian emergencies

✓ Ask persons with disabilities what kind of support they need to feel safe

✓ Make sure persons with disabilities have a say having to do with the environment and climate change
What is important to do

✓ Support organizations of persons with disabilities groups to become stronger

✓ Make sure persons with disabilities have a role in the work

✓ Make sure they know what is going on along the way

✓ Make sure persons with disabilities can have an equal say in decisions
What is important to do

✓ Make sure your work is fully accessible

✓ Provide Easy-to-Read information

✓ Plan meetings and communication using Easy-to-Understand formats
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