



# Mainstreaming of young people with disabilities in Development


Commission on Population and Development

The International Disability Alliance



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- **Disabled Peoples International**
- **Down Syndrome International**
- **International Federation of Hard of Hearing People**
- **Inclusion International**
- **World Blind Union**
- **World Federation of the Deaf**
- **World Federation of the Deafblind**
- **World Network of Users and survivors of Psychiatry**
- **Arab Organization of Disabled People**
- **European Disability Forum**
- **Pacific Disability Forum**
- **Latin-American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and Their Families – RIADIS**

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- Why development is important for YWD?

Are they powerless and voiceless in special institutions?



Or worst, are they neglected and abandoned by society?



Source: Olivier Jeannel for Pineda Foundation for Youth and WORLD ENABLED

Or are they participating in youth and disability movement ...





...Embracing the power?

Or are they sheltered and  
secluded?







**Or in inclusive education?**



Or holding a job?



# Overview

- 130 million young people with disabilities
- Starting an independent livelihood is more difficult for YWD because they frequently remain invisible to employment, educational and youth transition policies.
- YWD are less likely to be in school
- Lower transition rates to HE
- Market oriented transitions and large public sector reforms and YWD



# YWD in Development: Barriers

- SG report “the adolescents and youth of today are central to realizing development that is sustainable and equitable.”
- But, PWD excluded in 2000 MDG
- PWD face barriers in accessing development programmes and funds
- 80% of PWD live in developing world, 4% benefit from international cooperation
- Development efforts continue to finance projects not in line with CRPD



## YWD in Development: Good news

- 112 Member States ratified the CRPD.
- CRPD envisions responsibilities of States Parties towards international cooperation in its article 32.
- Several UN resolutions have highlighted disability as a development goal.
- High Level Meeting on Disability and Development.
- Disability as a cross-cutting issue

# Recommendations

- **Disaggregation of data** and the **collection of new datasets on disability (and youth)**
- **Recognition of disability in the next MDG**
- **Disability markers**
- **Mainstreaming of disability in the work of UN agencies**: UNDP, UNWOMEN, UNICEF and UNFPA. Disability to be recognized in their strategic plans.
- **MAINSTREAMING OF DISABILITY IN THE CPD RESOLUTION**