



Supporting the Empowerment of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Disability and Poverty

- + Cycle between Disability and Poverty
- + One billion Persons with Disabilities (one in seven)
- + 80% of people with disabilities lives in low and middle income countries
- + Make up 20% of the world's poorest people
- + Less than 5% of children and youth with disabilities have access to education (Global literacy rate for adults with disabilities 3%)

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

- + Negotiation process. Nothing about us without us
- + Paradigm Shift (from Medical to Social Model)
- + Human Rights Based Approach to Development
 - + Comprehensive treaty with non-discrimination and development dispositions.
 - + International cooperation and poverty reduction
 - + Access to Justice,
 - + National Monitoring
- + Mandates Participation and Consultation with DPOs and PWD

Human Rights Based Approach to Development

- + Under this approach, the plans, policies and processes of development are anchored in a system of rights, which helps to promote the sustainability of development work, empowering people themselves— especially the most marginalized—to participate in policy formulation and hold accountable those who have a duty to act.
- + Participation means ensuring that national stakeholders have genuine ownership and control over development processes in all phases of the programming cycle: assessment, analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

CRPD as window of opportunity

- + Increased visibility to the situation of PWDs
- + A tool to include PWDs in the human rights and development agenda
- + Promotes changes in national policy and legislation in a participatory manner
- + Inclusive International Cooperation
- + Access to Justice (increasing capacity building of public servants)
- + **Tool for supporting PWD's empowerment**

TheCRPD: Challenges of Participation

- + Were DPOs in the developing world ready to demand substantive consultation at all stages of implementation?
- + Were DPOs ready to participate in that consultation in meaningful manner?
- + NO:
 - + Levels of marginalization
 - + Lack of rights advocacy capacity

Supporting Empowerment of PWDs

- + The Disability Rights Fund
 - + Supports only DPOs. (focus on emergent, marginalized, grassroots groups)
 - + Advance the CRPD
 - + Process is as important as results
 - + Understanding Context
 - + Addressing capacity building needs (in design and implementation)
 - + Supports movement building (Grantee Convenings, promotion of Alliance building)
 - + DRF's structure (presence of PWDs at all levels)

Lessons Learned: Failures?

- + High support needs of DPOs
- + Who is setting the agenda?
- + Where are groups at? What are their needs?
- + More and more attention to context
- + Projects that can end up jeopardizing CRPD advancement
- + Advocacy skills are as important as rights understanding.
- + Strategic Alliances

Achievements

+ Peru:

- + Inclusion of persons with disabilities as beneficiaries of the participatory budgeting process in Cusco and Puno (two DPO projects have been already funded using this mechanism)
- + Organizations of women with disabilities from the Lima slums are strongly advocating for their inclusion as beneficiaries of poverty reduction programs.
- + Organizations of Persons with Intellectual and Psychosocial disabilities successfully challenged the decision of the electoral authority to exclude more than 23,000 persons with such disabilities from the voter's registry.
- + A national platform of DPOs promoted the approval of a new disability act in accordance with the CRPD. The act was promoted as a citizen's initiative supported by more than 100, 000 signatures.
- + For the first time the Ministry of Treasury allocated substantial budget as part of the "presupuesto por resultados" (results based budget) for disability rights projects.

Other achievements

- + Indigenous Persons with Disabilities
- + Post 2015 Agenda