



INTRODUCTION

This overview complements our analysis of recent country reports to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related conventions from the UN's least developed countries. Our initial report, *Barriers and Successes to Implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An Overview of the UN's Least Developed Countries*, identifies and discusses competing models of disability that shape approaches to the rights of disabled persons, the conditions that limit the capacity to protect and exercise those rights, creative partnerships and initiatives that advance rights and services in LDCs, and the potential for youth activism.

Although the country reports rarely mention specific civil society partners, in this report we highlight organizations in each LDC which appear explicitly or likely to contribute to advancing these rights and services. Contact information, overviews, and mission statements are provided where available.

In addition, a list of national laws related to the rights of persons with disabilities, organized by country, is available here:

<https://dredf.org/legal-advocacy/international-disability-rights/international-laws/>

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Angola

Federation of Organizations of Disabled People in Angola (FAPE D)

No website, but they have a Facebook page

Description: this group is the national affiliate of the Southern African Federation of the Disabled in Angola. The aim of the group is to represent associations of disabled people at the national level and to participate in discussions with the government about the policies relating to persons with disabilities.

National Association for the Near-Sighted and the Blind

Website: <https://worldblindunion.org/members-and-partners/regions-and-countries/africa/>

Contact: lucas@afub-uafa.org or lucasamo] ontact:

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Benin

Handicap International

Website: <https://www.hi.org/en/country/benin>

Contact: info@belgium.hi.org, phone number- 32 (0) 2 280 16 01

Description: This group works to improve the vocational and economic inclusion of people with disabilities in Benin through awareness-raising, training and advocacy. They support the creation of inclusive businesses and develop guidance and financial support mechanisms to promote access to employment for people with disabilities. HI specifically works with the authorities, companies and training centers to facilitate the

Bhutan (cont.)

Ability Bhutan Society

<https://absbhutan.org>

Tel/Fax: +975 2340747, Mobile: +975 17128798, E mail: info@absbhutan.org

MISSION: Enhancing the quality of life of individuals living with moderate to severe diverse abilities by:

- Advocating and creating awareness of the rights of people living with diverse abilities in Bhutanese Society;

- Developing core groups of dedicated, committed and trained Social Workers and caregivers;

- Enhancing families and caregivers skills to empower those living with diverse abilities in their care; and

- Providing direct interventions to enhance the capabilities of people with differing abilities.

Local

Burkina Faso

Fédération Burkinabè des Associations pour la Promotion des Personnes Handicapées (FEBAH)

Website: Could not find an official website, Facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/handicap.et.inclusion.au.burkina.faso/>

Contact: +226 70 12 70 33, febah@fasonet.bf

Description: Founded in 1992 to represent persons with disabilities. Consulted by the government on disability issues along with other significant disabled people's organizations. They take active participation roles in the elaboration of the legal promotion and protection of rights for people with disabilities.

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Burundi

We Are Able Burundi (international)

Website:

Cambodia (cont.)

Founded in 1995 under the National General Assembly of Cambodia, officially recognized by the government and general public as successfully promoting the rights of people with disabilities. Continued to advocate and work with people with disabilities to bring about full and equal participation in society.

Has a membership based of 56 disabled people's organizations/federations of persons with disabilities

8 women with disabilities forums recognized by the Ministry of Interior

Local NGO

Komar Pikar Foundation

Weblink: <http://komarpikar.org/who-we-are/>

Address: 35G EoE 1, street 3 Khan Dangkor Phnom Penh

PO Box: 148, CCC Box 321, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.

Phone: + 855 (0) 17 77 75 32

Description

Komar Pikar Foundation= Foundation for Disabled Children

Seeks to aid children and young people- and their families- with moderate and severe disabilities.

National NGO

The Advocacy and Policy Institute

Weblink: https://apiinstitute.org/page/voices_of_people_with_disabilities

Address: Phnom Penh Villa Building,

124, St. 388, Sangkat Toul Svay Prey 1

Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh

Cambodia

Phone Number: 855-23-213-485

Description

Overarching goal to create democratic and social development needs of Cambodia
Aims to ensure that public services offered by districts are available more to persons with disabilities, including taking part in education, receiving healthcare, or taking part in general social and government services.

I-SAF Project: implementation of social accountability framework

Internationally probed reform process that Cambodia joined to achieve development goals

Been an effort of both government institutions and civil society partners

Undertook a voices that matter project to bring disabled persons into the conversation and establishes a collective learning project

NGO

Democratic Republic of Congo

Congo Handicap

<http://www.congohandicap.org/>, local organization, contact@congohandicap.com
 An organization of mostly youth and women with disabilities engaging in mutual aid. The organization has a network of contact with people with disabilities who communicate their needs to the organization. The organization builds schools and centers for people with disability, provides mobility assistance, supervision of disabled children and orphans, rehabilitation, professional activities, and provides literacy training (description on website quite vague, not sure what they have actually done v. want to do).

East Egle Foundation

<https://eef-drc.org/>, emails: administration@eef-drc.org, ambassadors@eef-drc.org, local organization

The East Egle Foundation has an inclusive education program that designs training materials for schools and organizations to dismantle barriers to education for people with disabilities. They also provide humanitarian assistance to disabled people by partnering with humanitarian organizations and support parents of children with disabilities by providing entrepreneurship training and financial assistance.

Humanity and Inclusion

<https://www.hi-us.org/where>, info.use@hi.org, international organization

The 113 person team in the DRC helps people with disabilities enroll in school, promotes different Congolese disability rights organizations, improves rehabilitation services, mother and child healthcare, and psychological support.

Djibouti

Possible organizations of interest

Vivre Plus Fort (Live Stronger)

Action Handicap

Association Trisomie 21 (Down Syndrome Association)

Association Djiboutienne des Aveugles (Djiboutian Association of Blind Persons)

Association des Blessés Invalides des Mines et Mutilés de Guerre (Association of Persons with Disabilities caused by Landmines and War)

Centre de Protection des Enfants (Child Protection Centre)

Johanniter Auslandshilfe (Johanniter International Assistance).

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Eritrea

Gambia

The Gambia Federation of Disabled (umbrella organization)

Web Link: [https://gfdgambia.weebly.com/about-us.html#:~:text=The%20Gambia%20Federation%20of%](https://gfdgambia.weebly.com/about-us.html#:~:text=The%20Gambia%20Federation%20of%20)



Guinea (cont.)

Guinea Network of the Organizations of Persons with Disabilities for the Promotion of the CPRD

Web Link: N/A (source: <https://www.ds-international.org/guinea>)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ropacid.ph>

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Guinea-Bissau



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Kiribati (cont.)

Kiribati School and Centre for Children with Disabilities

Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/kiribatispecialschool/about>

Contact Info

Address: Old Hospital Building, Main Roadm Bikenibeu, Kiribati

E mail: kscsn.principal@gmail.com

Phone: (+ 686) 72029353

Description

Established in 1991 and the only school in Kiribati that educated and aids children with disabilities. This school educates children with various physical and mental disabilities. Both sign language and braille are taught for children with hearing and vision impairments. Currently they are educating over 200 children.

Local organization

Kiribati Deaf Association

Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/Kirideaf/>

Contact Info

E mail: toaua25@gmail.com

Synopsis:

Deaf activist organization in Kiribati. Works to promote deaf inclusivity; teaches sign language classes to hearing people.

Local Organization

Laos

<https://www.adb.org/publications/civil-society-briefs-lao-peoples-democratic-republic>

Officially recognized civil society organizations

Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union (LYU)

Does not explicitly mention disabilities but focuses on getting youth involved in various social movements, and many of the causes listed could also benefit those with disabilities, either directly or by improving the society around them. This is the official government youth organization.

Lesotho

Lesotho National Federation of Organisation of the Disabled (National NGO)

Website: <http://www.infod.org.ls/>

Contact: nkhasi@infod.org.ls (email) + 266 22330345 (phone)

Description: Established 1989. It is essentially an umbrella organization for all of the major organizations that work with disabled people in Lesotho. The organizations include Lesotho National Association of Physically Disabled, Intellectual Disability Association of Lesotho, Lesotho National League of the Visually Impaired Persons, and National Association of the Deaf in Lesotho. The main goals are to promote and defend the rights of disabled people by providing emotional support, training families, and providing material resources to those in need.

Liberia

AIFO Liberia

<https://aifoliberia.org/>

Description: "AIFO, Liberia is a professional non-profit health and development organization that enables opportunities for persons affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities, women, children and members of poor and vulnerable groups, through focused healthcare, education and economic empowerment initiatives in Liberia with the aim of providing a better quality of life and creating large scale positive change."

Contact Information:

+ 231 775269126

aifoliberia@gmail.com

5th Street Plumkor, Jallah's Town Road Opposite The Joy of Learning Montessori Institute Inc. Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia.

Williette Safehouse

<https://www.williettesafehouse.com/>

Description: "Williette Safehouse is called to serve one of the most marginalized groups globally, a community that is not only disabled by their bodies but, unfortunately, by the

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Liberia (cont.)

Liberia Disability Alliance

<https://www.liberiadisabilityalliance.org/who-we-are>

Description: A network of international and local NGOs dedicated to fulfilling the principles of the CRPD.

Membership: AIFO, Willette Safehouse, Sight Savers, The Carter Center, National Union of Organizations of the Disabled, Plan International

Contact Information:

liberiadisabilityalliance@gmail.com

+ 231776646746 / + 231886825944

Hosted by The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Madagascar

NICHR -

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Mauritania

Disabled Person's International (DPI)

Dedicated to enforcing the CRPD, with a focus on women and girls with disabilities. Headquartered in Ottawa, Canada, there is a local branch in Nouakchott, Mauritania.

Baghdad C 145, El Mina Nouakchott Mauritania

+ 222-4524-4085

<http://www.dpi.org/>

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List of local civil society organizations that address rights for persons with disabilities + yearly grant – boldface entries look the most relevant to youth empowerment

(https://www.adry.up.ac.za/images/adry/volume6_2018/Mauritania%20country%20report_2018.pdf)

A ssociation promotion et enseignement des aveugles

Promotion and Teaching of the Blind Association and the grant received by the association was MRO 600 000.

A ssociation Mauritanienne des deficients auditifs et de la voix

Hearing Aids and Voice of the Weak Mauritanian Association, and it received a grant of MRO 1 700 000.

A ssociation Nationale des aveugles de Mauritanie

National Association of the Blind of Mauritania, and it received a grant of MRO 2 383 000.

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A ssociation mauritanienne des handicapes de la lepre

Mauritanian Association of the Handicapped and Leprosy, and it received a grant of MRO 779 500.

A ssistance des necessiteux

Assistance to the Needy Association, and it received a grant of MRO 20 000.

Mauritania (cont.)

A ssociation des femmes handicapees pour la solidarite

A ssociation of Women with Disabilities for Solidarity and it received a grant of MRO 790 000.

Regroupement Mauritanien des femmes handicapees

A ssociation deals with women with disabilities, and it received a grant of MRO



Mauritania (cont.)

FEMANPH

Mauritanian Federation of National Associations of People with Disabilities (Federation Mauritanienne des Associations Nationales de Personnes Handicapees) has 45 associations, with 18 specifically focusing on disability and eight specialising in other themes, such as education. The association received a grant of MRO 6 640 000.

FEMHANDIS

Mauritanian Federation of Sports for the Disabled (Federation Mauritana de Deportes para las Personas Discapacitadas) received a grant MRO 500 000.

Association mauritanienne pour l'Integration et la Rehabilitation des Enfants et Adolescents Deficients Intellectuels (AMIREADI)

This is the Mauritanian Association for the Integration and Rehabilitation of Children and Adolescents with Intellectual Disabilities. The association received a grant of MRO 6 443 355. On the International Day of Persons Living with Disabilities, 3 December 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in collaboration with its partners Association pour la Lutte contre la Pauvrete et le sous-developpement (ALPD) and AMIREADI held a 'questions and answers' session for the urban refugees committee and the representatives of refugees living with disabilities in Nouakchott.⁶² The session was aimed at strengthening the inclusion of persons with disabilities and promote their full and equal enjoyment of rights and freedoms in Mauritania. It also gave urban refugees living with disabilities the opportunity to discuss gaps and gather information about existing services for people with disabilities in Mauritania.

Myanmar

Myanmar Independent Living Initiative,

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Nepal

National Federation of the Disabled-Nepal

Weblink: <https://nfdn.org.np/>

Contact Info

National Federation of the Disabled- Nepal Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu

PO Box: 9188

Phone 977-1-4231159

Fax: 977-1-4229522

E mail: info@nfdn.org.np

Description

National umbrella association of the organizations of persons with disabilities in Nepal on the community level &

Have over 350 member organizations in 74 districts

Works on the coordination and partnership



Sao Tome and Principe

(Difficult to find local and national civil society organizations)

ADF - African Disabilities Forum

Section: Associação dos Deficientes de Sao Tomé e Príncipe (ADSTP)

<https://africandisabilityforum.net/adf-members/>

Joseph Tito St, Kirkos Sub-City, Woreda 08,

Nega City Mall 5th floor, 5111, Ethiopia

info@adf-secretariat.org

Mission: "To unify and amplify the voice of persons with disabilities, their families and organizations in Africa at national, regional and international levels." They focus on spreading awareness and advocating for greater education opportunities.

African-based, international organization

UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund

<https://www.unfpa.org/contact>

United States (headquarters)

New York

605 Third Avenue

New York 10158

Option to email through the website

This international organization works to enforce international human rights and spread awareness and provide resources to underdeveloped countries. This organization attends the global disability summit. Their branch in Sao Tome and Principe focuses on improving their education and training programs

UN organization

GPE - Global Partnership

<https://www.globalpartnership.org/where-we-work/sao-tome-and-principe/information@globalpartnership.org>

Global Partnership for Education

c/o World Bank

MSN J2-200

1818 H Street NW

Washington D.C., 20433

This organization is focused on the right to education and improving the quality of education in Sao Tome and Principe because 60% of the teachers there are under qualified. This focuses on improving resources for children with disabilities as well.

World Bank offshoot

Sierra Leone (cont.)

Sierra Leone Association of the Blind

https://slab76205.wordpress.com/contact-us/?preview=true&preview_id=28&preview_nonce=1a911a326f

E mail: slab76205@yahoo.com , Telephone: [+ 232] 76978765; 23276838430

Mission: To advocate for equal rights and opportunities for blind and low vision persons and to facilitate their empowerment to achieve independence and social inclusion.

Local

Freetown Cheshire Home

<https://www.gomakeadifference.global/projects-awarded/case-studies/freetown-cheshire-home-project/>

grants@gomakeadifference.global

Mission: Freetown Cheshire Home provides accommodation and education to young children. A major issue in Sierra Leone is the lack of access to clean and safe water, and the children at Freetown Cheshire Home have suffered as a result of this major problem for years. Many of the residents have physical disabilities, and are unable to carry water or operate the water pump on their own because it was damaged.

Local

Solomon Islands

People with Disabilities Solomon Islands (PWD SI)

Contact Info

Address: PO Box 331, Honiara, Solomon Islands

Telephone: 677-25608

E mail: gendralter@gmail.com

Description

Leading civil society organization acting on behalf of people in the Solomon Islands, works with the government to advance National Disability Inclusive Development Policy

Conducts outreach and workshops on awareness for people with disabilities in Honiara, Guadalcanal, and Malaita. Works to continue to build partnerships with NGOs working with people with disabilities.

Local Organizations

Togo

Civil society organizations locate disability rights and services under social and health services

Association for the Defence of Human Rights (labeled most influential)

Youth Association (influential)

Association of Handicapped Persons (least influential)

Togolese Civil League (Formerly: Togolese League for the Defence of Human Rights)

<https://www.tcltogo.org>

Description:

"The Togolese Civil League is a transformative civil society Organization established in 2017. We embrace a strategy of building strong civic leader, advocating for the rule of law and raising awareness on the plight of the people of Togo. They have three major goals as of now, and "Democracy and Human Rights" is the most directly applicable to people with disabilities.

The National Education Coalitions (Togo, Lesotho, Vietnam)

<https://www.globalpartnership.org/blog/advancing-inclusive-education-making-children-disabilities->

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Uganda

The National Union of Disabled Persons

Website: <https://nudipu.org>

Contact Info: Freephone: + 256 700 540179, Telephone: + 256 414 540179, FAX: + 256 414 540179, E-mail: info@nudipu.org

National Union of Disabled persons of Uganda (NUDIPU) is an umbrella organization that advocates for the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities' and their concerns in the mainstream development processes

Local organization

Uganda Society for Disabled Children

Website:

Uganda (cont.)

National Union of Women with Disabilities of Uganda

Website: <https://nuwoduganda.org/about-us-2/>

Contact info: + 256(0)414285240

National Union of Women with Disabilities of Uganda (NUWODU) is a women-led Disabled People's Organization. It is legally registered in Uganda with the National NGO Board as a Non-Governmental Organization. It was formed in 1999 by a group of women and youth with disabilities at a National conference held in Kampala Uganda as a result of violation of rights of women and girls with disabilities, torture, barriers to social services, double discrimination, and lack of recognition by women's Rights movement, Government and societal discrimination as a minority population in Uganda.

Objectives: To address special needs of women and girls with disability at all levels,
To advocate for equal opportunities and create awareness on the rights and poten

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United Republic of Tanzania (cont.)

Zanzibar Association of People with Developmental Disabilities

Web Link: <https://www.zapddznz.org/>

Contact:

Headquarters

E mail: zapdd@yahoo.co.uk

Phone: 225 01 36 40 40 or + 244 (0) 777 429 428

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4539 Zanzibar, Tanzania

Chake-Chake, Pemba

E mail: zapddpemba@zanlink.com

Phone: + 255 (0) 777 415 973 or + 255 (0) 778 010 203

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 111 Chake-Chake Pemba

Description:

ZAPDD is a "nonpartisan civil society organization" that was established by parents of People with Intellectual Disabilities. The organization aims to tackle issues of marginalization of children and youths with intellectual disabilities.

Mission: "ZAPDD is a civil society organization committed to advocating for the rights of People with Developmental Disabilities"

Local Organization

Shirikisho la Vyama Vya Watu WT e uths

United Republic of Tanzania (cont.)

Brings together 10 national PWDs (Disabled People's Organizations)

Tanzania Albino Society - <https://www.facebook.com/TASTZ/info>

Tanzania League of the Blind

Tanzania Association of the Physically Handicap

Tanzania Association of the Deaf - <http://chavita.or.tz/about-us/>

Tanzania Association of the Deaf - Blind

Tanzania Association for the Mentally Handicap

Kilimanjaro Association of Spinal Cord Injuries

Psoriasis Association of Tanzania

Tanzania Users and Survivors of Psychiatric Organization

Association of Spinal Bifida and Hydrocephalus of Tanzania

Local Organization

Youth with Disabilities Organization (YOWDO)

Web Link:

<https://yowdo.or.tz/#:~:text=Youth%20with%20Disabilities%20Organization%20>

Contact:

Address: Mbezi Beach, Goba Road, Near Massana Hospital, Plot 101-Mbezi, Kati Stt, Kinondoni District, Dar Es Salaam-Tanzania

Phone: +255 764 466166

E mail: info@yowdo.or.tz

Description:

YOWDO is a non-governmental organization that promotes the welfare of youth with disabilities in Tanzania through enhancing economic skills, social engagement capacity, policy, and access to resources.

"... is committed to creating and promoting workplaces to become disability-inclusive where people with disabilities can exercise their rights, abilities, capabilities and talents."

Local organization

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