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“ The United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities remains the primary vehicle for implementing disability-specific joint projects. ”

UN Secretary-General Report to UNGA,

‘Disability inclusion in the United Nations system’, 2022



Young people with albinism attending the International Day of Persons with Disabilities dialogues in Manzini, Eswatini.
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MESSAGE FROM THE POLICY BOARD CHAIR



The world's 1.3 billion persons with disabilities continue to be among the most excluded and left behind. Everywhere, they face higher rates of poverty, lower educational achievements and poorer health outcomes than their peers without disabilities, and they are underrepresented in decision-making and political participation. The United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) remains pivotal in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities, including through promoting systemic changes at the national level to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

The UNPRPD Fund supports United Nations agencies' work with governments and civil society to translate their obligations under the CRPD into concrete policies, programmes and services to improve the lives of persons with disabilities. Since 2012, these efforts have benefited over 350 million people across 93 countries.

The UNPRPD Annual Report for 2023 reflects both the urgent need to address the rights of persons with disabilities and the commendable progress made as a result of our collective commitment.

As the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency, UNFPA is a proud and long-standing member of the UNPRPD Fund, helping to develop and improve policies and programmes that advance gender equality for women and girls with disabilities. The UNPRPD Fund welcomed the World Food Programme as a new partner in 2023. This partnership strengthens the 'One UN' approach to disability inclusion in all settings by supporting UN Member States to ensure that no one is left behind during times of humanitarian crises, conflicts and emergencies.

As we celebrate the gains made to date, we must acknowledge that there is still much work to be done. We must redouble our efforts and strengthen our work together towards an inclusive world where persons with disabilities are empowered to participate fully on an equal basis in all aspects of society.

I congratulate the UNPRPD on its achievements and express my continued support for the journey ahead.

Dr. Natalia Kanem

Executive Director of the United Nations Populations Fund
UNPRPD Policy Board Chair

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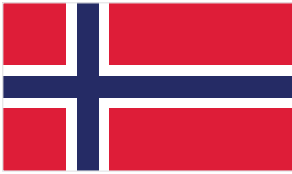
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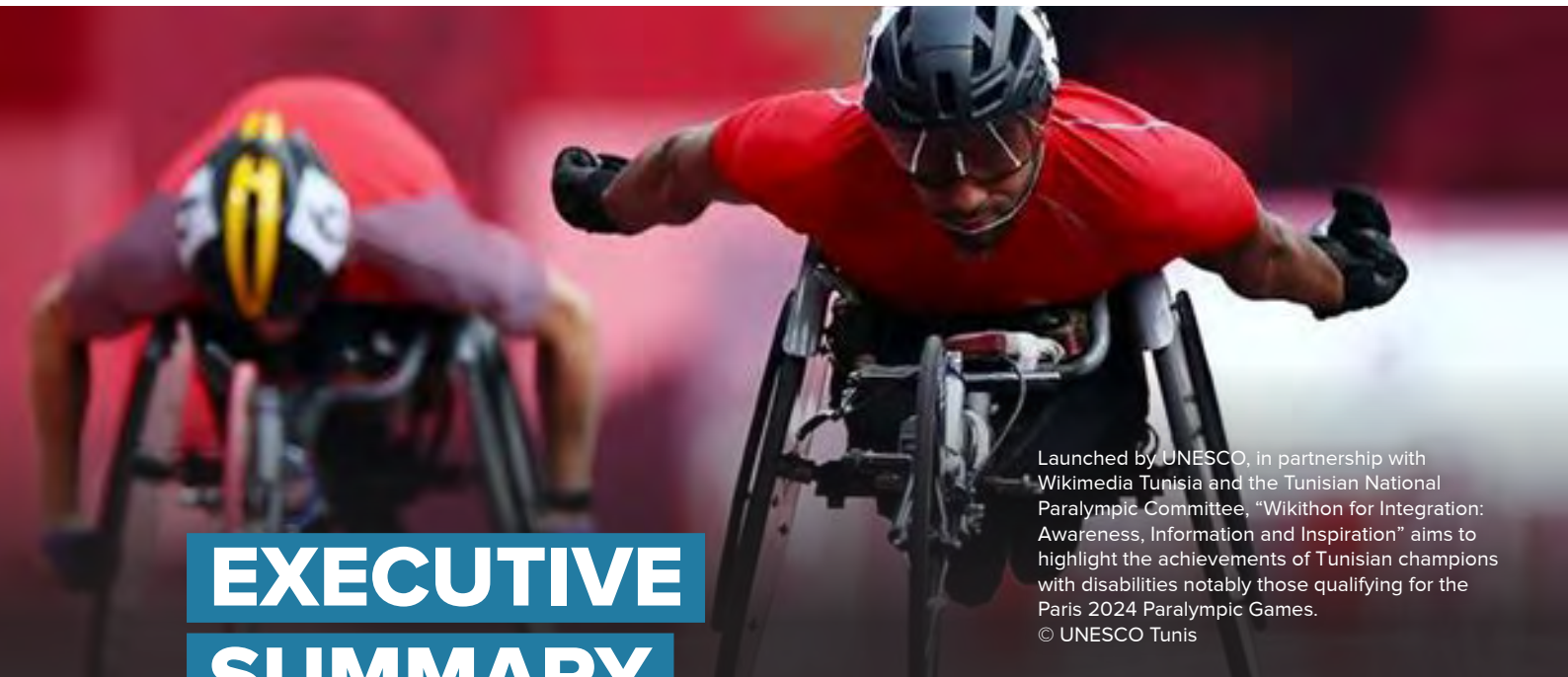
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CCA	Common Country Analysis
COSP	Conference of States Parties
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
GBV	Gender-based Violence
GDS	Global Disability Summit
IDA	International Disability Alliance
IDDC	International Disability and Development Consortium
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMM	Independent Monitoring Mechanism
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPDs	Organizations of Persons with Disabilities
PUNOs	Participating United Nations Organizations
RCO	Resident Coordinator's Office
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SOF	Strategic Operational Framework
SOGIESC	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNDIS	United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Populations Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNPRPD Fund	United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Fund
UNPRPD-TS	United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – Technical Secretariat
UNSDCF	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
VNR	Voluntary National Review
WFP	World Food Programme

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY





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Launched by UNESCO, in partnership with Wikimedia Tunisia and the Tunisian National Paralympic Committee, “Wikithon for Integration: Awareness, Information and Inspiration” aims to highlight the achievements of Tunisian champions with disabilities notably those qualifying for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
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Overview of UNPRPD

The United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Fund (UNPRPD Fund) is a unique pooled funding mechanism that brings together 11 United Nations entities, governments, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and broader civil society to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) around the world. It was established in 2011 to fund participating UN organizations (PUNOs) to advance the rights of persons with disabilities enshrined in the CRPD through joint programming at the national level working in partnership with OPDs, governments and broader civil society. The Fund is designed to promote inter-agency collaboration at country, regional and global levels to advance policy dialogue, to build coalitions and to increase institutional capacities

and trigger systemic changes towards a more inclusive and equitable society for all persons with disabilities.

Since 2012, the Fund has built the capacities of 109,339 representatives from government ministries, United Nations entities, OPDs, and other civil society organizations (CSOs) to implement catalytic changes to advance the rights of persons with disabilities. The UNPRPD Fund has supported 1,673 OPDs to participate in legislative, policy and system-level changes to advance implementation of the CRPD, inclusive SDG frameworks and to promote disability inclusion in humanitarian action and climate change.

To date, the UNPRPD Fund has supported 108 joint UN programmes in 93 countries,

mobilizing more than US\$77 million. Over the past 11 years, these investments led to 241 system-level changes and to the adoption of 102 laws, policies, strategies or regulations to positively affect the lives of 354 million persons with disabilities.

This 2023 Annual Report outlines UNPRPD's pivotal role in supporting diverse stakeholders

working together to advance the rights of persons with disabilities and to achieve disability-inclusive global goals. The report shows how this catalytic funding produces the systemic changes needed to advance the rights of persons with disabilities in practice. It also provides clear examples of progress towards core outcome indicators and targets of the 2020-2025 UNPRPD SOF.

Key achievements in 2023

Since its inception, UNPRPD has mobilized over US\$77 million dollars to advance the rights of persons with disabilities making it the only funding mechanism that brings together UN entities, governments and civil society to jointly implement the CRPD and inclusive SDGS.

In 2023, UNPRPD mobilized additional funding of US\$15 million, helping to secure critical resources for disability rights at the global level. In 2023 the UNPRPD welcomed the World Food Programme (WFP) as its 11th member. As one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, WFP is the first mainstream humanitarian agency to join the Fund.

Through pooled funding in 2023, UNPRPD supported 50¹ national programmes, 7 multi-country programmes.

This has led to 28 system-level changes and 15 newly developed or revised laws, policies,

strategies and regulations to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

In addition, the Fund supported training and capacity building on disability inclusion for 3,200 government, 3,646 OPD and 300 UN representatives.

All UNPRPD Fund joint programmes have continued to adopt a multi-stakeholder approach, led by at least two participating UN organizations working jointly with government, OPDs and broader civil society. This includes supporting a disability-inclusive humanitarian response, such as in Ukraine.

In 2023, UNPRPD programmes reported having engaged with 528 OPDs and 124 Government ministries including ministries of gender, social services, statistics, health, education, labour, finance in the national programme implementation.

In keeping with UNPRPD's cross-cutting approaches, all joint programmes have meaningfully engaged OPDs throughout the programme cycle. In addition, 24 percent of UNPRPD programmes had a specific focus on advancing gender equality for women and girls with disabilities and 12 percent focused on the inclusion of marginalized and underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities.² To support UNPRPD's cross-cutting approaches, UNPRPD-TS produced a [guidance note on inclusive gender transformative approaches](#) and a [guidance on meaningful engagement of OPDs in UNPRPD programming](#).

In 2023, 30³ country-level joint programmes accelerated CRPD implementation by improving preconditions for disability inclusion, including in the following areas: equality and non-discrimination, accessibility, inclusive service delivery, CRPD-compliant budgeting and financial management, and accountability and governance.

A total of 91 percent of our programmes focused on equality and non-discrimination, 72 percent on inclusive service delivery, 16 percent on accessibility, 25 percent on CRPD-compliant budgeting and financial management and 100 percent on accountability and governance. Furthermore, 11 (22 percent) UNPRPD joint programmes supported disability inclusion in national development plans and frameworks and in SDGs. A total of 13 programmes engaged in the review of the Common Country Analysis (CCA), or in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSCDF).

To achieve these changes, UNPRPD programmes provided extensive capacity-building through trainings, knowledge-sharing and tool development.

In 2023, 22⁴ UNPRPD programmes developed 60 knowledge tools. This includes 4 knowledge products from multi-country programmes and 56 resources from the national programmes.

As part of the multi-country programme funding, UNPRPD launched three new multi-country programmes during the year to produce knowledge and tools on inclusive care and support systems and on inclusive climate action, thereby helping to address the knowledge gap on disability inclusion.

With the conflict in Ukraine continuing and the rise in countries and territories impacted by climate change, 2024 presents new challenges and opportunities. As a global actor in the inclusive development arena, UNPRPD will continue to support Member States in meeting their commitments towards the CRPD and SDGs.

UNPRPD will participate actively in the preparation process for the renewal of the global disability commitment at the Global Disability Summit in 2025 and will ensure that disability is not missed in upcoming Member States' commitments made at the Summit of the Future in 2024. With new demands increasing, particularly due to climate change, war and conflict and financial crises, the UNPRPD will need to increase its resource mobilization efforts and ensure that available resources are invested strategically.

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Dao Thi Tuo, artist from Thanh Ha pottery village, Hoi An, Viet Nam believes art minimizes gaps between people with disabilities and everyone else. © UNDP Viet Nam

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The University of The Gambia and Ministry of Gender Children and Social Welfare spearhead a data collection exercise with UNPRPD funding to improve support services for persons with disabilities. © UNICEF The Gambia

The United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Fund (UNPRPD Fund) is a unique funding mechanism that brings together 11 United Nations entities, governments, organizations of persons with disabilities and broader civil society to support the implementation of the CRPD and disability-inclusive SDGs around the world. Since its establishment in 2012, the Fund has mobilized US\$77 million to support over 108 joint programme in 93 countries.

This year marked a significant milestone for the UNPRPD as it welcomed the World Food Programme (WFP) as its 11th member. It is the first mainstream humanitarian agency to join the Fund. This partnership strengthens international cooperation in disability inclusion in humanitarian

settings by addressing the rights and needs of persons with disabilities and supporting Member States to ensure that no one is left behind during times of conflict and emergencies.

As of 2023, UNPRPD
has supported
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in **93** countries,
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US\$77 million

The UN entities participating in UNPRPD Fund include:



Civil society members of UNPRPD Fund include:



“ Our partnership with UNPRPD reflects WFP’s commitment to disability inclusion within humanitarian settings, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In collaboration with UNPRPD members, national governments and OPDs, we aim to mainstream disability inclusion across all aspects of WFP’s work, while also implementing solutions to address the unique risks and barriers faced by persons with disabilities. ”



Ms. Rania Dagash-Kamara,
Assistant Executive Director, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization at WFP

Vision, Mission and Goals

The UNPRPD Fund's overarching vision is for the rights of persons with disabilities to be fully respected, protected and fulfilled, and for all persons with disabilities to fully and equitably participate in society.

To help achieve this vision, the Fund's mission is to support countries to accelerate implementation of the CRPD and disability-inclusive SDGs for all persons with disabilities with the full involvement of OPDs. The Fund supports reforms of structures and systems to advance CRPD implementation, prioritizing low- and middle-income countries.

The Fund is the only inter-agency funding mechanism dedicated to implementing the CRPD. The 2020-2025 Strategic Operational Framework (SOF) reaffirms the commitment to implementation of the CRPD as the Fund's central focus, concentrating attention on the preconditions for disability inclusion.

The Fund plays a unique role in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities through joint programming at country level, bringing UN entities together with governments and OPDs by using a multi-stakeholder approach. This collaborative partnership leverages the comparative advantages of those entities, works with governments to ensure lasting change

and emphasizes the meaningful participation of OPDs.

The Fund values national ownership of country programmes, responding to the needs of each national context. Its structures, approaches and programmes are designed to strengthen collaboration and learning across stakeholders to inform and promote CRPD implementation and innovation.

Capacity-building and knowledge-sharing are key components of all programmes. Building capacity and sharing knowledge involves all programme partners to leverage the expertise of diverse stakeholders and to facilitate the exchange of ideas and good practices on CRPD implementation.

The Fund is committed to a 'One UN' approach to disability inclusion aimed at an effective, efficient, coherent, coordinated and better performing United Nations country presence.

Furthermore, as the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS) improves disability inclusion within the systems and procedures of UN entities and country teams, UNPRPD's direct support to disability inclusion through joint country programmes contributes to advancing several of the Strategy's indicators.

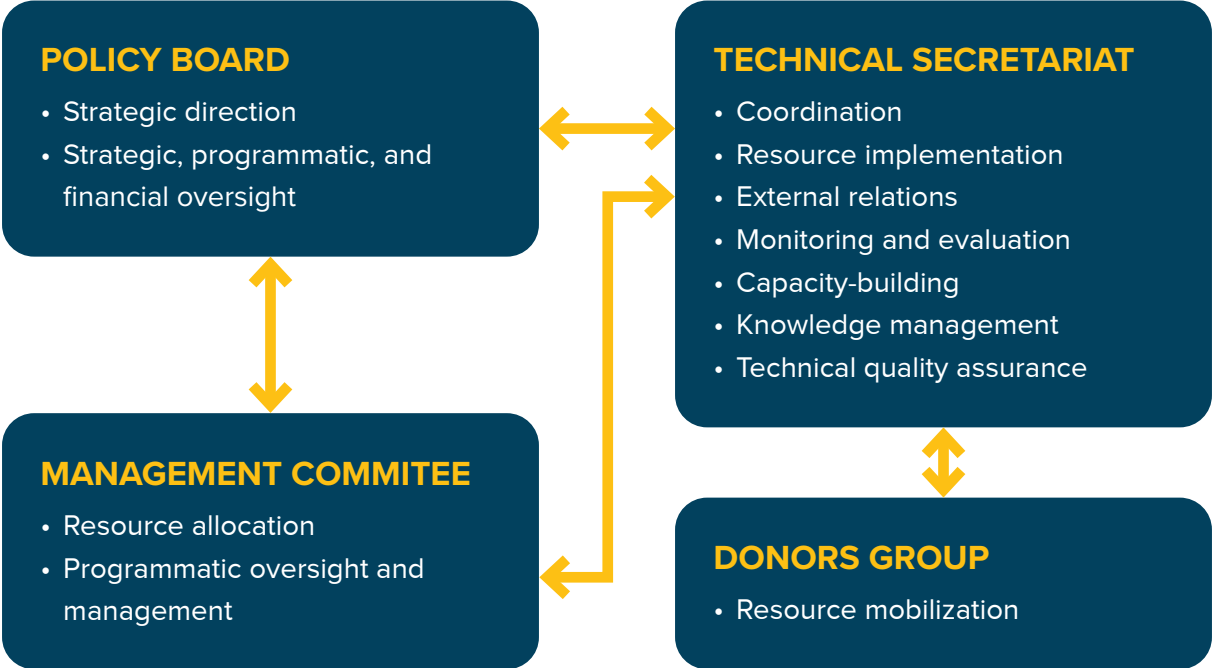
Fund Structure, Management and Governance

The UNPRPD Fund is governed by two bodies – the Policy Board and the Management Committee. The Policy Board is a high-level body responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Fund and providing strategic and financial oversight. It is composed of high-level representatives from all participating UN organizations, UNPRPD Fund donors and the chairs of the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC). The Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office Director and UNPRPD TS Manager are both ex-officio members of the Policy Board. The Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the UN Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with

Disabilities are invited observers at Policy Board meetings.

The Management Committee is a standing committee of the Policy Board responsible for resource allocation and programmatic and management oversight. The Management Committee is composed of working-level representatives from 10 UN participating organizations, UNPRPD Fund donors, the IDA and IDDC. The Senior Portfolio Manager for the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office and UNPRPD TS Manager serve as ex-officio members. The UNPRPD TS implements the SOF and manages the Fund’s day-to-day operations, programmes, partnerships, processes, communications, reporting and resource mobilization with a team hosted by UNDP.

Figure 1: UNPRPD Fund Governance Chart



Mid-term evaluation of the UNPRPD SOF

The UNPRPD Fund commissioned an external company to conduct a Mid-term Evaluation (MTE) aimed to assess the effectiveness of the Strategic Operational Framework (SOF) and to identify opportunities for improvement. The evaluation examined three elements of UNPRPD's work: topline SOF targets, the capacity of the TS and underlying SOF processes for programme planning. The evaluation focused specifically on processes and ways of working during the inception phase of the UNPRPD joint programmes. Over the course of the evaluation, spanning April 2023 to August 2023, a triangulation approach was utilized, incorporating data from various sources, such as key programmatic and organizational documents; a survey of PUNO representatives from 24 countries; over 30 interviews spanning global-level partners, governance members and donors, as well as country-level representatives from governments, RCOs, PUNOs and OPDs.

The evaluation findings highlighted UNPRPD as a high-functioning fund consistently making effective progress towards its goals. While recognizing meaningful changes in the partnerships with OPDs and in engaging with persons with disabilities, the evaluation also identified areas for improvement in refining SOF processes to enhance accessibility and usability at the country level.

Based on the analysis, the evaluators provided seven main recommendations to enhance the UNPRPD's effectiveness. These recommendations encompassed advancing fundraising strategies, maintaining TS stability, enhancing technical support, creating additional support avenues, systematizing OPD

engagement, improving processes related to multi-country programmes, and responding to the evolving global environment.

In response to these recommendations, the UNPRPD TS committed to addressing them over the next 12 months through specific actions. These actions include recruiting partnership specialists, developing fundraising strategies, enhancing capacity, simplifying guidelines, establishing a knowledge hub, conducting regional workshops, revising guidance, collaborating on proposals, securing flexible funding and designing TORs for impact evaluations.

“ Our Fund is truly invested in creating a more equitable and accessible world for all. While the outcomes of the review demonstrate significant steps forward, there is always space to grow and innovate. We have put together a plan that demonstrates a comprehensive approach to implementing the recommendations and to ultimately enhancing their effectiveness in supporting countries with disability inclusion. ”



Dr. Ola Abu Al Ghaib,
Manager UNPRPD TS

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IMPACT AND CHANGE



A young child learns from a digital textbook. Accessible textbooks were funded through a UNPRPD programme.

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UNPRPD Fund Footprint

2012-2023



- Ongoing country programme
- Completed country programmes
- Ongoing multi-country programme
- Completed multi-country programme

- Albania
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Kosovo
- Moldova (the Republic of)
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia
- Ukraine

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- China
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- India
- Indonesia
- Jordan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Palestine, State of
- Phillippines
- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Timor-Leste
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Viet Nam

EUROPE

ASIA

OCEANIA

AFRICA

- Cook Islands
- Fiji
- Nauru
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Vanuatu

- Algeria
- Benin
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Egypt
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Gambia (the)
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Mali
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Sudan (the)
- Somalia
- Tanzania United Republic of
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Global Reach, Local Impact (2012-2023)



354 MILLION
lives of persons with disabilities impacted



108 JOINT PROGRAMMES
in 93 countries



1,673 ORGANIZATIONS
of persons with disabilities (OPDs) participated in legislative, policy and system-level changes



109,339 REPRESENTATIVES
from government, OPDs and UN entities were trained on disability inclusion

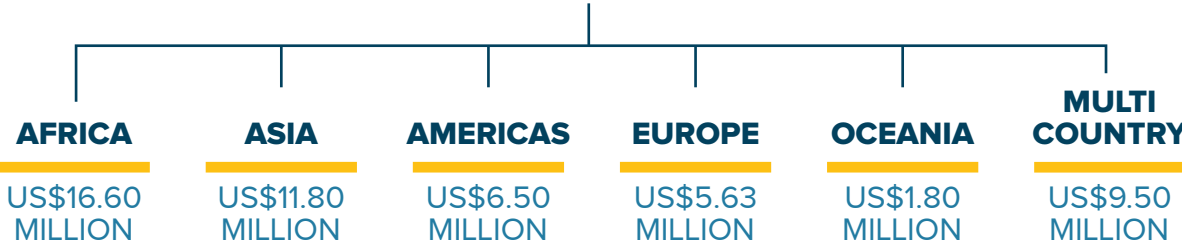


102 LAWS
policies, strategies and regulations adopted to advance the rights of persons with disabilities

UNPRPD Fund Investments 2012-2023

TOTAL:
US\$51.83 MILLION

108 JOINT PROGRAMMES
93 COUNTRIES



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DELIVERING ON THE 2020-2025 STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK



DELIVERING ON THE 2020-2025 SOF

Joaquina suffers from paralysis of the lower limbs, the same disease as her mother. According to Joaquina, a wheelchair will not stop her from studying and pursuing her dreams.
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Cumulative Achievements Against Top-line Targets

Target	Achievement June 2020-December 2023	Percentage of Target
Joint programmes in at least 50 countries over the five-year period to accelerate CRPD implementation.	50 joint programmes funded since 2020 with 13 new countries starting in 2023 and 37 countries in implementation phase or programme design stage to advance the CRPD commitments.	100% ⁵ based on estimate 45% ⁶ based on actual need
Catalytic funding to support at least 50 countries on disability-inclusive national development planning and monitoring to advance the SDGs.	50 joint programmes funded since 2020 to support disability-inclusive national development planning and monitoring to advance the SDGs.	100% ⁷ based on estimate 45% ⁸ based on actual need
Five multi-country initiatives to pilot UNPRPD global knowledge management tools for disability inclusion across 10 countries.	6 multi country programmes funded since 2020.	120%
Fifteen knowledge management tools and/or systems created and shared to enhance programme delivery.	Multi-country programmes designed 16 global knowledge products. Ten have been published.	66%
One hundred multi-stakeholder trainings delivered to support UNPRPD joint programmes.	334 training workshops delivered to Government, OPDs and UN representatives.	334%
Two evaluations conducted during the period.	Mid-Term Evaluation of the SOF completed.	50%
This target related to: 1. Estimated average funds at the time of the SOF development (US\$10 M per year). 2. Actual Funds needed due to increased demand (US\$74 M) following pipeline created in 2021 after 4th Funding Round.	1. The Fund secured commitments of US\$15.31 million in 2023. 2. US\$34 million committed to deliver SOF from 2020-2023.	153% ⁹ based on estimate 54% ¹⁰ based on actual need

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UNPRPD PROGRAMME RESULTS IN 2023



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Phan Ngoc Nhan (22) works on his drawing at the DAVA centre in Da Nang, Viet Nam. Nhan suffers from mental and learning disabilities from Agent Orange. © UNICEF/Ehrin Macksey

UNPRPD PROGRAMME RESULTS IN 2023

Where we worked in 2023

In 2023, UNPRPD Fund supported 50 joint programmes and 7 multi-country programmes to advance implementation of the CRPD and disability-inclusive SDGs. All UNPRPD Fund programmes must adopt a multi-stakeholder

approach, led by at least two UN participating organizations, the government, OPDs and broader civil society. In addition, joint programmes must meaningfully involve OPDs, while country programmes must respond to local needs.

Countries where UNPRPD joint programmes were implemented in 2023 as follows:

Americas	Africa	Europe	Asia	Oceania
Argentina	Algeria	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Cook Islands
Barbados	Botswana	Georgia	Bangladesh	Fiji
Colombia	Cameroon	Kosovo	Cambodia	
Costa Rica	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Moldova	China	
Ecuador	Eswatini	Montenegro	Kyrgyzstan	
Guatemala	The Gambia	North Macedonia	Maldives	
Panama	Ghana	Serbia	Nepal	
Peru	Kenya	Ukraine	Sri Lanka	
Trinidad and Tobago	Mali		Timor Leste	
Uruguay	Malawi		Uzbekistan	
	Mozambique		Viet Nam	
	Nigeria			
	Rwanda			
	São Tomé and Príncipe			
	Siera Leone			
	Tanzania			
	Tunisia			
	Zambia			
	Zimbabwe			



Commissioner Kudzai Shava from the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission makes a presentation during the Capacity-building Training of Trainers workshop on Disability Inclusion. © UNESCO ROSA

Outcome 1

National stakeholders are equipped with knowledge and tools for disability-inclusive policies and systems

<p>8,520</p>	<p>INDICATOR 1.1</p> <hr/> <p>No. of stakeholders in UNPRPD-supported countries with increased knowledge and capacities to design/reform and deliver inclusive policies and systems for CRPD and/or SDG implementation.</p>
<p>33 countries (66%)</p>	<p>INDICATOR 1.2</p> <hr/> <p>No. and percentage of UNPRPD-supported countries that undertook multi-stakeholder capacity-building initiatives on disability-inclusive policies and systems.</p>
<p>18 countries 56 tools</p>	<p>INDICATOR 1.3</p> <hr/> <p>No. of UNPRPD-supported countries that have developed and/or strengthened national guidelines, protocols and/or standards to inform policies and systems through a multi-stakeholder approach.</p>
<p>10 countries</p>	<p>INDICATOR 1.4</p> <hr/> <p>No. of UNPRPD-supported countries report using UNPRPD’s situational analysis to inform processes and planning.</p>
<p>10 processes</p>	<p>INDICATOR 1.5</p> <hr/> <p>No. of multi-stakeholder processes to exchange learning on inclusive policies and systems.</p>

Capacity-building

The realization of the rights of persons with disabilities requires a collaborative effort from various stakeholders, including governments, OPDs, broader civil society, UN entities and other actors who must be knowledgeable about disability-inclusion issues to effectively serve as capable partners. However, a significant barrier to the implementation of the CRPD and disability-inclusive SDGs is the gaps in knowledge and skills among these stakeholders. To address this issue, UNPRPD adopts a two-pronged approach: 1. Implementing comprehensive capacity-building training at the induction phase; and 2. providing tailored capacity-building training during programme implementation.

The UNPRPD continued to use its comprehensive training programme called the “UNPRPD Joint Programme Induction Training: Cross-Cutting Approaches and Preconditions for Disability-Inclusive Development” during the inception phase of all its programmes. The training package covers various topics, such as effective implementation of the CRPD, the interconnection between the CRPD and SDGs, preconditions for disability inclusion and cross-cutting approaches. In 2023, at the inception phase, the UNPRPD programmes implemented the standardized training package ensuring that all stakeholders, including national OPDs, women-led OPDs, underrepresented groups, government representatives and UN entities, had access to knowledge on how to effectively implement the CRPD and to achieve disability-inclusive SDGs.

During the reporting year, seven programmes in the inception phase, namely Ecuador, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Peru, Timor-Leste and Zambia, completed the induction training. In addition, the programme in Fiji completed the first module and will complete the training programme in 2024. Across these 8 programmes, a total of 287 people participated in the training and 61 percent of participants were female (175), while 39 percent were male (111). The participants included 124 OPD representatives, 79 government representatives, 52 participants from UN entities and 42 from other organizations, including national civil society. All the programmes ensured that OPD representatives were involved in facilitating the training, with six programmes involving OPDs and persons with disabilities as co-facilitators, and two programmes ensuring OPDs and persons with disabilities led specific sessions.

Across the seven programmes that completed the full training programme in 2023, based on their pre- and post-training survey data, participants reported significant shifts in their knowledge on disability inclusion. Before completing the training, 63 percent of participants had given positive responses regarding their level of knowledge to a range of questions on disability inclusion. Following the training this increased to 93 percent of participants. Participants also gave very positive feedback on the quality of the course materials (91.3 percent) and the quality of course facilitators (95.85 percent).

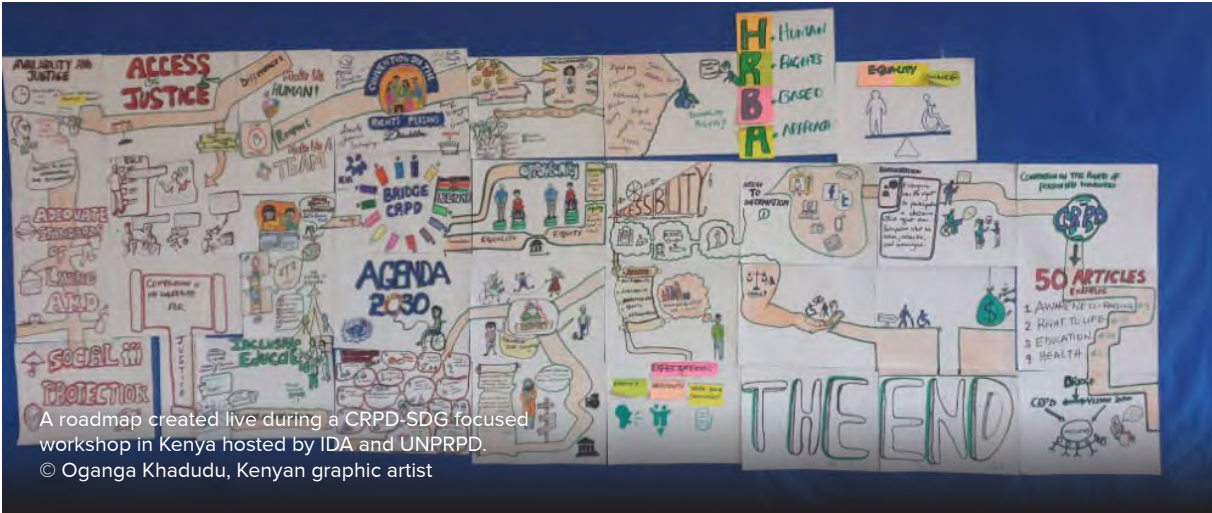
The Induction Training for the UNPRPD programme in **Mozambique**, co-organized by UN Resident Coordinator Office/UNICEF and supported by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare (MGCAS), took place over five days and was attended by 34 participants (10 males, 24 females, 8 persons with disabilities). Facilitated by a diverse team, including UN staff, OPD representatives and government officials, the training was conducted in-person, fostering direct interaction among participants. The selection process adhered to UNPRPD guidelines, prioritizing marginalized disability groups, such as those with psychosocial disabilities, cerebral palsy, deaf women and persons with albinism. Notably, MGCAS played a crucial role in ensuring a significant government presence, with 15 representatives from various ministries participating throughout the week.

The engagement of 10 OPD representatives from 4 OPDs was integral to the training, with the umbrella organization FAMOD collaborating in the preparation and co-facilitating sessions alongside representatives from specific OPDs. Accessibility measures were implemented, including reimbursement of transport costs, sign

language interpretation, provision of translated materials and scheduling breaks.

Participant feedback indicated satisfaction with the training structure, materials and accessibility, with emphasis on the relevance of topics, such as equality, non-discrimination and budget management. The adaptation of the curriculum to the national context, including discussions on disability data disaggregation led by the national statistics office, with OPD representatives speaking on life experiences of marginalized groups, facilitated effective learning and a commitment to action among participants.

UNPRPD national programmes continued to deliver capacity-building activities during the implementation phase of the programme as they are key enablers in supporting countries to advance the CRPD. In 2023, the 26 joint programmes in the implementation phase conducted 159 targeted training sessions for key national stakeholders, including 3,121 government officials, 3,522 OPD participants, 248 UN staff. The training sessions were designed and facilitated together with OPDs and subject-matter experts, including academic institutions in the country of delivery.



A roadmap created live during a CRPD-SDG focused workshop in Kenya hosted by IDA and UNPRPD.
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Situational analysis

The situational analysis is a framework used by the UNPRPD to support national stakeholders to systematically understand obstacles and priorities in each country for implementing the CRPD and achieving inclusive SDGs.

This analysis identifies gaps in disability inclusion and priorities for change to inform the design of UNPRPD programmes. The process also builds stakeholder relationships and strengthens the knowledge base on disability rights. Additionally, it can serve as an advocacy tool in the longer term and provides information

for policy planning and reform at national and global levels.

In 2023, the UNPRPD TS published a global report synthesising the findings and learnings of the situational analyses from the 34 full country reports (26 completed in 2022 and 8 completed in 2023). Learning from the UNPRPD experience of working in conflict-affected contexts, the guidelines were adapted to conduct a situational analysis in the humanitarian context. In 2023, the Ukraine joint programme started to use the guidelines to develop their situational analysis.

“The process of drafting the situation analysis on the rights of persons with disabilities in Mozambique empowered us and provided an opportunity for us as OPDs to advocate for the rights of our members and to engage in a meaningful dialogue with various stakeholders from government and UN agencies, thereby promoting a constructive reflection process and amplifying our voices.”



Clodoaldo Castiano,
Executive Director of FAMOD, Mozambique

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Key findings from the UNPRPD Global Situational Analysis Report

[The situational analysis of 34 countries](#) reveal significant commitments to implement the CRPD and to achieve the inclusion of persons with disabilities. Apart from ratifying the CRPD, all have adopted new disability legislation and policies. This new legislation is often CPRD compliant, with some exceptions regarding mental health legislation which continues to use a medical model of disability. However, existing legislation related to various sectors has often not been revised, sometimes contradicts the new law directly and may still use derogatory language.

The main challenges highlighted in country analyses are implementing, enforcing and monitoring the commitments. Based on the 34 reports, the following conclusions were made:

- A persistent medical understanding of disability and discriminatory attitudes among decision-makers, professionals, the general public and even among persons with disabilities themselves undermines development.
- Disability assessments and referral systems have weaknesses in all countries to variable degrees.
- Laws and policies have not been budgeted for and there are no concrete implementation plans with explicit targets and disaggregated monitoring indicators for every ministry and donor agency.
- Coordination mechanisms are weak or non-existent at national and local levels.
- Monitoring mechanisms do not function properly due to lack of independence from government and to insufficient capacity and mandate.
- As long as inclusive and community-based services are not of sufficient quality, stakeholders will prefer segregated solutions.
- The disability movement is often uncoordinated, lacks sufficient capacity to engage with overarching policy and development processes, and is characterized by gaps in the representation of marginalized groups, including women.
- Access to justice is a significant problem for persons with disabilities, especially women, when their legal capacity is removed or questioned, and/or when the justice system is insensitive to disability and to the provision of reasonable accommodation.

Regional differences have also emerged in their priorities, with Eastern Europe and Central Asia grappling with institutionalization practices, Asia-Pacific countries focusing on climate change adaptation, African nations addressing poverty and resource scarcity and Latin American countries confronting inequality and discrimination against marginalized groups. These findings underscore the need for concerted efforts to address systemic gaps and to promote disability inclusion across diverse contexts.

National programmes developing essential tools and resources

In 2023, 18 national programmes developed 56 diverse resources that can be utilized to advance national commitments to CRPD and to support the mainstreaming of disability in national development plans. The knowledge products developed include 27 guidelines, 17 tools which are checklists, protocols, training modules and 12 reports from studies conducted in 2023. Over 30 percent of these resources were designed specifically to support the needs of women and girls with disabilities.



In **Cameroon**, the programme developed seven knowledge products in its second year of implementation which were aimed at improving the disability assessment and referral system and bolstering the capacity of CONRHA (the National Committee for the Rehabilitation and Socio-Economic Reintegration of people with disabilities) to oversee disability-inclusive policies within the national development frameworks. These tools were collaboratively developed with input from subject-matter experts, persons with disabilities, government representatives and the United Nations Country Team (UNCT). For

instance, the “Guide on Assessing, Streamlining and Simplifying the Disability Assessment and Referral System” was developed to assist the government in establishing a transparent and accessible disability referencing system, in accordance with national and international standards. Participation from OPDs and Ministries of Social Affairs and Health was integral during the product’s development and validation, and included national actors such as representatives from OPD platforms, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, and Economy, Planning and Regional Development, as well as UN agencies.

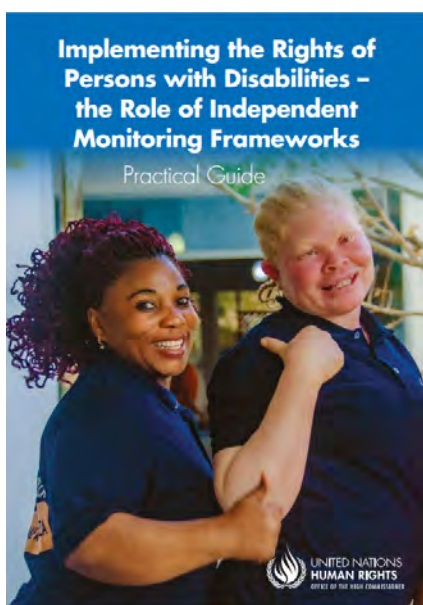
The programme in **Tunisia** developed knowledge products to strengthen the participation of persons with disabilities in public programmes, and specific guides, standards and protocols on how to deliver accessible, inclusive and human rights-based sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services for women and girls with disabilities.

In 2023, the programme developed policy papers on strengthening disability representation within the newly established Superior Council of Social Development and advocated for government-led coordination on disability issues. The programme created a guide of best practices for inclusive communication, informed by a national study that defined the current media landscape. The programme has also undertaken two comprehensive mappings and a study on accessible SRH and GBV services and developed a policy brief outlining the findings and recommendations, and developed a protocol on the care of women and girls with disabilities who have experienced violence. The development of these knowledge

products has included extensive consultation with OPDs, and in 2024 the programme will finalize and launch further guidance on SRH services, sign language provision and local governance.

Multi-country programmes are developing and testing knowledge products

The UNPRPD provides support for multi-country joint programmes to develop and test knowledge tools, which can offer concrete guidance before being scaled up. In 2023, the UNPRPD engaged in seven¹¹ multi-country initiatives to generate knowledge resources that advance the implementation of CRPD and SDGs. These initiatives address critical knowledge and capacity gaps among key stakeholders at the country level to facilitate the successful implementation of CRPD and SDGs. Several of these resources were completed and launched in 2023, as detailed below.



Another UNPRPD-funded publication, this guide focuses on Independent Monitoring Frameworks (IMMs). © OHCHR

Practical guide for supporting national implementation of the CRPD through strengthened independent monitoring mechanisms (IMMs), pursuant to Article 33

The multi-country UNPRPD programme seeks to support the establishment and/or effective functioning of national Independent Monitoring Mechanisms (IMM), in line with Article 33 (2) of the CRPD, based on the demands of State parties to have greater clarity and to receive more guidance on what an effectively functioning IMM requires. The programme is implemented by OHCHR and UNDP and brings together key global stakeholders, such as the Global Alliance of Human Rights Institutions, to develop two global strategic resources on disability rights, in consultation with the CRPD Committee, civil society and persons with disabilities:

- i. A practical guide on the establishment of IMM, foreseen by Article 33(2) of the CRPD;
- ii. A public web-based repository of existing IMMs to be placed on the OHCHR/CRPD committee webpage.

In 2023, the finalized [guidelines on implementing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – the Role of the Independent Monitoring Framework](#), which outline the purpose and key principles of IMMs, including the critical requirements of independence, structure and mandate, along with the [CRPD Independent Monitoring Mechanisms Repository](#), which outlines a list of designated IMMs under CRPD Article 33 by regions and countries, was disseminated to the UNPRPD national programmes. This is now being used to inform activities in several countries.

Addressing stigma and discrimination against women with disabilities to prevent gender-based violence

This multi-country UNPRPD programme sought to address stigma and discrimination experienced by women and girls with disabilities as a key part of preventing gender-based violence (GBV) and ensuring greater access to GBV services. The programme was implemented by UNDP and UN Women in Moldova, Pakistan, Palestine and Samoa.

The programme had two areas of focus: to develop tools to measure stigma and discrimination experienced by women with disabilities and to design and pilot interventions that seek to reduce stigma and discrimination towards women with disabilities. The pilot interventions were designed with women with disabilities and sought to change the attitudes and behaviours of duty bearers and rights holders.

In 2023, UNDP and UN Women finalized the Women with Disabilities Stigma Inventory Index (WDSI) tool designed to measure stigma and discrimination, including gender-based violence, at the individual, family, community and institutional level.

The tool was developed in close collaboration with women-led OPDs in each of the four countries and social science research experts. Eight pilot interventions to address stigma and discrimination at the intersection of disability and gender were carried out in the four countries in collaboration with women-led OPDs. The insights gained from the pilots were analysed and documented including policy recommendations to prevent GBV and to ensure access to GBV services for women and girls with disabilities.



UNDP Cambodia staffers on a home visit discussing the challenges experienced by persons with disabilities.
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Ending stigma and discrimination, breaking the cycle of poverty and marginalization of persons with disabilities

The UNPRPD multi-country programme implemented in Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) addresses equal access to Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) and participating employer organizations for persons with disabilities. To do this, PUNOs developed a comprehensive package of practical tools for TVET institutions and participating employer organizations, and also designed multi-stakeholder dialogues to support greater collaboration on equal access to TVETs. The tools include the following ones:

- i. A participatory Disability Audit toolkit designed to assist TVET institutions and employers in tracking and documenting stigma and discrimination patterns and documenting a shift in attitudes, perceptions and practices over time. The comprehensive tool also supports TVETs to uncover stigma and discrimination patterns and experiences and to measure disability inclusion at the institutional level. A Government Mechanism for Dialogue between TVET institutions, workers' and employers' organizations and representative organizations of learners and instructors should encourage a collective commitment towards disability inclusion.
- ii. Practical and user-friendly guidelines on providing reasonable accommodations in TVET institutions and employers' organizations.

In 2023, the participatory Disability Audit toolkit was validated and finalized. This tool

encompasses a disability audit toolkit to measure stigma and discrimination experienced within TVETs, a disability inclusion score card to measure outcomes and benchmark inclusion, focus group discussion guides and TVET accessibility checklists. The programme consolidated learnings from the national and regional dialogue committees with OPDs and TVET learners and instructors with disabilities to develop a facilitation guide on community dialogues to be delivered in 2024. The Terms of Reference to develop guidelines for reasonable accommodation in TVET institutions and employer organizations have been finalized and the design process of the tool will commence in 2024.

Mapping and strengthening community-based care resources for persons with disabilities and long-term support needs

The UNPRPD multi-country programme launched in June 2023 in Armenia and Georgia by ILO and WHO, aims to address limited progress in deinstitutionalization agendas in lower-middle-income European countries. The programme focuses on developing community support structures encompassing health, social protection, education, labour market access and housing. Key factors contributing to institutionalization of persons with disabilities, particularly those with complex support needs, include gaps in services, such as availability, accessibility, quality and financing. To assist policymakers, advocates and service providers, the programme will develop the following toolkit and guide:

- i. A toolkit for integrated mapping of community-based care resources for persons with disabilities and long-term support needs
- ii. An accessible implementation guide for national and local stakeholders

Enabling development of community support and care systems for inclusion of persons with disabilities across the life cycle

The UNPRPD multi-country programme launched in June 2023 is implemented by UNICEF and OHCHR in Colombia and Kenya. The programme aims to address the lack of publicly funded disability support for persons with higher support needs, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Despite the rights of persons with disabilities to live independently

in the community, as stipulated under the CRPD, many still rely on unpaid care work and lack access to formal support services, leading to their placement in segregated settings. The programme aims to develop the following tools:

- i. A community support and care system country assessment tool to better understand the normative framework and its implications at the country level.
- ii. Two costed policy scenarios for development of gender-responsive community support and care systems.

Knowledge sharing and learning

The UNPRPD Fund adopts peer-to-peer learning for sharing knowledge to allow programme teams to learn from their peers who have similar experiences. This approach enables learners to exchange ideas and receive feedback in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. In 2023, the UNPRPD TS and 10 joint programmes utilized this approach to promote knowledge sharing and showcase best practices among diverse stakeholders involved in CRPD implementation. This was done through webinars, learning workshops and online platforms.

In October 2023, the UNPRPD Fund convened PUNO focal points from 8 ongoing UNPRPD programmes in Eastern Europe and Central

Asia to provide a dedicated space for learning how to partner with and effectively engage persons with disabilities and their representative organizations. This cross-country learning opportunity allowed 14 PUNO focal points to discuss practical strategies for more effective engagement with the diversity of the disability movement. The discussions during the workshop also contributed to updating the [Guidance note on the effective and meaningful participations of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations in UNPRPD joint programming](#). The participants agreed that it was an opportunity to learn new strategies for fostering more meaningful participation of OPDs, which could lead to stronger outcomes and more successful partnerships in the long term.

“ *Understanding the diversity of experiences, it was important to hear different stakeholders and different ways to approach common challenges in ensuring meaningful participation of OPDs. It was really important to have these dialogues in such an interactive, face-to-face format.* ”



Xenia Siminciuc,
Human Rights Officer, OHCHR Moldova

In 2023, 20 percent of UNPRPD joint programmes initiated preliminary action to establishing working groups, South-to-South learning exchanges and online forums for sharing experiences and expertise on what worked to advance the CRPD implementation.

The **Colombia** joint programme conducted a learning exchange webinar on disability and sexual and reproductive rights that included the participation of women with disabilities (including young women) from 12 organizations of persons with disabilities (nine from Colombia, one from Ecuador and two from Guatemala). The webinar allowed leaders of the disability movement to share their experiences and perspectives on the defense of sexual and reproductive rights (SRR) of persons with

disabilities in Latin America thereby showcasing the strengths of the strategies implemented by youth and women with disabilities.

The importance of States, civil society and international organizations working together to guarantee that persons with disabilities have access to the information, services and resources necessary to exercise their SRR fully and autonomously was highlighted in detail.

The meeting served as a preparation for a side activity of the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Montevideo Consensus and the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Montevideo Consensus in Santiago de Chile. OPD representatives from 13 Latin American countries participated in this event.

UNPRPD promoting knowledge sharing among joint programmes

In 2023, the UNPRPD Fund's TS launched an initiative on knowledge exchange and learning clinics to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among UNPRPD programme teams. These clinics aimed to connect colleagues from all national programmes, providing access to global experts' insights and UN system practices. Four clinics were conducted, attended by 308 colleagues from 44 countries. Topics included strengthening equality legislation, CRPD-compliant budgeting, inclusive service delivery and gender equality for persons with disabilities. Feedback indicated high satisfaction, with 84 percent finding each session very useful, and 93 percent expressing a strong likelihood of attending future sessions.

Additionally, the UNPRPD-TS established an online help desk for programme teams to request technical assistance promptly. In the last three months of 2023, the help desk function enabled the UNPRPD-TS to respond to 41 additional queries for technical assistance and programme management queries from a total of 31 countries. This system streamlines the process of seeking support and enables efficient tracking of requests across all UNPRPD programmes. Overall, these initiatives have facilitated valuable knowledge sharing and support among programme teams, enhancing their capacity and effectiveness to implement results based joint programmes that advance CRPD implementation.



Elena Crasari, a woman with disabilities is the local counsellor in her home village in rural Moldova. She ran for office motivated by a lack of access to her village medical centre. Here Elena is at the village medical centre with a staff who has treated her since childhood.
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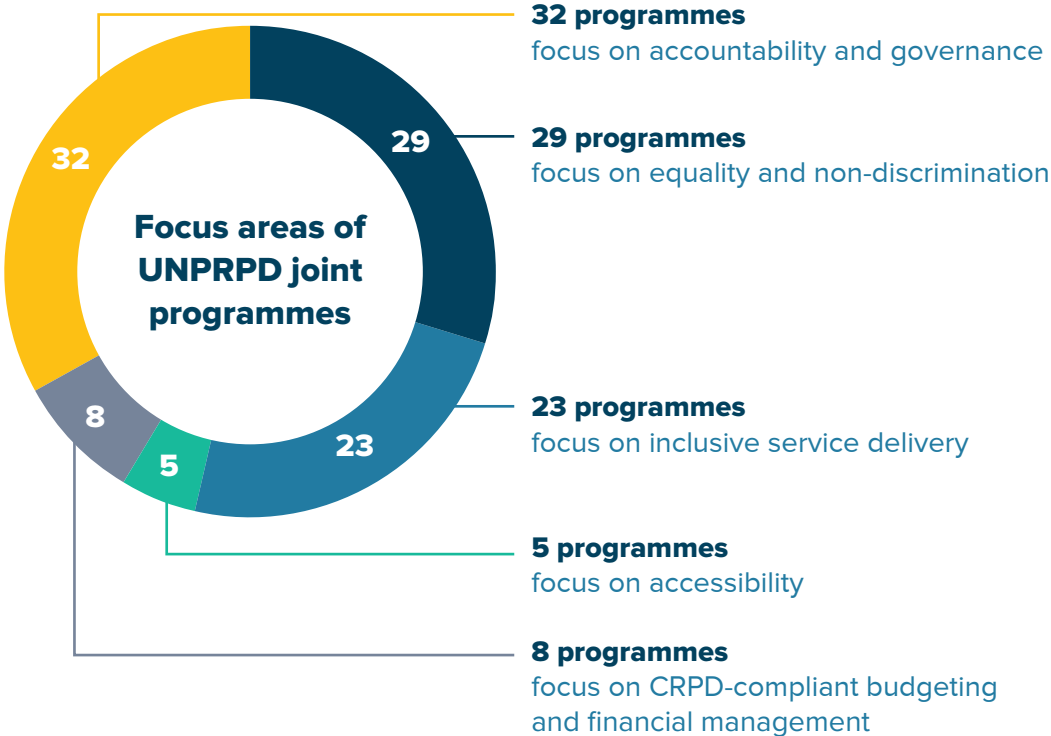
Outcome 2

Gaps in achieving the essential building blocks or preconditions to CRPD implementation are addressed

<p>26 country-level programmes</p>	<p>INDICATOR 2.1 No. of country-level joint programmes that accelerated CRPD implementation by improving preconditions for disability inclusion.</p>
<p>12 country-level programmes</p>	<p>INDICATOR 2.2 No. of country-level joint programmes that accelerated CRPD implementation by improving preconditions for disability inclusion focused on women with disabilities.</p>
<p>6 country-level programmes</p>	<p>INDICATOR 2.3 No. of country-level joint programmes that accelerated CRPD implementation by improving preconditions for disability inclusion focused on underrepresented groups.</p>
<p>82 legal frameworks and systems</p>	<p>INDICATOR 2.4 No. of inclusive national regulatory frameworks and inclusive systems changes (disaggregated by type of regulatory framework and system change).¹²</p>
<p>17 countries</p>	<p>INDICATOR 2.5 No. of UNPRPD supported countries with enhanced or newly established mechanisms supporting formal and informal participation of OPDs to support CRPD implementation.</p>
<p>264 stakeholders</p>	<p>INDICATOR 2.6 No. of stakeholders that participated in the design/reform and implementation of inclusive policies and systems to advance preconditions for disability inclusion.</p>

The UNPRPD Fund programmes accelerate CRPD implementation by laying the foundations for achieving the essential building blocks and preconditions that are required. These include five essential components that must be considered in all aspects of public policy making and programming: equality and non-discrimination; inclusive service delivery; accessibility; CRPD-compliant budgeting and financial management; and accountability and governance. Having these preconditions in place is vital for protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in laws and policies, ensuring persons with disabilities can access the services they need across all sectors, and for governments to have quality and accurate data and monitoring processes in place.

Achieving these preconditions requires effective collaboration and co-ordination across sectors, and systematic engagement with persons with disabilities, OPDs, caregivers and wider civil society. This section presents the number of country programmes that have advanced specific actions under each precondition, as well as examples of national level interventions that have accelerated policy and system-level change by establishing the essential preconditions for disability inclusion. In 2023, 91 percent of our programmes focused on equality and non-discrimination, 72 percent on inclusive service delivery, 16 percent on accessibility, 25 percent on CRPD-compliant budgeting and financial management and 100 percent on accountability and governance.



Equality and non-discrimination

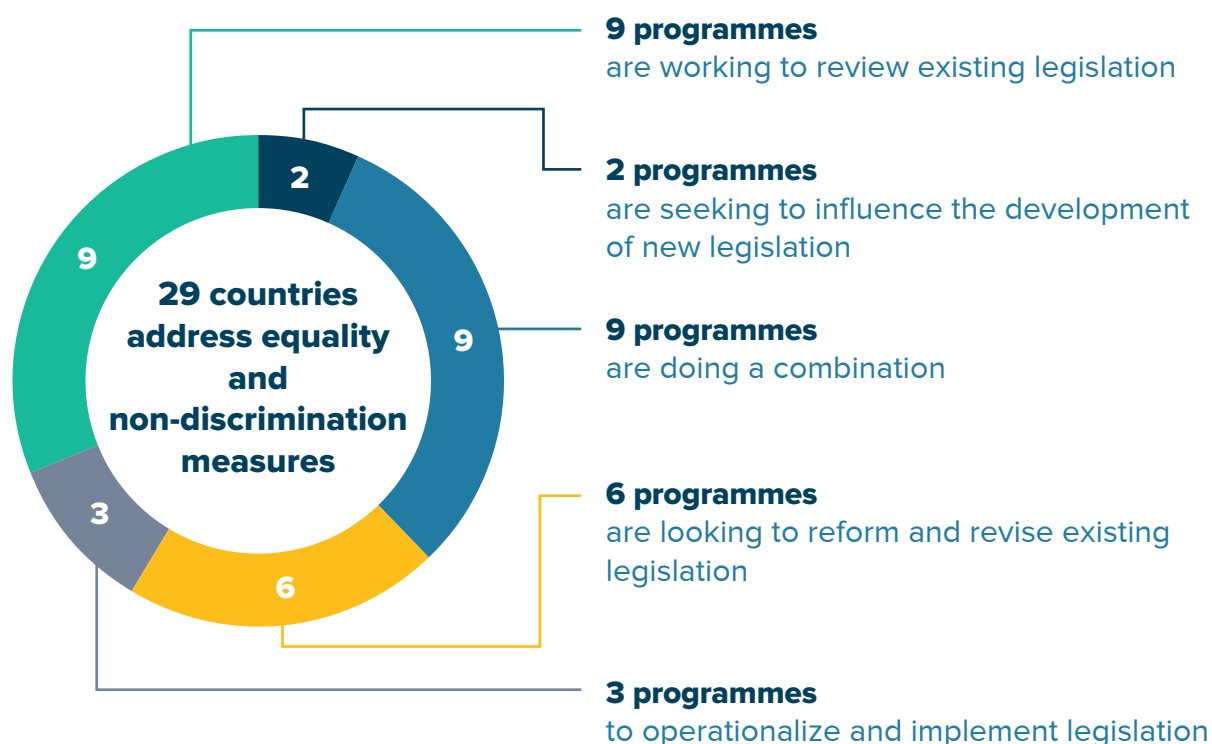
Persons with disabilities often face discrimination in all aspects of their lives because of stigma, stereotypes and misconceptions about disability. Forms of discrimination vary depending on the context but are often influenced by the type of disability and intersecting factors.

To lay the foundations for ensuring equality and non-discrimination, interventions must consider the most marginalized groups and include a specific focus on protecting the rights of all persons with disabilities.

These include persons with multiple, intellectual and psychosocial disabilities, and deafblind persons, persons with albinism, little people, and consider how intersecting factors, such as gender, age, race, ethnicity, indigeneity, or minority sexuality, migrant or refugee status, are recognized and protected.

Effective equality and non-discrimination interventions require both recognition of disability and of protections that guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities enabling their full participation in society. This can be achieved through developing or strengthening legislation, in line with the CRPD, raising awareness and building capacity to foster respect for the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.

In 2023, UNPRPD programmes in 29 countries focused on designing, revising and implementing equality and non-discrimination measures. Of these countries, two programmes are seeking to influence the development of new legislation, nine are working to review existing legislation, six are looking to reform and revise existing legislation, three to operationalize and implement legislation and nine programmes are doing a combination of the above.



In **Eswatini**, the programme achieved a significant milestone for advancing disability rights through the finalization and approval of the Persons with Disability Act (PWDA) of 2018 regulations by the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. This marks a crucial step towards legal recognition and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in Eswatini. The regulations were validated and approved for presentation to the Deputy Prime Minister and parliament. The programme supported efforts to enhance accessibility and dissemination of the PWDA through the provision of technical support in ensuring that the legislation is translated to Siswati without losing its meaning, simplification, printing and a formal launch ceremony presided over by the Deputy Prime Minister.

In addition to legislative advancements, the programme supported the development of the Eswatini National Disability Plan of Action (NDPA) 2024-2028, accompanied by a robust monitoring and evaluation framework, which underscores the commitment to mainstream disability issues in national policies and development programmes. This included facilitating engagement with 62 multi-stakeholders in the formulation of the regulatory framework, to ensure diverse perspectives and inclusive decision-making processes. The programme has also supported by advocating with the Deputy Prime Minister's Office and providing technical support to develop concrete steps towards the establishment of a Secretariat dedicated to disability affairs, with the creation of six posts and budgetary allocations for the

2024/2025 financial year. This administrative infrastructure will facilitate the comprehensive planning, coordination and evaluation of disability policies and services.

In **Rwanda**, significant progress has been achieved in harmonizing national laws on disability rights with international standards, such as the CRPD and the African Disability Protocol. Through a collaborative multi-stakeholder process involving government ministries, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities and civil society experts, including umbrella organizations representing persons with disabilities, comprehensive revisions were made to national disability legislation and to seven related ministerial orders. These revisions await promulgation, promising enhanced legal protections for persons with disabilities.

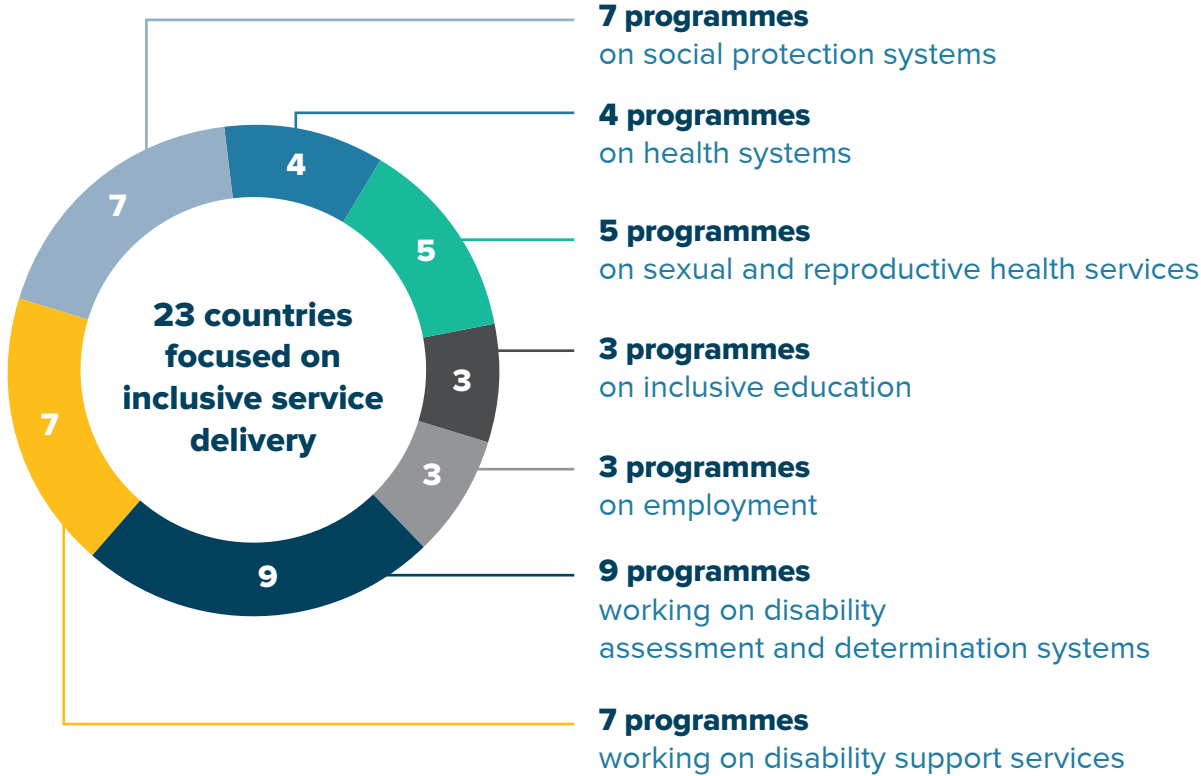
Additionally, the roll-out of a newly approved Disability Inclusion Policy, supported by implementation plans and a monitoring framework, ensures systematic enforcement and integration into national initiatives. The policy was translated into Kinyarwanda to facilitate widespread dissemination and understanding among stakeholders. A multi-stakeholder disability inclusion platform, formally launched in 2022, was further strengthened in 2023 to foster collaboration among OPDs, UN agencies, civil society, government and private sector partners in order to implement the national disability policy. These efforts have laid a strong foundation for the full inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities in Rwandan society.

Inclusive service delivery

To facilitate the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities, service delivery must adopt a twin track approach of mainstreaming disability inclusion and targeted disability-specific services. Targeted services can include CRPD-compliant disability assessment and referral systems that enable persons with disabilities to access appropriate information, support and services, and disability support services that empower persons with disabilities to live autonomously and access the services they need. It is also vital to ensure persons with disabilities can access all mainstream services such as education, vocational training, health, social protection, justice and many others.

Mainstream services need to embed inclusion and identify measures for ensuring they are available, accessible, adequate and affordable for persons with disabilities.

In 2023 UNPRPD programmes in 23 countries focused on different aspects of inclusive service delivery, including more than one area in some cases. This includes nine programmes working on disability assessment and determination systems, seven programmes working on disability support services, seven on social protection systems, four on health systems, five on sexual and reproductive health services, three on inclusive education, three on employment, and three covering employment.



In **Sierra Leone**, the UNPRPD programme plays a pivotal role in addressing critical gaps within the national social protection system, particularly concerning the identification and support of persons with disabilities. Currently, the national assessment and certification system lacks coherence and transparency, leaving many persons with disabilities without access to essential services. An initial outline for the assessment and certification system for persons with disabilities was developed and validated in collaboration with key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Social Welfare, the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities, the National Commission for Social Action and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, to ensure compliance with the provisions entailed in the Persons with Disabilities Act.

The programme started to pilot the assessment criteria in December 2023 and will complete the data analysis and finalization in 2024. To ensure all stakeholders engaged in the process have a good understanding on the topic, capacity-building trainings were conducted for 70 key stakeholders on disability assessment and certification in 2022, with a core group of 35 stakeholders receiving more in-depth capacity building in 2023.

In **Viet Nam**, policies regarding access to sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services and access to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) were reviewed with an integrated approach to ensure alignment with the CRPD, with a specific emphasis on the needs of women and girls with disabilities and other underrepresented groups.

The programme collaborated with the Ministry of Health in the development of revised national guidelines and a training package tailored for SRHR service providers. The partnership with the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) has led to the integration of disability-inclusive content into the national CSE curriculum.

The introduction of these curriculum updates to 82 MOET officials is expected to improve teaching practices for students with disabilities in secondary and high schools. Furthermore, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has initiated a plan for data collection on CRPD implementation, particularly concerning Article 25 relating to health, including sexual and reproductive health. This initiative stems from the identification of gaps during the preparation for CRPD committee inquiries on Viet Nam's CRPD implementation and will help to improve universal access to services.

“We are confident that this initiative, seeking to establish a CRPD-compliant national certification system in Sierra Leone to ensure persons with disabilities can access essential public services, including social protection systems, will be instrumental for inclusive national development, ensuring that no one is left behind.”



Melrose Karminty,
The Hon. Minister of Social Welfare, Sierra Leone

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Accessibility

Accessibility is essential for ensuring that persons with disabilities can access their right to live independently and to participate fully in all aspects of life, in line with the CRPD. States must take measures to ensure persons with disabilities can access the physical environment, transportation, information and communications so that all facilities, platforms, services and environments are accessible on an equal basis with others. Accessibility means ensuring discriminatory barriers and obstacles are removed, and providing information in accessible formats, including Braille, large print, sign language and easy read. Effective measures for ensuring accessibility include standards in laws and policies that are implemented through programmes, operating or administrative procedures, the provision of technical knowledge, awareness-raising and monitoring and regulatory systems.

In 2023, UNPRPD programmes in five countries focused on addressing accessibility, including ensuring the provision of accessible public information, the physical accessibility of public and education infrastructure, national guidelines and standard operating procedures on accessibility and reasonable accommodations, online training and learning platforms on digital literacy and skills training and new sectoral legislation and legislation on web accessibility.

In **Armenia**, the programme reviewed over 70 legal documents to ensure CRPD compliance, which triggered a wide range of systematic changes relating to accessibility. Armenia is poised to implement a comprehensive National Policy Framework for assistive technology, a significant systemic change that will refine

and regulate assistive technology provision. In 2023, to support these efforts, the programme revised a list of such technologies to address lifelong needs, especially for children.

Furthermore, in December 2023, the programme pioneered a ‘Universal Design: A New Phase of Development’ workshop, with a diverse range of stakeholders, including government representatives, the Human Rights Defender’s Office, officials, NGOs, professors, students and persons with disabilities. These initiatives collectively laid the groundwork for the successful integration of universal design training into the curriculum of the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia. Efforts are also underway to systematically train public servants on accessibility standards for consistent implementation.

In the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** the programme is working to develop sectoral policies, laws and administrative systems relating to the accessibility of infrastructure, public information and political participation. The programme is also developing specific knowledge products to support the acceleration of accessible education infrastructure. In 2023, the programme improved the accessibility of polling stations to promote the political participation of persons with disabilities. The programme also supported the government to develop its first national sign language dictionary.

In the **Cook Islands**, the UNPRPD programme is striving to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities through the development of accessibility standards in the public and private

sector. The programme built the capacity of over 100 stakeholders including public servants, public sector employees and capabilities of government and public institutions by enhancing their skills and knowledge on how to make reasonable accommodations and to mainstream disability considerations in standards, and procedures. The programme is in the process of developing an online training programme on accountability, accessibility and human rights. Complimenting these efforts, PUNOs have been working at the subnational level to support consultation

and dissemination of the National Disability Action Plan across three islands specifically. This includes enabling meaningful discussions, collaboration, and garnering support, collaboration, and alignment of efforts among key stakeholders e.g., island governments and community leaders. During consultation in the Cook Island of Aitutaki, the Aitutaki Family Protection Board and community leaders endorsed the initiative, demonstrating a collective effort towards advancing the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

CRPD-compliant budgeting and financial management

For the CRPD to be implemented effectively, states must allocate financial resources and ensure the costs of implementing disability-inclusive legislation, policies, programmes and services are budgeted for. States must also consider how persons with disabilities often incur high expenditures when accessing essential services they are entitled to. These costs must be regulated and factored into policies, programmes and services to ensure persons with disabilities are not excluded through discriminatory financial barriers. CRPD-compliant budgeting, delivered through budgeting processes, legislative and policy measures, administrative procedures, cross-sectoral cooperation and regulatory systems, is therefore essential.

In 2023, UNPRPD programmes in eight countries focused on laying the foundations for CRPD-compliant budgeting and financial management, including tools to develop cross-sectoral budgets for the provision of health, education, employment, social protection, family and community-based services.

Additionally, these countries also developed guidelines and costed implementation plans for national disability legislation and strengthened the capacity of government departments and OPDs on budget allocations, and securing commitments to increase financial allocations across national budgets.



In **Zimbabwe**, a key accomplishment was the development of robust regulatory frameworks and systems, facilitating the creation of a Costed Action Plan for the National Disability Policy. The Costed Action Plan development and validation involved the collaboration of 17 out of 21 government ministries, two main umbrella OPDs and two human rights commissions. Prior consultation with OPDs in 2022 ensured their inputs were incorporated into the plan.

Further progress was made as the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare's Department of Disability Affairs, along with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, reviewed the validated draft to align it with the Ministry of Finance's operational processes. The Costed Action Plan now serves as the foundation for coordinating efforts and guiding resource allocations and resource mobilization efforts for effectively implementing the National Disability Policy, thereby marking a significant step toward achieving equal opportunities for persons with disabilities in Zimbabwe.

Accountability and governance

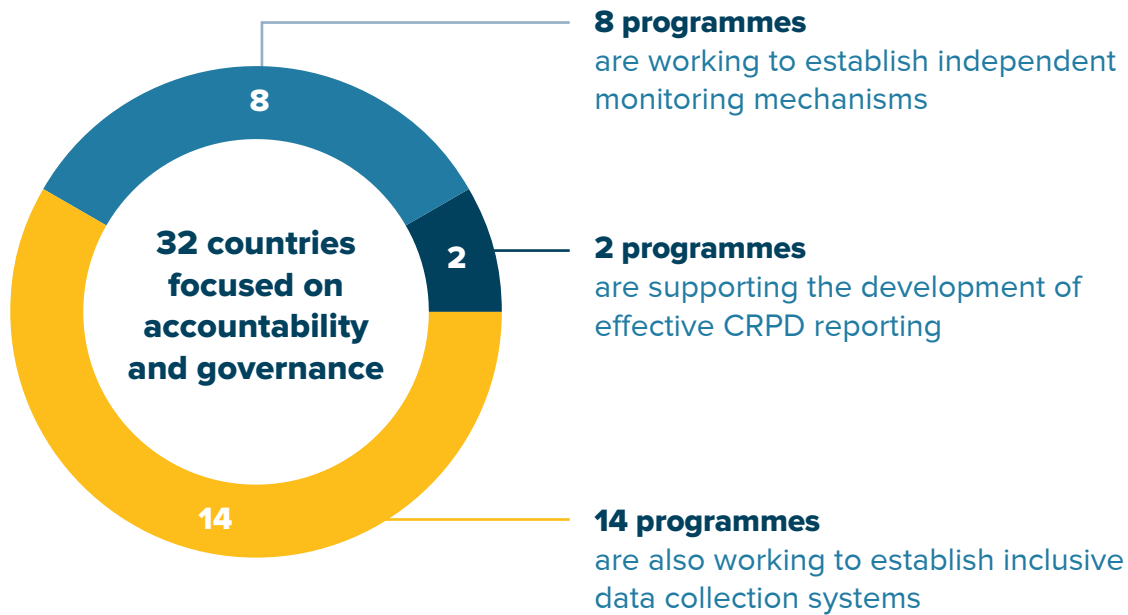
States must ensure that they have the appropriate governance, information and accountability mechanisms in place in order to effectively monitor and implement the CRPD. This includes having inclusive evidence and data gathering systems to collect, analyse and monitor accurate data on disability that can be used to inform CRPD-compliant policies and programmes. States must also establish one or more focal points for the CRPD and establish an independent mechanism to promote, protect and monitor implementation. CRPD implementation therefore requires deliberate co-ordination across sectors, including building partnerships

In **Panama**, the programme has been working to ensure CRPD-compliant budgeting across governmental agencies. Through a review of budgeting mechanisms in key sectors, such as health, education and social protection. The programme aims to align financial allocations with CRPD principles. Five government agencies are participating in a pilot to review planning, budgeting and accountability methodologies to promote the provision of more inclusive services to persons with disabilities.

These agencies will document lessons learned and replication strategies. Through internal assessments, monitoring and follow-up mechanisms, the programme seeks to ensure the effectiveness and longevity of CRPD-compliant budgeting practices in Panama. The programme has also developed and validated a toolbox on person-centred planning and CRPD-compliant budgeting. Five government institutions participated in the development of the tools, which were developed and validated with representatives from 22 OPDs and the National Assembly of OPDs.

between government ministries and with OPDs, civil society organizations, private sector, academia and international organizations.

In 2023 UNPRPD programmes in 32 countries focused on accountability and governance. All 32 programmes are working to ensure deliberate coordination across sectors. Fourteen programmes are also working to establish inclusive data collection systems, eight programmes are working to establish independent monitoring mechanisms and two are supporting the development of effective CRPD reporting.



In **The Gambia**, the programme has made significant strides in implementing Article 33 of the CRPD, focusing on monitoring and coordination mechanisms for disability rights. The programme enhanced the monitoring mechanism to oversee the implementation of the National Disability Act, in line with CRPD provisions. This involved establishing and operationalizing the Disability Advisory Council, which assumes the coordination role and monitors CRPD implementation. Training activities sensitized council members on disability rights and monitoring. Additionally, the programme strengthened the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare’s capacity for strategic coordination, including the co-creation of a National Disability Policy and the inauguration of the National Advisory Council.

The council, comprising diverse members from ministries and OPDs, is pivotal in ensuring effective coordination. The decision to reinforce the existing council rather than create a new

coordination body was influenced by resource constraints and the limited representation in a country like the Gambia. This structure is mirrored in regional councils, further enhancing coordination and monitoring of NDA implementation nationwide.

In **Ghana**, the programme is reforming the national data collection system to collect better and more accurate data on gender and disability. The programme is building the capacity of multiple stakeholders to reform national data collection systems and to pilot more inclusive data collection. In 2023, the programme undertook a disability data assessment to identify gaps in existing data collection mechanisms. The findings of the assessment will be used by a technical working group responsible for harmonizing disability data collection and developing a national framework and guidance for use across the national statistical system, in line with internationally recognized methods for collecting, analysing and using disability disaggregated data.

Advancing CRPD implementation and disability-inclusive development in Uzbekistan

The UNPRPD-funded programme in Uzbekistan, initiated in 2021, aimed to address critical gaps hindering effective CRPD and SDG implementation. During its two-year implementation ending in 2023, the programme focused on transforming social services, early identification and intervention of children (0-3) and inclusive education. This included collaborative efforts to develop accessible community services, training for 50,000 nurses service providers, screening and preventive services for early intervention and renovating schools and training over 500 teachers for inclusive education.

Significant policy and systemic changes were targeted to sustain these transformations. The programme supported the development of Uzbekistan’s first national Compact for Education Reform (2023-2026) and a National Framework for Inclusive Education. These frameworks outline standards, mechanisms and protocols for inclusive education, ensuring lasting commitments and additional financing.

The establishment of the National Social Protection Agency, prioritizing CRPD-compliant national systems, further solidified policy support as a result of advocacy from PUNOs.

Extensive collaboration with various partners, including national OPDs, government departments and UN agencies, was vital for programme success. Partnerships facilitated service testing, pilot initiatives and the development of a road map for transitioning to a rights-based model for disability assessment. They also influenced the inclusion of disability-specific indicators in Uzbekistan’s new national development strategy, ‘Uzbekistan – 2030’, and bolstered the Coordination Council on Disability Affairs for enhanced monitoring of CRPD implementation over the next seven years.

This collaborative effort underscores the programme’s comprehensive approach to bridging critical gaps and to fostering sustainable, inclusive development in Uzbekistan.



Mukhabbat Rahimova, leader, Shariot Plus (OPD) in Uzbekistan and UNPRPD joint programme partner, addresses gaps in GBV services. © UNFPA Uzbekistan



Persons with disabilities reflect and share their challenges and needs in local communities.
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Outcome 3

National development plans and monitoring processes include disability mainstreaming

13
countries

INDICATOR 3.1

No. of UNPRPD-supported countries with inclusive planning, implementation and monitoring of UN development and humanitarian activities

11
countries

INDICATOR 3.2

No. of countries that developed inclusive national development planning and monitoring to advance the SDGs

1
country

INDICATOR 3.3

No. of UNPRPD-supported countries with inclusive national implementation and monitoring of COVID-19 response and recovery plans

7
countries

INDICATOR 3.4

No. of UNPRPD-supported countries with formal participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations in national development plans and/or monitoring processes for inclusive SDGs

To achieve the aim of this outcome, all the UNPRPD joint programmes are designed to support countries to actively consider the requirements and rights of persons with disabilities across their national development plans planning and monitoring. Some processes that are targeted by UNPRPD joint programmes as part of this outcome in 2023 include the CCA

process, the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, including planning, monitoring and resource mobilization. Additionally, the joint programmes also target Humanitarian Response Plans and Humanitarian Needs Overviews, COVID-19 recovery plans, SDG monitoring mechanisms and targeted policy reforms to accelerate SDG implementation.



Participants at a SDG-focused workshop in Armenia.
Credit: UNDP Armenia

Disability inclusion is strengthened in UN development/ Humanitarian activities at country-level

UNPRPD recognizes that UNCTs can play a pivotal role supporting countries to accelerate progress towards their CRPD obligations, and it is therefore crucial that UNCTs are themselves equipped with the willingness and ability to adopt a disability inclusion lens across their activities.

In **Montenegro**, the programme conducted a comprehensive update of the CCA with a focus on disability inclusion. The analysis delved into the progress and persistent challenges faced by persons with disabilities across three strategic priorities of the UNSDCF: inclusive economic development and environmental sustainability,

human capital development and the rule of law and human rights.

Through a meticulous process involving data review and consultations with OPDs and other stakeholders, the update identified existing data gaps in many areas, and recommended more disability-inclusion data collection and better disaggregation by type of disability. The programme provided specific recommendations to each strategic priority. The CCA update, scheduled for finalization in early 2024, marks a significant step towards enhancing disability inclusion in Montenegro's development agenda.

National development plans and SDG processes advance disability inclusion

As part of this outcome, 22 percent of UNPRPD joint programmes also focused on improving and increasing the implementation of disability-inclusive SDGs at country level by offering a core package of fundamental support to the UN’s collective response to SDGs. The intention is to support the collective efforts of UNCTs, governments, OPDs and broader civil society organizations to address national priorities and gaps concerning persons with disabilities in their national planning to advance the SDGs. Furthermore, this will contribute to turning the collective promise to leave no one behind into tangible action, specifically for persons with disabilities.

In **Guatemala**, UNPRPD is spearheading the integration of disability inclusion into wider national development plans. The programme has facilitated the establishment of an inaugural National Disability Certification system, with a significant focus on gender and rural indigenous women with disabilities.

The programme has also provided extensive technical assistance to the National Statistics Institute, ensuring the inclusion of the Washington Group Short Set in two national surveys conducted in 2023, and standardizing disability variable recording in administrative data within the National Social Information System.

“ We are very excited to have collaborated with the programme to generate localized data on persons with disabilities to inform the creation of inclusive policies and interventions. We have now piloted the use of this data to develop Guatemala’s first municipal council policy on disability inclusion in the municipality of Camotán. ”



Juan Pablo Arreola,
Director of Statistics, CONADI,
Guatemala

Better data and the certification system will aid the government in planning and budgeting for inclusive public services and align with the 2030 Agenda call for disaggregated data and the National Development Plan: K’atun 2032’s goal of enhancing data utilization for socio-economic development.

OPDs engage in the national development coordination

The most effective entry point for ensuring that the national development plan is disability-inclusive is the multi-stakeholder planning process at country level. In 2023, 14 percent of UNPRPD programmes identified opportunities for persons with disabilities and their representative organizations to systematically engage in such processes so that disability is mainstreamed into SDG, CCA, UNSCDF and other national development frameworks and policies.

In **Trinidad and Tobago**, the programme focused on addressing the gap in the systematic engagement of OPDs, including women with disabilities and underrepresented groups in the MSDCF for the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean.

There is no established formalized mechanism for OPDs, including women with disabilities and underrepresented groups, to systematically engage with the UN system. The programme engaged with 11 OPDs and completed an

assessment to understand the level to which disability inclusion is mainstreamed within the joint UN activities delivered through the MSDCF country implementation plan. The assessments highlighted areas for enhancing disability inclusiveness in UN and development processes, leading to recommendations, such as creating a unified leadership for Persons with Disabilities and OPDs and the establishment of a dedicated Disabilities Unit.

These measures aim to systematically engage OPDs and persons with disabilities, ensuring their voices are heard and needs addressed in policymaking and development initiatives. To support this, the programme also strengthened the organizational capacity of OPDs to effectively engage with the UN system.

This will allow meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the planning, formulation of activities, implementation and the monitoring and evaluation of those activities.

“The Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association will continue to engage the United Nations system to monitor the multi-country sustainable development cooperation framework (MSDCF) by working with all stakeholders to convince without criticism, advocate without anger and persuade without pressure by ensuring that persons with disabilities benefit and are included in all UN programmes and projects to build a world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive for all.”



Kenneth Suratt,
Executive Office, TTBWA

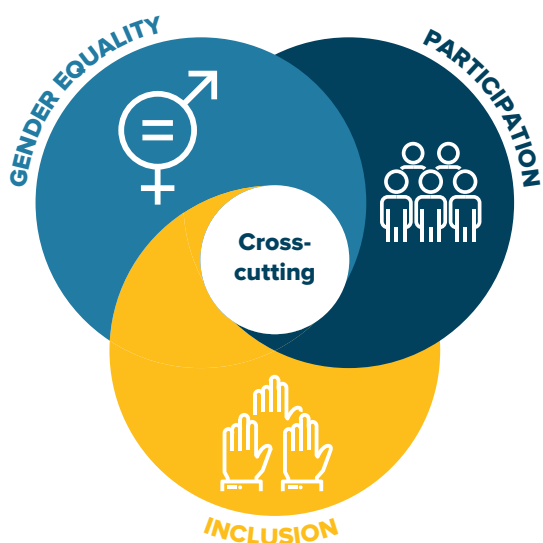


Juntas. Unidad. Sororidad. Resiliencia. Empoderamiento. Fortaleza. Empatía. Vizibilizar. Luchadora (Together. United. Sisterhood. Resilience. Empowerment. Strength. Empathy. Visibility. Fighter) these are some of the words shared by participants during the launch of the National Network of Women with Disabilities - an initiative created and supported by the UNPRPD joint programme in Colombia. © UN Women

Applying cross-cutting approaches

Meaningful participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations is central to UNPRPD’s work. Persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, are critical partners in UNPRPD programmes and play decision-making roles in policy and systems reforms that impact their lives.

participation, UNPRPD adopted three cross-cutting approaches to be applied across UNPRPD structures and programmes to ensure the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities ensuring gender equality and diversity of representation. These cross-cutting approaches are built into UNPRPD Fund’s governance, programme cycle, monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management and learning. These approaches include the following elements:



- **Participation:** Ensuring the participation of all persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, across the UNPRPD programme cycle thereby ensuring the diversity of the disability movement is represented.
- **Gender equality:** Advancing gender equality of women and girls with disabilities throughout the programme cycle.
- **Diversity:** Ensuring the rights of marginalized and underrepresented persons with disabilities by designing programmes that address the systemic and structural barriers to inclusion.

In line with UNPRPD’s SOF 2020-2025 and consistent with human rights principles of

To do this effectively and meaningfully, participation must be inclusive of the diversity of the disability movement ensuring all priorities and perspectives are heard and duly considered. UNPRPD programmes must also ensure women and girls with disabilities and their representative bodies are participating equally and have access to leadership and decision-making opportunities on an equal basis. Programmes should be designed and implemented in consultation with women with disabilities to advance gender equality leading to inclusive gender-transformative change.

Partnerships should also be formed with organizations representing marginalized and underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities so that their rights priorities are on the agenda. When such organizations do not yet exist, efforts should be made to solicit missing perspectives.

It is critical for UNPRPD programmes to understand the diverse rights issues of persons with disabilities in order to design programmes that can address multiple and overlapping forms of exclusion effectively leading to longer-term and more systemic change.

To ensure full and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in UNPRPD programmes, PUNOs should systematically engage OPDs throughout the UNPRPD programme cycle, including in the situational analysis, programme design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation.

In 2023, 12 (46 percent) of tier 1 programmes included specific focus areas that addressed the rights of women and girls with disabilities. Furthermore, six (23 percent) of tier 1 programmes addressed the rights of the underrepresented and most marginalized groups of persons with disabilities. All programmes used varying measures to ensure the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations.

To support PUNOs to design and implement programmes that advance gender equality more effectively, in 2023 the UNPRPD TS launched a guidance note on [Inclusive Gender Transformative Approaches](#). The UNPRPD also coordinated a programme clinic with technical guidance for PUNOs on using an inclusive gender-transformative approach in programming, in collaboration with UNFPA and PUNO focal points for UNPRPD joint programmes in Colombia and Tanzania.

To further strengthen the participation of persons with disabilities in UNPRPD programmes, the TS finalized a [guidance note on the meaningful participation of OPDs](#). In 2023, the UNPRPD Fund held the first regional workshop on OPD participation for PUNO focal points from existing UNPRPD joint programmes, from Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Western Asia. The workshop provided a dedicated space for learning new strategies for the more meaningful participation of OPDs that can lead to stronger outcomes and more successful partnerships in the long term.

Enable the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities

To ensure full and meaningful participation, UNPRPD’s programmes are systematic in their outreach to OPDs, forming partnerships with them and actively consulting diverse OPDs in meaningful ways. This is done by bringing OPDs into programme governance mechanisms, developing multi-stakeholder partnerships between OPDs, UN entities and governments, building the capacity of OPDs for meaningful engagement and developing consultative mechanisms to gather OPD inputs and recommendations.

Finally, this requires UNPRPD programmes to budget for and implement processes to ensure accessibility and reasonable accommodation in all these processes.

In 2023, all 26 UNPRPD joint programmes reported that they actively engaged and

collaborated with OPDs on programme implementation and as part of governance structures.

In **Tanzania**, the UNPRPD programme engaged diverse OPDs to support the implementation strategy for the National Disability Act (2022) in Zanzibar, providing inputs to the review process of revising the National Disability Policy (2004) in Mainland Tanzania and developing the second National Plan of Action to end Violence Against Women and Children in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, which is expected to be finalised in 2024.

To do this, the programme brought together 374 OPD representatives (172 women and 202 men) from 12 OPDs to provide inputs on the draft Act so that it better aligns with the CRPD and promotes gender equality.



In Tanzania, local OPDs provided inputs to the Zanzibar Person with Disability Act © UNFPA Tanzania

Address gender inequality and advancing the rights of women and girls with disabilities

UNPRPD is committed to eliminating discrimination against women and girls with disabilities and persons with disabilities of diverse SOGIESC, to promoting their leadership and to advancing gender equality. To do this, UNCTs must undertake a gender analysis within the situational analysis and design programmes that have clear gender equality indicators and targets. Programmes should be designed to actively challenge inequalities women with disabilities and persons with disabilities of diverse SOGIESC experience and address harmful stigma and cultural beliefs that perpetuate disempowerment. UNPRPD programmes must identify and partner with women-led OPDs while supporting leadership building for women and persons of diverse SOGIESC with disabilities. Programmes

should be designed and implemented in consultation with women with disabilities to advance gender equality leading to inclusive gender-transformative change.

In **Bangladesh**, the programme strategically engaged WDDF, a woman-led OPD, to lead national capacity-building assessments and training with a focus on training women with disabilities and women-led OPDs. A total of seven OPDs (four national and three local level) including five women-led OPDs, participated in the organizational capacity assessment (OCA). The OCA identified the major gaps in leadership skills among women with disabilities and other underrepresented groups for active participation in OPD leadership structures and decision-making processes.

“Using the insights from the Organizational Capacity Assessment, we conducted tailored trainings of trainers (ToT) to empower women-led OPDs by enhancing their advocacy skills, gender equality awareness, and organizational monitoring. The ToT was instrumental in creating a resource pool for OPDs to replicate capacity-building trainings with other members of OPD networks. A total of 33 representatives (20 women, 13 men) from 17 OPDs, of whom 24 were persons with disabilities (17 women, 7 men) participated in this training.”



Ashrafun Nahar Misti,
Executive Director, Women with Disabilities Development Foundation

The OCA also identified gaps in effectively engaging with policymakers, with expertise to mainstream gender and in how to carry out research and evidence-based advocacy with policymakers. Capacity-building initiatives, informed by OCA findings, provided these women-led OPDs with the necessary knowledge and skills to strengthen their organizational capacity. This empowerment has enabled them to actively participate in disability-inclusion platforms and to advocate for gender equality agendas and influence policy.

In addition, the programme also carried out two research initiatives - a gender-responsive analysis of the current legal and policy framework for the rights of persons with disabilities and gender-based violence; and the root cause analysis of the discrimination, stigma and violence against women and girls with disabilities. Both analyses were carried

out in consultation with national and local stakeholders, including women with disabilities.

The gender-responsive analysis of the legal framework identified the gaps in laws and challenges in their implementation with recommendations for legal reform. The root cause analysis explored the underlying causes of discrimination, stigma, and violence against persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls with disabilities, including socio-cultural and religious factors through desk reviews, key informant interviews and focus group discussions.

These analyses will inform the design of future programmes and initiatives to address the needs of the persons with disabilities, especially for women and other marginalized groups of disabilities, by OPDs and disability-inclusion actors.

Ensure the inclusion of marginalized and underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities

Also essential to UNPRPD's work is ensuring the UN framework for Leaving No One Behind is applied when engaging persons with disabilities. Underrepresented groups are those with less visibility and representation in the disability movement, such as persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, deafblind persons, persons with albinism, little people, persons with multiple disabilities, and others. Marginalized persons with disabilities are those who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination based on a disability and other identities and characteristics, such as sex, age, race, ethnic

minority status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, migrant or refugee status, indigenous origin, socio-economic status geographic location, and others.

It is essential for all UNPRPD programmes to analyse the multiple and intersecting rights issues of marginalized and underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities and to design programmes that respond to them. UNPRPD programmes can be most effective in addressing the rights of diverse groups by engaging with OPDs representing marginalized and underrepresented persons with disabilities.

In **Eswatini**, the UNPRPD programme sought to strengthen the capacities of national stakeholders on coordination and inclusion of disability rights in UNSDCF and national development plans. To ensure national development plans, budgets, programmes and monitoring processes effectively addressed the rights of persons with disabilities, the programme established a National Disability Technical Working Group within the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office. The working group was comprised of OPDs, UN agencies, government, private sectors and other civil society actors. The working group

ensured representation from marginalized groups such as persons with albinism who experience multiple and overlapping forms of discrimination and human rights violations, including violence and human trafficking. Both men and women with albinism were part of the National Disability Technical Working Group from both urban and rural settings. OPDs, including those representing persons with albinism, were also actively engaged in the UN Results Groups structures which reports on UN country results as part of UNSDCF to illustrate progress in achieving the SDGs.



Nelisiwe Shiba (34), from Northern Hhohho region of Eswatini attending a policy dialogue with policy makers on the proposed quota system for persons with disabilities Eswatini.
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UNPRPD RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CRISES



Best friends, Hikmat (in wheelchair) and Abdullah, are Syrian refugees living in Za'atari Refugee camp in Jordan.
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UNPRPD helped to equip a care home in Western Ukraine, now a safe haven for people with disabilities and elderly persons fleeing war-ravaged areas. © UNDP Ukraine

Promoting Disability Inclusion in Climate Action and Humanitarian Response: UNPRPD’s Contributions to Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Communities

Amidst the complex challenges of climate change and humanitarian crises, the imperative for inclusive, resilient and sustainable responses has never been more pressing. UNPRPD recognizes that climate change-related impacts and humanitarian crises compound one another to increase the vulnerability of persons with disabilities. Altogether 80 percent of persons with disabilities, approximately one billion persons, residing in low-income countries are the most at risk from the impacts of climate change and remain less secure.¹³ This feature section of the annual report will examine the pivotal role of the UNPRPD in advancing disability inclusion within the realms of climate

action and humanitarian response. Against this backdrop of environmental volatility and emergent crises, the UNPRPD is committed to supporting countries to advance the CRPD commitments by implementing inclusive national policies and systems to ensure persons with disabilities are not left behind in climate action and humanitarian response. Collaborating with OPDs, national governments and other stakeholders, the UNPRPD stands at the forefront of promoting holistic approaches that not only address the immediate needs of vulnerable populations but also pave the way for systemic changes to build resilient, sustainable and equitable communities for all.

Joint efforts to deliver disability-inclusive climate action

Not only do people with disabilities around the world bear more of the burdens of climate change for socio-economic reasons, they are also more vulnerable in the immediate and long-term aftermath of a sudden catastrophe, such as a flood or wildfire. Climate change amplifies the marginalization experienced by persons with disabilities: it negatively affects health, reduces access to health care services, food and water, and to accessible infrastructure. During heatwaves the mortality rate of people with psychosocial disabilities is three times higher.

The UNPRPD Fund is uniquely placed to ensure coordinated approaches to disability-inclusive climate action at national level through our multi-partner approach that brings the UN system, government and OPDs together.

Our approach ensures UNPRPD Fund programmes deliver coordination between ministries and whole-of-government approaches to genuinely strengthen climate resilience across sectors in national policies and in United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes.

We have identified four priorities for delivering rights-based, intersectional and people-centred approaches:

- **Embedding disability inclusion into national climate frameworks and system changes**, including national mitigation and adaptation frameworks, National Adaptation Plans and Nationally Determined Contributions, Action for Climate Empowerment initiatives and the UNFCCC, transparency, funding and reporting.

- **Promoting inclusive policy reform across sectors**, by developing and reforming legal frameworks, sectoral policies, budgets, systems and services to adapt to climate change and embed the rights of persons with disabilities, including to deliver disability-inclusive Just Transitions to green economies.
- **Multi-stakeholder capacity-building** of national and local governments, OPDs, climate action organizations and wider national civil society.
- **Promoting learning, evidence and knowledge management** through the generation of knowledge products, ensuring cross-country collaboration and learning and promoting evidence in national, regional and global forums.

In August 2023, the **UNPRPD Fund launched a multi-country programme aimed at strengthening the climate resilience of persons with disabilities through an intersectional approach** that leaves no one behind. The two-year programme is being implemented by UNDP, ILO and OHCHR, in partnership with the IDA, African Disability Forum, Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities and local OPDs in Jordan, Somalia and South Africa.

The programme is building the capacity of key national institutions, government departments and policymakers in all three countries by equipping them with guidance and recommendations for how to strengthen disability-inclusive and intersectional approaches to national climate change policies and systems. Guidance on how to mainstream a disability-inclusive and intersectional approach into the National Adaptation Plan process at national

level; how to integrate an intersectional approach to disability-inclusive climate action; and how to strengthen the inclusion of persons with disabilities using an inclusive and intersectional approach to a Just Transition will be developed.

It is also working to strengthen the climate resilience of persons with disabilities, including regional and national OPDs, women-led OPDs and organizations of underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities, by building knowledge on how to engage in and influence the development of national climate policies and programmes.

Furthermore, several UNPRPD Fund national programmes have been addressing climate risk, disaster risk reduction and humanitarian emergencies.

In **North Macedonia**, [a comprehensive analysis of national disaster risk policies](#) identified critical gaps in the inclusion of persons with disabilities. Recommendations were developed to strengthen policies and systems, focusing on inclusive disaster risk reduction to enhance the resilience of persons with disabilities.

Similarly, in **Nepal**, efforts have been made to empower and engage women and girls with disabilities in localized disaster risk reduction activities. Through targeted capacity-building, local government units namely Godawari Rural Municipality, Bhajani Municipality, Kailari Rural Municipality (Kailali District), Birendranagar Municipality and Barahtal Municipality (Surkhet district) have been equipped with the knowledge and skills to mainstream gender and disability inclusion in disaster risk management.



Inclusive humanitarian response

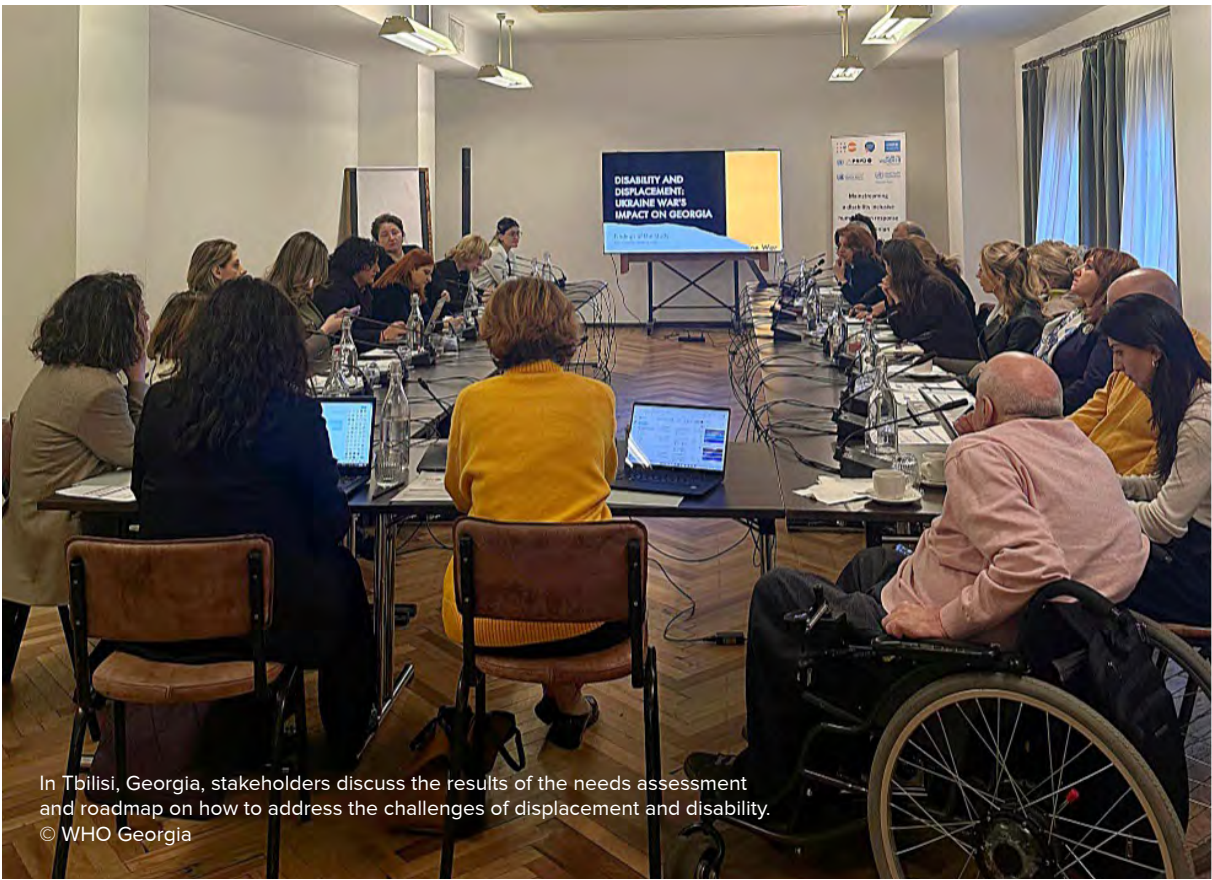
UNPRPD’s humanitarian programmes champion disability-inclusive humanitarian action, in alignment with the UNCRPD and in accordance with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Guidelines, Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, 2019.¹⁴

In 2023, UNPRPD began **phase 2 of humanitarian programming in Ukraine**. This seeks to address needs for rapid mainstreaming of disability inclusion mechanisms in the humanitarian system, while simultaneously ensuring OPDs have an effective platform from

which to engage in national policy dialogue. The programme aims to ensure that multi-stakeholder actions related to early recovery and development are aligned with the UNCRPD, and provide an enabling and barrier free environment.

Therefore, through technical support provided by UNPRPD, the Resident Coordinator’s Office of Ukraine, with the PUNOs, are working to

develop a participatory situational analysis, including supporting leadership of persons with disabilities in the process, and to develop a multisectoral UN coordinated framework to guide UN action in Ukraine in the short- to medium-term. This framework will include robust monitoring and accountability mechanisms, ensuring that OPDs and other key stakeholders will remain accountable and can equally hold key UN decision-makers to account.



In Tbilisi, Georgia, stakeholders discuss the results of the needs assessment and roadmap on how to address the challenges of displacement and disability. © WHO Georgia

UNPRPD also supported a **multi-country programme to promote the rights of Ukrainian refugees seeking safety in the Republic of Moldova and Georgia**. The programme was jointly implemented by WHO, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNFPA and UN Women, in partnership with the European Disability Forum. The programme brought together relevant duty bearers, OPDs and human rights institutions in the two countries, with the aim of making a paradigm shift from

the medical model to the human rights-based model of disability determination and data collection, addressing gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, as well as empowering persons with disabilities to meaningfully participate in decision-making processes.

The programme aimed to ensure that national stakeholders, including 41 OPDs in Moldova,

have a better understanding and greater capacity to support a disability-inclusive response to Ukrainian refugees. Within this scope, PUNOs in collaboration with OPDs, provided support to key stakeholders to develop their capacity to respond to the specific needs of refugees with disabilities. For example, in Georgia, the programme partnered with the National Network of Women with Disabilities to implement capacity-building programmes and to support service referrals for Ukrainian refugees with disabilities.

In Georgia micro grants were provided for the Georgian Down Syndrome Association, the Parents of Children with Disabilities Association and the National Network of Women with Disabilities to support institutional development. Ten representatives of CSOs/OPDs in Moldova benefited of a two-day training on prevention and elimination of multiple forms of discrimination with a focus on disability and refugee aspects, organized by the NGO “Association of Entrepreneurs with Disabilities from Moldova”. Participants gained an understanding of what intersectional discrimination is, how it affects women refugees with disabilities, explored relevant international conventions in protecting the rights of women refugees with disabilities.

The programme also trained over 200 humanitarian staff in Moldova, including 61 persons with disabilities, 60 representatives of OPDs and 80 representatives of public institutions. The staff were trained on disability-inclusive practice and, in partnership with the Alliance of Persons with Disabilities Moldova (AOPD), conducted a training of trainer programme to support OPDs and CSOs to participate in humanitarian action. OPD also provided training for 163 front-line service

providers, including social workers, police and border police on effective communication techniques, available GBV services, effective legal representation and protecting the rights and interests of refugees with disabilities.

To address the lack of data to design an evidence-based inclusive approach to humanitarian response, the programme embarked on completing a needs assessment on the rights of refugees with disabilities in each country. The programme generated three knowledge tools, including GBV safety audit tools and inclusive standard operating procedures, to enable service providers in each country to identify and respond to GBV incidences for women and girls refugees with disabilities. Moreover, the programme developed a new instrument for assessing children with disabilities, in addition to a profiling tool, to support disability determination processes to uphold legal status and certification processes.

In Georgia this tool was translated into two languages and is being used at the municipality level by social workers for individual assessment and screening of children. In Moldova, this was complemented by creating referral pathways and by providing assistive technologies for those children requiring assistive technologies following their assessment.

The programme also addressed gaps in national services and humanitarian and development programme delivery in Moldova and Georgia targeting Ukrainian refugees with disabilities, in line with CRPD implementation. In coordination with the Centre for Independent Living (CIL) in Georgia and the Centre for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Moldova, the programme completed a multisectoral policy and legislative analyses (targeting

inclusive health, education and social care delivery, inclusive budgeting, gender and youth responsive interventions) process in order to inform the development of policy and operational solutions.

As a result, the programme developed new models of health and social service delivery to ensure the inclusion of refugees with disabilities in key services. In Moldova, the CRPD assisted 28 refugees with disabilities from Ukraine according to the applied case management.

Simultaneously, OPDs led public advocacy campaigns related to the specific needs of refugees with disabilities and recommendations for action. For example, in Moldova, WHO and

CRPD led advocacy and awareness-raising efforts related to Temporary Protection status in Moldova and supported Ukrainian refugees with disabilities to better understand their rights.

This included implementing training sessions in key locations in Moldova (north, centre and south), where 61 refugees received information on their rights. In Georgia, the Centre for Independent Living and the National Network of Women with Disabilities led advocacy efforts within UN-led working groups (WGs), such as the GBV in humanitarian action WG and externally, targeting humanitarian organizations, the Government of Georgia and other key stakeholders, to raise awareness on the specific needs and rights of refugees with disabilities in Georgia.



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UNPRPD FUND'S CONTRIBUTION TO UNDIS



Youth with disabilities spearhead designing a mural - advocating for disability rights and awareness.
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UNPRPD FUND'S CONTRIBUTION TO UNDIS

Young child plays the drums at an inclusive daycare centre in Montenegro.
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UNDIS is a comprehensive and unified policy framework that promotes disability inclusion across the entire UN system through a holistic approach. This policy outlines the UN's vision for disability inclusion and underscores its commitment to achieving this vision at the highest levels of the organization. The UNDIS framework focuses on key areas such as leadership, strategic planning and management, inclusiveness, programming and organizational culture. The framework includes two aligned components: (a) an entity accountability framework; and (b) a UNCT accountability scorecard on disability inclusion.

To ensure accountability and measure progress towards achieving UNDIS objectives, a common-system indicators framework has been put in

place. There are a total of 15 indicators at the entity level and 14 indicators at the UNCT level. Responsibility for implementing UNDIS falls on 60 UN entities, 130 UNCTs and 5 inter-agency mechanisms, including UNPRPD.

In 2023, UNPRPD directly and indirectly contributed towards several UNDIS indicators at both UN-entity level and at UNCT level by serving as a convener within the UN system to bring about transformative and sustainable change in disability inclusion. A total of 34 UNPRPD joint programmes reported contributing to 12 of the 14 indicators. UNPRPD joint programmes supported UNCTs to approach the requirements of 11 indicators in 23 countries, to meet the requirements of 11 indicators in 21 countries and to exceed the requirements of 8 indicators in 11 countries.¹⁵

The table below summarizes the UNPRPD joint programme contributions towards the most frequently reported UNCT accountability scorecard indicators.

UNCT Accountability Scorecard Indicator and UNPRPD role	Contributions to achieve the indicator
<p>Indicator 1 Leadership, strategic planning and management</p> <p>UNPRPD Joint Programme enables the UNCT leadership, especially the RCOs in the country, to champion leadership in disability inclusion.</p>	<p>The Resident Coordinator’s office plays a pivotal role in all UNPRPD joint programmes at the national level. These joint programmes empower the UNCTs to spearhead disability inclusion internally in programming by integrating it into workplans and ensuring its presence as a recurring item in regular UN meetings. Moreover, the UN utilizes these joint programmes as primary avenues for discussions on more inclusive national development work with local partners.</p> <p>For instance, in Moldova, 80% of UNCT meetings incorporated agenda items specifically focused on disability, and disability inclusion was consistently addressed in human rights updates.</p> <p>Similarly, in Georgia, the implementation of the “Rights of Persons with Disabilities” law, was facilitated through collaboration with the UN Georgia country team as part of a joint programme.</p>
<p>Indicator 5 Consultations with Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Meaningful participation of OPDs, including underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities and women and girls with disabilities, is core to the UNPRPD’s strategic framework.</p>	<p>In 2023, all UNPRPD national and multi-country programmes prioritized the systematic consultation of persons with disabilities through OPDs. This involved formal and informal collaborations, including OPD engagement in steering and advisory committees. Such partnerships facilitated the UNCT to surpass indicator requirements.</p> <p>For instance, in Cambodia, the national programme actively involved in the formulation of a new OPDs Cooperation Framework 2024-2028, including prioritizing strategic goals and conducting consultations. Notably, both the Cambodia Disabled People’s Organization and the Disability Action Council of the Royal Government of Cambodia participated in these processes.</p> <p>Moreover, representatives of persons with disabilities contributed to the CCA update and Cooperation Framework discussions. In situations requiring emergency risk assessments and response planning, OPDs were consulted with the PUNOs of the joint programme, underscoring their integral role in decision-making processes.</p>

UNCT Accountability Scorecard Indicator and UNPRPD role	Contributions to achieve the indicator
<p>Indicator 8</p> <p>Joint Programmes</p> <p>UNPRPD provides funding and support for country-level joint programmes to advance disability inclusion, thus increasing the number of UNCTs receiving funding for more joint programmes integrating disability inclusion.</p>	<p>In 2023, UNPRPD supported 26 joint programmes to advance the implementation of the CRPD and disability-inclusive SDGs. In 2023 disability inclusion scorecards, 21 countries indicated that the UNPRPD programmes enabled UNCT to either approach, meet or exceed requirements.</p> <p>In some countries like Ghana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Kyrgyzstan, the UNPRPD joint programme was the first one focused on disability inclusion in the country bringing together multiple UN organizations.</p> <p>All UNPRPD national and multi-country programmes operating in 2023 are implemented by at least two UN organizations, and the governance mechanism includes an interagency coordination mechanism to provide strategic guidance. This collaborative approach sets the foundations for more joint programmes integrating disability inclusion in the country.</p>
<p>Indicator 9</p> <p>Data</p> <p>UNPRPD joint programmes provide the opportunity to strengthen data on persons with disabilities by enabling UNCTs to work with national stakeholders to develop a situational analysis based on available data, and to build the capacity of national statistics offices.</p>	<p>Strengthening data on persons with disabilities was a key focus of UNPRPD joint programmes in 2023. All programmes conducted detailed situational analyses to establish baselines for disability inclusion laws, policies and systems, helping UNCTs to understand available data and gaps. Several programmes prioritized enhancing government partners' capacity on disability data.</p> <p>For instance, in Bangladesh, collaboration with the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) ensured systematic engagement of OPDs in developing disability modules for national surveys, including the upcoming Labour Force Survey 2022-2024. Technical assistance provided to BBS focuses on enhancing capacity in disability data collection and analysis, emphasizing sex and disability disaggregation. OPDs actively engaged in data management during the process of disability module inclusion, data analysis and report development for LFS as part of their capacity building and enhancement efforts.</p> <p>The programme also aims to promote disability- and gender-sensitive survey protocols. A collaborative plan is being developed, in consultation with OPDs, outlining their role in data management and its utilization in policy advocacy. This concerted effort reflects a commitment to generating comprehensive and meaningful data, fostering inclusivity and informed policymaking.</p>

UNCT Accountability Scorecard Indicator and UNPRPD role	Contributions to achieve the indicator
<p>Indicator 13</p> <p>Capacity-building for UN staff</p> <p>UN entity offices at country level are active participants in capacity-building activities as a central component of UNPRPD programmes, often alongside governments and civil society actors in the programme design and implementation phases on a range of topics, including a human-rights based approach to disability inclusion, the CRPD, disability elements of the SDGs, OPD engagement and programme focus areas.</p>	<p>UNPRPD joint programmes in Ecuador, Fiji, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Timor Leste and Zambia implemented the standardized training package during their inception phase, ensuring that all implementing partners, including 52 UN staff members, had access to knowledge on effective CRPD implementation and disability-inclusive SDG implementation.</p> <p>Furthermore, 26 joint programmes at the implementation phase conducted capacity-building activities tailored to the programmes' needs and context, consulting with OPDs and subject-matter experts.</p> <p>For example, the joint programme in Argentina, conducted two-day training for 40 UN staff on human rights-based approaches and disability inclusion in the implementation of the UNSDCF and joint programmes, projects or initiatives. The training was facilitated by five OPD representatives. At the end of the training 100% UN staff reported having increased their knowledge.</p>

“The Georgia programme championed the advancement of disability rights in the country. It led to improving legal frameworks, mainstreaming disability inclusion in development programmes and empowering national stakeholders. Importantly, it brought individuals with disabilities and organizations to the decision-making table.”



Sabine Machl,
UN Resident Coordinator in Georgia

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OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION



Mr Katseku Newton Kwamla, Executive Director of Ghana Association of Persons with Albinism, offers inputs during the National Validation of the Persons with Disabilities re-enacted bill. © UNDP Ghana

OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

A section of participants at the procession held during the celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2023 in Accra, Ghana. The event was led by the Ghana Federation for Disability Organizations (GFDO) in collaboration with the UN. © UNDP Ghana

As we reflect on the year 2023, the UNPRPD Fund remains deeply committed to strengthening its presence through outreach and meaningful communication. Throughout the year, the Fund actively participated in a variety of international events, conferences and platforms, simultaneously sharing its achievements and learning while contributing to the global discussion around investing in disability inclusion.

In February 2023, the UNPRPD Fund, in collaboration with UNDP and Inclusion International, received an award from the Zero project in Vienna for the practical guide titled [‘Political Participation of Persons with Psychosocial or Intellectual Disabilities.’](#)

In March 2023, Ola Abu Al Ghaib, Manager of the TS, UNPRPD Fund, spoke at the General Discussion on Article 11 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during

its 28th Session of the Human Rights Council. UNPRPD Fund reiterated its unwavering commitment and remains dedicated to designing programmes with a people-centred approach, prioritizing emergency response and enhancing the climate resilience of individuals with disabilities.

Active engagement took place during the Sixteenth Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (COSP16). In June 2023, the UNPRPD was given a space to speak at the Interactive Dialogue on Implementation of the Convention between States Parties and the UN System in New York. On this occasion Ola Abu Al Ghaib, Manager of the TS at the UNPRPD Fund, underscored the urgency of our mission. In her call to action, she emphasized the imperative of working collectively with OPDs, national governments, civil society and partners within the UN system.

The UNPRPD Fund also organized and actively participated in thought-provoking side events at the COSP16, each designed to stimulate critical discussions and collaboration. The main events organized by UNPRPD included the following ones:

- *From Rights to Reality: A Dialogue on Funding Modalities*, in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN, the Fund convened this dialogue to unite stakeholders from the UN, donors, OPDs and more. The aim was to reflect on the challenges surrounding financing efforts for disability inclusion, exploring the best way forward and modalities to optimize investments across development and humanitarian priorities.
- *Placing Disability at the Heart of Recovery Plans in Ukraine*: This event brought together stakeholders from the UN, governments and OPDs to share insights and learnings on addressing the rights and needs of persons with disabilities in the context of the crisis in Ukraine. Drawing from the experience of the UNPRPD joint programmes in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, the dialogue explored what works and how we can enhance our support.
- *Towards Disability-Inclusive Climate Action*: Organized in collaboration with the

International Disability Alliance, International Disability and Development Consortium, Global Green grants Fund and Global Action on Disability Network Disability-Inclusive Climate Action working group, this event aimed to foster a critical discussion on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in climate action efforts, both nationally and internationally.

- In collaboration with its partners, the UNPRPD Fund also hosted a panel discussion, entitled “*Harmonizing National Policies and Strategies with the CRPD in the Pacific*”, delivered the closing remarks at the side event, ‘*Progress towards Inclusive and shock responsive Social Protection Systems in different contexts*’ and joined the discussion around “*Guidelines on Deinstitutionalization*”.

In September during the SDG Summit 2023 and SDG Action Weekend the UNPRPD presented at the side event, “Together Towards a Disability-Inclusive Future: From the SDG Summit to beyond 2023”. This side event highlighted the critical need to ensure that persons with disabilities and their representative organizations (OPDs) participate meaningfully in all events and mechanisms as we approached 2030 and planned for beyond.



Dr Ola Abu Al Ghaib, Manager of the UNPRPD Technical Secretariat addresses the closing session of COSP 16. © UNPRPD

To increase its international visibility, the UNPRPD Fund also participated in two global forums. In October 2023, the Fund took part in the Global Forum for Adolescents, an event hosted by young people with disabilities in collaboration with IDDC, Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE), UNICEF, UN Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth and the Human Sciences Research Council.

The Fund engaged in the global forum against racism and discrimination in Brazil, a session co-organized with UNESCO on the topic of “Towards Disability Equality and an End to Disability-Based Discrimination: Shifting the

Paradigm Through the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.”

In December, the UNPRPD Fund participated in the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai. The UNPRPD Fund organized a key session at the RewirED Summit, entitled ‘What Works to Build More Inclusive and Climate-Resilient National Education Systems.’

The session showcased solutions for establishing new and effective partnerships across sectors at the national level, drawing from UNPRPD’s extensive experience in implementing joint programmes worldwide.

“Disability Rights were highlighted at the third Global Forum against Racism and Discrimination in Sao Paolo, Brazil, on 29 November to 1 December 2023, organised by UNESCO, in partnership with the UNPRPD, underlining the importance of bringing the voices of person with disabilities themselves at the decision-making table.”



Gabriela Ramos,
Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

UNPRPD donor visit to Georgia

In May, two main donors to UNPRPD - SIDA and Finland, visited the joint programme implemented in Georgia. The delegation engaged in a series of technical and high-level meetings with a spectrum of influential stakeholders, including the advisor to the Prime Minister on Human Rights Issues, representatives from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) Human Rights Department, Member of Parliament Rati Ionatamishvili, the director of the Legal Aid Service and the Public Defender’s Office, among others. Visitors also had productive interactions with OPDs, such

as Accessible Environment for Everyone and the Georgian National Network of Women with Disabilities. These meetings not only showcased the impact of UNPRPD programme implementation, but also highlighted the government’s commitment and the positive momentum surrounding disability rights. Georgia stands out as a success story in the implementation of UNPRPD joint programmes, showcasing the catalytic power of the UNPRPD investment when UN agencies collaborate cohesively under the robust leadership of the Resident Coordinator’s Office.

UNPRPD in social media

The Fund continued its efforts to increase its presence on social media by increasing engagement on platforms, including LinkedIn and X (formerly known as Twitter). Following its December 2022 launch, the LinkedIn page has steadily increased its following. The Fund’s presence on X (“Twitter”) has facilitated opportunities for engagement with partners and direct programme beneficiaries – highlighting the global reach and awareness of UNPRPD’s work and impact.

#UNPRPDImpact: The Fund’s impact was certainly evident through a partnership-driven communications campaign that was launched to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. As part of this campaign, a photo challenge was launched over the period 3 December 2023 – 10 December 2023 to raise awareness about disability inclusion and to highlight the collaboration between the UNPRPD Fund and its partners. Programme participants, including Resident Coordinators, UN staff, OPDs and governments, posted photos with inspiring, informative messaging and calls to actions alongside the hashtag **#UNPRPDImpact**.

The campaign generated posts across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram from 26 programme countries from all regions in which the Fund currently operates. The Fund’s new website can now be accessed at <https://unprpd.org/>. It offers an engaging, accessible and easy-to-navigate repository of the Fund’s various resources, knowledge products and communication materials.



Small selection of the many global posts celebrating #unprpdimpact




Representatives from Finland, SIDA and UNPRPD Technical Secretariat met with UN team (in the photo) and partners during the May 2023 donor visit to Georgia. © UNDP Georgia

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024



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Zainura (30), born with HIV, suffered a severe medical relapse at 2 years resulting in physical deformities in her legs, arms and tongue. Now she has difficulty in speaking. She credits meeting a mentor and being included in girls' meetings in her neighborhood with changing her life. Zainura was a beneficiary of a UNFPA Campaign on SRH and disability inclusion in Mozambique.
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As the UNPRPD Fund embarks on the journey towards 2024, it does so with a renewed commitment to advancing disability rights and promoting inclusive development globally. To advance its Strategic Operational Framework 2020-2025, the UNPRPD Fund sets forth ambitious priorities

aimed at enhancing stakeholder capacity, implementing national and multi-country programmes, promoting quality assurance, fostering cross-country learning, actioning evaluation findings and enhancing fundraising and partnerships. In 2024, the UNPRPD's activities will focus on the following priorities:

Implement national and multi-country programmes

UNPRPD will continue its support to all the 50 operational national programmes to meet their expected outputs by providing ongoing technical assistance for implementation. Technical support will include various thematic areas relevant to CRPD implementation, mainstreaming disability inclusion into broader development frameworks, addressing gender disparities, forging robust partnerships with OPDs and engaging marginalized groups within the disability community, thereby ensuring that

their voices and needs are represented and addressed. Furthermore, as Tier 1 joint national programmes culminate in 2024, UNPRPD will facilitate independent evaluations and knowledge-sharing endeavours to distil best practices and inform future interventions effectively.

Furthermore, the Fund will provide technical support to five multi-country programmes to design, test and finalize various tools.¹⁶

“We are proud to have signed a multi-annual agreement with the UNPRPD Fund in 2023. Ahead of the Global Disability Summit 2025 in Berlin we believe this strategic investment will strengthen the UNPRPD’s vital role in supporting countries in implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and supporting the realization of the commitments around the Summit. The UNPRPD Fund fosters inclusive policies and programmes, driving positive change for millions living with disabilities. By investing in the UNPRPD, we will empower countries to create a world where everyone, regardless of ability, can participate fully and reach their full potential.”



Jochen Flasbarth,

State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
Government of Germany
Federal Press Office | Federal Government / Steffen Kugler

Design and launch of new programmes

In 2024, the UNPRPD Fund will embark on the design and launch of seven new national programmes tailored to the unique needs and contexts of countries, such as Fiji, Jordan, Kenya, Peru, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and Zambia. These programmes, informed by comprehensive situational analyses, underscore UNPRPD’s dedication to evidence-based and contextually relevant interventions. Particularly noteworthy is the selection of Jordan for a joint programme, emphasizing UNPRPD’s commitment to the upcoming Global Disability Summit co-hosted by Jordan.

The phase 2 of the Ukraine national programme will be designed based on the learning of the phase 1 joint programme implemented from April 2022-June 2023. The new programme

will be designed through a multi-stakeholder consultation based on the joint priorities identified through the situational analysis.

Furthermore, 13 countries that started inception phase in Q4 of 2023 will complete the comprehensive induction training for government, UN and OPD partners. These countries will receive training materials and support to identify consultants to facilitate the sessions. Subsequently, each country will proceed to develop a comprehensive situational analysis using the multi-stakeholder methodology designed by the UNPRPD.

In 2024, 24 of the UNPRPD national programmes funded under Tier 1 of Round 4, will end. To support these programmes to consolidate the advances

made for implementing the CRPD, the UNPRPD PB allocated US\$8 million to fund 10-15 cost extensions. The selection of phase 2 programmes will be conducted by an independent evaluation panel with launches scheduled in two rounds: June 2024 and December 2024.

Additionally, the Pacific Initiative represents a new MCP that the UNPRPD will launch in 2024, covering 10 island nations (Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu). Each country will develop a situational analysis following the training

provided, with Kiribati and Vanuatu also designing a joint programme.

The UNPRPD Fund will introduce its largest MCP to date in 2024, designed for persons with disabilities, particularly women with disabilities, to exercise the right to choose and control the support and care they receive, thereby enabling them to live independently. This programme will conduct assessments and design pilots to test effective strategies to reduce women's time poverty, redistribute care responsibilities and redefine gender and social norms around care to align with the 5R framework for decent care work.

Promote quality assurance and technical assistance

High quality programme implementation is key to UNPRPD success. In 2024, the Fund will conduct eight mid-term reviews of new programmes, monthly internal meetings to review progress made by programmes in full implementation and conduct two monitoring visits. These mechanisms will enable the TS to assess progress and identify programmatic gaps and opportunities for improvements.

Furthermore, the UNPRPD TS will continue to provide timely assistance and guidance through

the help-desk facility, serving as a valuable resource for countries grappling with technical challenges.

The UNPRPD TS will also develop a set of programmatic guidance notes to support country programmes. These will include one on engaging marginalized groups, in consultation with IDA members, Inclusion International and Down Syndrome International. Additionally, a technical brief on UNPRPD humanitarian engagement and learning will be created.

Increase knowledge-generation and learning

Knowledge sharing and cross-country learning constitute essential pillars of UNPRPD's approach to advancing disability rights and inclusion. In 2024, the Fund will facilitate knowledge exchange through programme knowledge and learning clinics, providing an invaluable platform for stakeholders to share insights, challenges and best practices under the topics of Inclusive UN Sustainable

Development Cooperation Framework, Independent Monitoring Mechanisms, accountability and governance. The Fund will develop two comprehensive country case studies to document how changes in addressing barriers to CRPD implementation and disability mainstreaming were achieved. Furthermore, dissemination activities will be organized, including webinars on specific guidance notes.

At least one regional cross-country learning workshop will be hosted to facilitate knowledge exchange among UNPRPD-funded programmes in 2024.

In an effort to capture the learning from UNPRPD programmes across various countries, the Fund will embark on a groundbreaking report to

compile the lessons learned and capture the status of CRPD implementation.

This report will be finalized in 2024 for dissemination at the GDS in 2025. Furthermore, the UNPRDP global situational analysis report will be updated following the completion of the 13 countries undertaking this exercise in 2024.

Action evaluation recommendations to advance the SOF

In 2024, the UNPRPD will undertake two crucial evaluations to enhance the effectiveness of its operations. The first evaluation aims to assess the MCPs contribution to the UNPRPD SOF. This comprehensive evaluation will analyse all 12 MCPs funded by UNPRPD up to 2023, including desk reviews, focus group sessions and key informant interviews. It seeks to identify successful strategies and areas for improvement and to ensure alignment with thematic priorities.

These findings will go to inform actionable recommendations to optimize MCP performance and align with the overall goals of the SOF.

The UNPRPD TS will develop an action plan to promptly address these recommendations.

The second evaluation scheduled for 2024 will review and analyse the UNPRPD governance structure. This evaluation aims to propose concrete recommendations for revising the governance structure in preparation for the upcoming update of the Strategic Operational Framework 2025-2030. It will specifically focus on the functions and composition of governing bodies and their impact on decision-making efficiency and the strategic responsiveness of the Fund.

Enhance fundraising and partnerships

In line with recommendations from the MTE conducted in 2023, UNPRPD will prioritize fundraising and partnership-building in 2024. This includes recruiting a Fundraising and Partnerships Specialist to join the TS and developing a Fundraising Strategy.

Additionally, the UNPRPD-TS will develop a flexible target system to reflect increased demand, with proposed adjustments to be submitted to the Policy Board in June 2024 for endorsement, thereby facilitating a more realistic resource allocation plan based on actual needs.

Furthermore, in 2024, UNPRPD will strengthen partnerships with academic institutions globally, aiming to create and disseminate knowledge on disability inclusion practices and to develop evidence-based tools to support the implementation of the CRPD and the achievement of disability-inclusive SDGs. The Fund will actively participate in key events leading up to the GDS to contribute to planning and setting the agenda for critical discussions. As preparations for the post-SDG framework commence, the UNPRPD will engage in these discussions, ensuring that disability inclusion remains a key priority moving forward.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Report Prepared by the Administrative Agent

1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2023

Definitions

Allocation/Total Approved Budget

Amount approved by the Policy Board for a project/programme. The total approved budget represents the cumulative amount of allocations approved by the Policy Board.

Approved Project/Programme

A project/programme including budget, etc., that is approved by the Policy Board for fund allocation purposes.

Contributor Commitment

Amount(s) committed by a contributor to a Fund in a signed donor agreement with the UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office), in its capacity as the Administrative Agent. A commitment may be paid or pending payment.

Contributor Deposit

Cash deposit received by the MPTF Office for the Fund from a contributor in accordance with a signed donor agreement.

Delivery Rate

The percentage of funds that have been utilized, calculated by comparing expenditures reported by a Participating Organization and Non-UN Organization against the 'net funded amount'. This does not include expense commitments by Participating Organizations.

Donor Agreement

Standard Administrative Arrangement and/or European Commission contribution agreement between contributor/donor and MPTF Office.

Net Funded Amount

Amount transferred to a Participating Organization less any refunds transferred back to the MPTF Office by a Participating Organization.

Participating Organization

A UN Organization or other inter-governmental Organization that is a partner in a Fund, as represented by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MPTF Office for a particular Fund.

Project Expenditure

The sum of expenses and/or expenditure reported by all Participating Organizations for a Fund irrespective of which basis of accounting each Participating Organization follows for donor reporting.

Project Financial Closure

A project or programme is considered financially closed when all financial obligations of an operationally completed project or programme have been settled, and no further financial charges may be incurred. MPTF Office will report a project financially closed once the financial report(s) has been received and any balance of funds refunded.

Project Operational Closure

A project or programme is deemed operationally closed once all activities funded for Participating Organization(s) have been concluded, and the Policy Board has approved the final narrative report.

Project Start Date

Project/ Joint programme start date as per the programmatic document.

US Dollar Amount

The financial data in the report is recorded in US Dollars.

Transferred Funds

Funds transferred to Participating Organizations by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the Policy Board's request.

Introduction

This Consolidated Annual Financial Report of the **UNPRPD Multi-Partner Trust Fund** is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) in fulfillment of its obligations as Administrative Agent, as per the terms of Reference (TOR), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the UNDP MPTF Office and the Participating Organizations, and the donor agreement signed with contributors/donors.

The MPTF Office, as Administrative Agent, is responsible for concluding an MOU with Participating Organizations and donor

agreements with contributors/donors. It receives, administers and manages contributions, and disburses these funds to the Participating Organizations. The Administrative Agent prepares and submits annual consolidated financial reports, as well as regular financial statements, for transmission to stakeholders.

This consolidated financial report covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2023 and provides financial data on progress made in the implementation of projects of the **UNPRPD Multi-Partner Trust Fund**. It is posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<https://mptf.undp.org/fund/rpd00>).

2023 Financial Performance

This chapter presents financial data and analysis of the **UNPRPD Multi-Partner Trust Fund** using the pass-through funding modality as of 31 December **2023**. Financial information for this Fund is also available on the MPTF Office GATEWAY, at the following address: <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/rpd00>.

1. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

As of 31 December **2023**, **11** contributors deposited US\$ **75,278,550** and US\$ **996,570** was earned in interest.

The cumulative source of funds was US\$ **76,275,120**.

Of this amount, US\$ **61,459,101** has been net funded to **11** Participating Organizations, of which US\$ **47,571,350** has been reported as expenditure. The Administrative Agent fee has been charged at the approved rate of 1% on deposits and amounts to US\$ **721,687**. Table 1 provides an overview of the overall sources, uses, and balance of the **UNPRPD Multi-Partner Trust Fund** as of 31 December 2023.

Table 1. Financial Overview, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

	Prior Years up to 31 Dec 2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec 2023	Total
Sources of Funds			
Contributions from donors	62,184,780	13,093,770	75,278,550
Sub-total Contributions	62,184,780	13,093,770	75,278,550
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	630,981	342,583	973,565
Interest Income received from Participating Organizations	23,006	-	23,006
Total: Sources of Funds	62,838,767	13,436,353	76,275,120
Use of Funds			
Transfers to Participating Organizations	45,314,247	6,509,264	51,823,511
Transfers to Participating Organizations for Direct Cost - Fund Secretariat etc	8,519,979	1,928,962	10,448,941
Sub-Total Transfers	53,834,226	8,438,226	62,272,452
Refunds received from Participating Organizations	(651,182)	(162,169)	(813,351)
Sub-Total Refunds	(651,182)	(162,169)	(813,351)
Administrative Agent Fees	621,848	99,840	721,687
Bank Charges	2,678	439	3,117
Other Expenditures	-	31,098	31,098
Total: Uses of Funds	53,807,569	8,407,433	62,215,003
Change in Fund cash balance with Administrative Agent	9,031,198	5,028,920	14,060,117
Opening Fund balance (1 January)	11,462,680	9,031,198	-
Closing Fund balance (31 December)	9,031,198	14,060,117	14,060,117
Net Funded Amount (Includes Direct Cost)	53,183,044	8,276,057	61,459,101
Participating Organizations Expenditure (Includes Direct Cost)	37,648,200	9,923,150	47,571,350
Balance of Funds with Participating Organizations	15,534,844	(1,647,093)	13,887,751

2. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

Table 2 provides information on cumulative contributions received from all contributors to this fund as of 31 December **2023**.

The **UNPRPD Multi-Partner Trust Fund** is currently being financed by **11** contributors, as listed in the table below.

Table 2. Contributions, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Contributors	Total Commitments	Total Deposits
European Union	5,327,095	3,109,800
Government of Australia	17,115,856 ¹	17,115,856 ²
Government of Cyprus	5,160	5,160
Government of Finland	23,210,207	23,210,207
Government of Germany	161,086	161,086
Government of Israel	35,000	35,000
Government of Mexico	160,000	160,000
Government of Norway	7,169,839	7,169,839
Government of Spain	67,145	67,145
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)	8,823,233 ³	8,823,233 ⁴
Government Offices of Sweden	15,421,224 ⁵	15,421,224 ⁶
Grand Total	77,495,845	75,278,550

1 The total commitments include US\$ 12,933,256 from Government of Australia and US\$ 4,182,600 from former AusAID.

2 The total deposits include US\$ 12,933,256 from Government of Australia and US\$ 4,182,600 from former AusAID.

3 The total commitments include US\$ 2,809,770 from FCDO and US\$ 6,013,463 from former DFID.

4 The total deposits include US\$ 2,809,770 from FCDO and US\$ 6,013,463 from former DFID.

5 The total commitments include US\$ 759,450 from Government offices of Sweden and US\$ 14,661,774 from Sida.

6 The total deposits include US\$ 759,450 from Government offices of Sweden and US\$ 14,661,774 from Sida.

3. INTEREST EARNED

Interest income is earned in two ways: 1) on the balance of funds held by the Administrative Agent (Fund earned interest), and 2) on the balance of funds held by the Participating Organizations (Agency earned interest) where their Financial Regulations and Rules allow return of interest to the AA.

As of 31 December **2023**, Fund earned interest amounts to US\$ **973,565**.

Interest received from Participating Organizations amounts to US\$ **23,006**, bringing the cumulative interest received to US\$ **996,570**. Details are provided in the table below.

Table 3. Sources of Interest and Investment Income, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Interest Earned	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Total
Administrative Agent			
Fund Interest and Investment Income Earned	630,981	342,583	973,565
Total: Fund Interest Earned	630,981	342,583	973,565
Participating Organization			
EOSG	15,731	-	15,731
ILO	924	-	924
UNDESA	81	-	81
UNESCO	6,270	-	6,270
Total: Agency Interest Earned	23,006	-	23,006
Grand Total	653,987	342,583	996,570

4. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Allocations to Participating Organizations are approved by the Policy Board and disbursed by the Administrative Agent. As of 31 December **2023**, the AA has transferred US\$ **62,272,452** to **11** Participating Organizations (see list below).

Table 4 provides additional information on the refunds received by the MPTF Office, and the net funded amount for each of the Participating Organizations.

Table 4. Transfer, Refund, and Net Funded Amount by Participating Organization (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022			Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023			Total		
	Total	Refunds	Net Funded	Total	Refunds	Net Funded	Total	Refunds	Net Funded
EOSG	3,801,091	-	3,801,091	-	-	-	3,801,091	-	3,801,091
ILO	4,039,322	(113,324)	3,925,998	379,577	(30,316)	349,261	4,418,899	(143,640)	4,275,259
OHCHR	2,826,344	(147,893)	2,678,451	882,206	(128,096)	754,110	3,708,550	(275,989)	3,432,561
PAHO/WHO	781,435	(345)	781,090	-	-	-	781,435	(345)	781,090
UN WOMEN	151,940	(66,574)	85,366	-	-	-	151,940	(66,574)	85,366
UNDESA	18,699,716	(64,719)	18,634,998	3,815,685	-	3,815,685	22,515,401	(64,719)	22,450,683
UNDP	3,914,284	(113,414)	3,800,870	303,675	-	303,675	4,217,959	(113,414)	4,104,545
UNESCO	5,273,506	(64,742)	5,208,764	1,131,107	-	1,131,107	6,404,613	(64,742)	6,339,871
UNFPA	8,327,873	(14,513)	8,313,361	1,249,157	(3,756)	1,245,401	9,577,030	(18,269)	9,558,761
UNICEF	3,557,674	(10,827)	3,546,847	168,509	-	168,509	3,726,183	(10,827)	3,715,356
WHO	2,461,040	(54,833)	2,406,207	508,310	-	508,310	2,969,350	(54,833)	2,914,517
Grand Total	53,834,226	(651,182)	53,183,044	8,438,226	(162,169)	8,276,057	62,272,452	(813,351)	61,459,101

5. EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL DELIVERY RATES

All final expenditures reported are submitted as certified financial information by the Headquarters of the Participating Organizations. These were consolidated by the MPTF Office.

Joint programme/ project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization, and are reported to the Administrative Agent as per the agreed upon categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. The expenditures are reported via the MPTF Office's online expenditure reporting tool. The 2023 expenditure data has been posted on the MPTF Office GATEWAY at <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/rpd00>.

5.1 Expenditure Reported by Participating Organization

In **2023**, US\$ **8,276,057** was net funded by Participating Organizations, and US\$ **9,923,150** was reported in expenditure.

As shown in table below, the cumulative net funded amount is US\$ **61,459,101** and cumulative expenditures reported by the Participating Organizations amount to US\$ **47,571,350**. This equates to an overall Fund expenditure delivery rate of **77.4** percent.

Table 5.1 Net Funded Amount and Reported Expenditures by Participating Organization, as of 31 December 2023 (in US Dollars)

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Cumulative	
EOSG	3,801,091	3,801,091	2,812,787	312,915	3,125,702	82.23
ILO	4,418,899	4,275,259	3,313,872	314,344	3,628,216	84.87
OHCHR	3,708,550	3,432,561	1,618,295	695,738	2,314,033	67.41
PAHO/WHO	781,435	781,090	461,367	218,677	680,044	87.06
UNDESA	128,904	85,366	85,366	-	85,366	100.00
UNDP	24,555,994	22,450,683	13,322,420	3,530,113	16,852,533	75.06
UNESCO	4,217,959	4,104,545	2,768,490	644,669	3,413,159	83.16
UNFPA	6,404,613	6,339,871	2,866,834	1,569,305	4,436,139	69.97
UNICEF	9,700,753	9,558,761	5,911,869	1,616,815	7,528,684	78.76
UNWOMEN	4,202,460	3,715,356	2,375,343	799,809	3,175,153	85.46
WHO	2,947,949	2,914,517	2,111,557	220,764	2,332,321	80.02
Grand Total	64,868,608	61,459,101	37,648,200	9,923,150	47,571,350	77.40

*The expenditures reported represent payments made against obligations made by PUNOs prior to the operational closure of projects

5.2. Expenditures Reported by Category

Project expenditures are incurred and monitored by each Participating Organization and are reported as per the agreed categories for inter-agency harmonized reporting. In 2006 the UN Development Group (UNDG) established six categories against which UN entities must report inter-agency project expenditures. Effective 1 January 2012, the UN Chief Executives Board (CEB) modified these categories as a result of IPSAS adoption to comprise eight categories.

Table 5.2. Expenditure by UNSDG Budget Category, as of 31 December 2023
(in US Dollars)

Category	Expenditures			Percentage of Total Programme Cost
	Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Total	
Staff & Personnel Cost	8,242,602	1,830,946	10,073,548	22.64
Supplies, commodities and materials	572,877	203,512	776,389	1.74
Equipment, vehicles, furniture and depreciation	360,105	10,832	370,936	0.83
Contractual Services Expenses	14,546,216	4,150,455	18,696,671	42.02
Travel	2,120,596	620,295	2,740,891	6.16
Transfers and Grants	4,446,569	1,051,284	5,497,853	12.36
General Operating	4,878,087	1,462,449	6,340,536	14.25
Programme Costs Total	35,167,051	9,329,773	44,496,824	100.00
¹ Indirect Support Costs Total	2,481,148	593,378	3,074,526	6.91
Grand Total	37,648,200	9,923,150	47,571,350	-

¹ **Indirect Support Costs** charged by Participating Organization, based on their financial regulations, can be deducted upfront or at a later stage during implementation. The percentage may therefore appear to exceed the 7% agreed-upon for on-going projects. Once projects are financially closed, this number is not to exceed 7%.

6. COST RECOVERY

Cost recovery policies for the Fund are guided by the applicable provisions of the Terms of Reference, the MOU concluded between the Administrative Agent and Participating Organizations, and the SAAs concluded between the Administrative Agent and Contributors, based on rates approved by UNDG.

The policies in place, as of 31 December 2023, were as follows:

- **The Administrative Agent (AA) fee:** 1% is charged at the time of contributor deposit and covers services provided on that contribution for the entire duration of the Fund. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2023, US\$ **721,687** has been charged in AA-fees.
- **Indirect Costs of Participating Organizations:** A general cost that cannot be directly related to any particular programme or activity of the Participating Organizations. Participating Organizations may charge 7% indirect costs based on UNSDG policy, establishing an indirect cost rate as a percentage of the programmable costs for interagency pass-through pool funds. In the current reporting period US\$ **593,378** was deducted in indirect costs by Participating Organizations. Cumulatively, indirect costs amount to US\$ **3,074,526** as of 31 December **2023**.

7. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

In order to effectively provide fund administration services and facilitate monitoring and reporting to the UN system and its partners, the MPTF Office has developed a public website, the MPTF Office Gateway (<https://mptf.undp.org>). Refreshed daily from an internal enterprise resource planning system, the MPTF Office Gateway has become a standard setter for providing transparent and accountable trust fund administration services.

The Gateway provides financial information including: contributor commitments and deposits, approved programme budgets, transfers to and expenditures reported by Participating Organizations, interest income and other expenses. In addition, the Gateway provides an overview of the MPTF Office portfolio and extensive information on individual Funds, including their purpose, governance structure and key documents. By providing easy access to the growing number of narrative and financial reports, as well as related project documents, the Gateway collects and preserves important institutional knowledge and facilitates knowledge sharing and management among UN Organizations and their development partners, thereby contributing to UN coherence and development effectiveness.

8. DIRECT COSTS

The Fund governance mechanism may approve an allocation to a Participating Organization to cover costs associated with Fund coordination covering overall coordination, and fund level reviews and evaluations. These allocations are referred to as ‘direct costs’. Cumulatively, as of 31 December 2023, US\$ 10,448,941 has been charged as Direct Costs.

Participating Organization	Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Expenditure			Delivery Rate %
			Prior Years up to 31-Dec-2022	Financial Year Jan-Dec-2023	Cumulative	
UNDP	12,489,534	10,448,941	6,155,079	1,784,261	7,939,340	75.98
Grand Total	12,489,534	10,448,941	6,155,079	1,784,261	7,939,340	75.98

Annex 1

Expenditure by project grouped by country

Annex 1 displays the net funded amounts, expenditures reported and the financial delivery rates by Country by project/ joint programme and Participating Organization.

Table Annex 1 Expenditure by Project, grouped by Country

Country / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Algeria					
00140462 Inception Phase 4FR, Algeria	UNFPA	70,000	70,000	-	-
Algeria: Total		70,000	70,000	-	-
Argentina					
00126110 Promoting the realization of t	PAHO/WHO	100,000	100,000	43,980	43.98
00126110 Promoting the realization of t	UNDP	200,000	200,000	99,380	49.69
00126110 Promoting the realization of t	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	58,945	58.94
Argentina: Total		400,000	400,000	202,304	50.58
Armenia					
00091319 UNPRPD Armenia Improving Acces	UNDP	218,528	218,528	218,528	100.00
00091319 UNPRPD Armenia Improving Acces	UNICEF	330,978	330,978	330,978	100.00
00126111 Creating enabling environment	UNDP	200,000	200,000	195,181	97.59
00126111 Creating enabling environment	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	99,989	99.99
00126111 Creating enabling environment	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	99,996	100.00
Armenia: Total		949,506	949,506	944,671	99.49
Azerbaijan					
00140439 Inception Phase 4FR, Azerbaijan	UNDP	70,000	70,000	-	-
Azerbaijan: Total		70,000	70,000	-	-
Bangladesh					
00091319 Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	ILO	298,658	298,658	138,584	46.40
00091319 Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNICEF	173,340	173,340	98,450	56.80
00126111 Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNWOMEN	227,763	227,763	126,457	55.52
Bangladesh: Total		699,761	699,761	363,491	51.95

Country / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Barbados						
00140487	Inception Phase 4FR, Barbados	UNDP	70,000	70,000	-	-
Barbados: Total			70,000	70,000	-	-

Benin						
00108684	Delivering as One to Advance D	UNDP	100,000	100,000	99,944	99.94
00108684	Delivering as One to Advance D	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	99,947	99.95
00108684	Delivering as One to Advance D	UNICEF	100,000	99,662	99,662	100.00
00108684	Delivering as One to Advance D	WHO	100,000	100,000	100,000	100.00
00126113	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNDP	100,000	100,000	97,884	97.88
Benin: Total			500,000	499,662	497,436	99.55

Bhutan						
00111046	Advancing the rights of people	UNDP	171,200	171,200	171,277	100.05
00111046	Advancing the rights of people	UNICEF	127,150	127,150	127,150	100.00
00111046	Advancing the rights of people	WHO	101,650	101,650	101,649	100.00
Bhutan: Total			400,000	400,000	400,076	100.02

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)						
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	OHCHR	50,241	50,241	50,241	100.00
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNESCO	143,444	116,482	116,482	100.00
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNFPA	103,158	101,699	101,699	100.00
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	UNICEF	145,555	145,148	145,148	100.00
00092231	UNPRPD Bolivia Capacity for in	WHO	106,700	106,363	106,363	100.00
Bolivia (Plurinational State of): Total			549,098	519,933	519,933	100.00

Botswana						
00140460	Inception Phase 4FR, Bostwana	UNDP	70,000	70,000	-	-
Botswana: Total			70,000	70,000	-	-

Country / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Cambodia						
00109167	Access to justice without barr	OHCHR	189,166	183,190	183,190	100.00
00109167	Access to justice without barr	UNDP	313,403	313,403	313,403	100.00
00126114	Accelerating Disability rights	OHCHR	186,071	186,071	178,099	95.72
00126114	Accelerating Disability rights	UNDP	383,256	383,256	288,720	75.33
00126114	Accelerating Disability rights	UNESCO	100,673	100,673	76,787	76.27
Cambodia: Total			1,172,569	1,166,593	1,040,199	89.17

Cameroon						
00126115	Strengthening Disability Right	OHCHR	164,887	164,887	149,309	90.55
00126115	Strengthening Disability Right	UNESCO	377,761	377,761	279,579	74.01
00126115	Strengthening Disability Right	UNFPA	157,352	157,352	142,263	90.41
Cameroon: Total			700,000	700,000	571,152	81.59

China						
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	ILO	105,966	105,966	105,966	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNDP	161,966	161,966	161,966	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNESCO	201,966	201,547	201,547	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNFPA	28,000	28,000	28,000	100.00
00091320	UNPRPD China Support to Rights	UNICEF	52,100	52,100	52,100	100.00
00132952	Enhancing D Rights & SD in China	ILO	88,000	88,000	-	-
00132952	Enhancing D Rights & SD in China	UNESCO	224,000	224,000	99,986	44.64
00132952	Enhancing D Rights & SD in China	UNFPA	88,000	88,000	-	-
China: Total			949,998	949,579	649,565	68.41

Colombia						
00126116	Towards the Inclusion of Women	UNFPA	75,000	75,000	74,938	99.92
00126116	Towards the Inclusion of Women	UNICEF	75,000	75,000	41,308	55.08
00126116	Towards the Inclusion of Women	UNWOMEN	250,000	250,000	250,000	100.00
Colombia: Total			400,000	400,000	366,246	91.56

Country / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)						
00126118	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	OHCHR	515,160	515,160	200,434	38.91
00126118	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNESCO	109,675	109,675	8,507	7.76
00126118	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNWOMEN	74,900	74,900	20,541	27.42
Congo (the Democratic Republic of the): Total			699,735	699,735	229,481	32.80

Cook Islands (the)						
00126117	Arangatu Me Okota'l - Strength	UNDP	286,580	286,580	144,431	50.40
00126117	Arangatu Me Okota'l - Strength	UNICEF	113,420	113,420	82,051	72.34
Cook Islands (the): Total			400,000	400,000	226,482	56.62

Costa Rica						
00084088	UNPRPD Costa Rica National pla	ILO	223,588	215,657	215,657	100.00
00084088	UNPRPD Costa Rica National pla	UNDP	326,412	326,412	326,412	100.00
00140463	Inception Phase 4FR, Costa Rica	UNFPA	70,000	70,000	-	-
Costa Rica: Total			620,000	612,069	542,069	88.56

Djibouti						
00116198	Advancing the rights of person	UNDP	217,963	217,963	216,150	99.17
00116198	Advancing the rights of person	UNFPA	90,935	90,935	90,869	99.93
00116198	Advancing the rights of person	UNICEF	91,102	91,102	91,102	100.00
Djibouti: Total			400,000	400,000	398,121	99.53

Dominican Republic (the)						
00115410	Capacity Building for Soc Incl	PAHO/WHO	101,757	101,757	101,644	99.89
00115410	Capacity Building for Soc Incl	UNDP	182,013	182,013	182,023	100.01
00115410	Capacity Building for Soc Incl	UNICEF	106,251	106,251	106,251	100.00
Dominican Republic (the): Total			390,021	390,021	389,917	99.97

Ecuador						
00132954	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNDP	100,000	100,000	-	-
00132954	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNFPA	300,000	300,000	99,993	33.33
Ecuador: Total			400,000	400,000	99,993	25.00

Country / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Egypt						
00091321	UNPRPD Egypt Jobs and Skills	ILO	317,295	305,117	305,117	100.00
00091321	UNPRPD Egypt Jobs and Skills	UNDP	232,702	232,702	230,275	98.96
Egypt: Total			549,997	537,819	535,393	99.55
Eswatini						
00126119	Strengthening the Inclusion an	UNESCO	72,941	72,941	43,838	60.10
00126119	Strengthening the Inclusion an	UNFPA	485,371	485,371	380,776	78.45
00126119	Strengthening the Inclusion an	UNICEF	140,963	140,963	120,054	85.17
Eswatini: Total			699,275	699,275	544,668	77.89
Ethiopia						
00093449	Support to ADF - Regional proj	UNDP	414,000	414,000	414,000	100.00
00095517	UNPRPD R2 Promoting social inc	ILO	549,675	549,675	549,675	100.00
Ethiopia: Total			963,675	963,675	963,675	100.00
Fiji						
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	ILO	64,200	64,200	64,200	100.00
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	OHCHR	200,000	155,717	155,717	100.00
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	UNICEF	243,000	239,574	239,574	100.00
00084093	UNPRPD Pacific Island Countrie	WHO	42,800	42,680	42,680	100.00
00133174	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	OHCHR	100,000	100,000	16,904	16.90
Fiji: Total			650,000	602,171	519,075	86.20
Gambia (the)						
00126130	Advancing the rights of person	UNFPA	299,915	299,915	182,618	60.89
00126130	Advancing the rights of person	UNICEF	399,916	399,916	332,804	83.22
Gambia (the): Total			699,831	699,831	515,422	73.65
Georgia						
00126120	Leave N one behind — from pol	OHCHR	100,000	100,000	99,132	99.13
00126120	Leave N one behind — from pol	UNDP	200,000	200,000	196,547	98.27
00126120	Leave N one behind — from pol	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	97,607	97.61
Georgia: Total			400,000	400,000	393,287	98.32

Country / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Ghana						
00129552	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNDP	598,885	598,885	285,949	47.75
00129552	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNFPA	101,115	101,115	21,980	21.74
Ghana: Total			700,000	700,000	307,929	43.99

Global and Interregional						
00083525	UNPRPD Secretariat	UNDP	12,489,534	10,448,941	7,939,340	75.98
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNDESA	30,464	7,874	7,874	100.00
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNDP	64,200	15,456	-	-
00085729	UNPRPD Global Post-2015 develo	UNICEF	160,179	157,930	157,930	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	ILO	125,201	92,890	92,890	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	UNFPA	21,400	21,400	21,400	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	UNICEF	139,101	134,522	134,522	100.00
00091747	UNPRPD - Disability Statistics	WHO	117,699	117,699	117,699	100.00
00096832	Enhancing multi-stakeholder di	UNICEF	128,400	128,400	128,400	100.00
00112679	Formulation of a UN system-wid	EOSG	1,049,850	1,049,850	1,049,850	100.00
00112679	Formulation of a UN system-wid	ILO	124,997	99,324	99,324	100.00
00113185	Advancing participation of per	UNDP	99,992	99,992	97,706	97.71
00115083	TOWARDS INCLUSIVE SOCIAL PROTE	ILO	589,590	559,274	559,274	100.00
00115083	TOWARDS INCLUSIVE SOCIAL PROTE	UNICEF	110,410	110,410	110,117	99.73
00116192	Advancing inclusive education	UNESCO	345,985	317,517	317,517	100.00
00116192	Advancing inclusive education	UNICEF	353,150	353,150	351,856	99.63
00121258	Understanding how to use an in	UNWOMEN	99,510	99,510	98,974	99.46
00122664	UN joint programme to support	ILO	200,000	198,924	198,924	100.00
00122664	UN joint programme to support	OHCHR	199,106	198,396	198,396	100.00
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNDESA	98,440	77,492	77,492	100.00
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNDP	199,983	199,983	174,334	87.17
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNESCO	200,000	168,209	168,209	100.00
00122664	UN joint programme to support	UNFPA	200,000	200,000	199,533	99.77

Country / Project No. and Project Title	Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
00122664 UN joint programme to support	UNICEF	200,000	200,000	200,000	100.00
00122664 UN joint programme to support	UNWOMEN	400,000	400,000	393,866	98.47
00122664 UN joint programme to support	WHO	199,020	199,020	199,020	100.00
00122780 Supporting national implementa	OHCHR	95,432	95,432	46,957	49.20
00123376 Implementation of the UN Disab	EOSG	2,751,241	2,751,241	2,075,852	75.45
00126346 Ending Stigma and Discriminati	ILO	193,884	193,884	134,066	69.15
00126346 Ending Stigma and Discriminati	UNESCO	306,116	306,116	299,135	97.72
00126482 Addressing stigma, discriminat	UNDP	250,000	250,000	245,478	98.19
00126482 Addressing stigma, discriminat	UNWOMEN	250,000	250,000	215,793	86.32
00134089 Mainstreaming a disability inc	OHCHR	134,999	134,999	123,503	91.48
00134089 Mainstreaming a disability inc	UNFPA	150,000	150,000	148,309	98.87
00134089 Mainstreaming a disability inc	UNICEF	135,000	135,000	134,944	99.96
00134089 Mainstreaming a disability inc	UNWOMEN	150,000	150,000	150,000	100.00
00134089 Mainstreaming a disability inc	WHO	229,853	229,853	229,851	100.00
00140138 Mapping and strengthening comt	ILO	91,594	91,594	-	-
00140138 Mapping and strengthening comt	WHO	208,310	208,310	44,781	21.50
00140190 Map strength community-based r	OHCHR	86,670	86,670	-	-
00140190 Map strength community-based r	UNICEF	213,310	213,310	36,708	17.21
00140259 Climate Change, disability inc	ILO	199,983	199,983	-	-
00140259 Climate Change, disability inc	OHCHR	199,835	199,835	8,342	4.17
00140259 Climate Change, disability inc	UNDP	199,827	199,827	-	-
00140504 Inception Phase 4FR, Pacific	UNICEF	500,000	500,000	-	-
00140509 TS to earmarked programmes	UNDP	300,000	300,000	-	-
Global and Interregional: Total		24,592,265	22,302,217	16,988,166	76.17

Country / Project No. and Project Title		Participating Organization	Total Approved Amount	Net Funded Amount	Total Expenditure	Delivery Rate %
Guatemala						
00109261	Addressing Labor Inclusion for	OHCHR	107,643	107,643	107,565	99.93
00109261	Addressing Labor Inclusion for	UNDP	184,714	184,714	184,619	99.95
00109261	Addressing Labor Inclusion for	UNESCO	107,643	107,643	107,629	99.99
00126121	Establishing the preconditions	OHCHR	155,000	155,000	120,344	77.64
00126121	Establishing the preconditions	UNDP	200,000	200,000	199,885	99.94
00126121	Establishing the preconditions	UNFPA	45,000	45,000	33,362	74.14
Guatemala: Total			800,000	800,000	753,404	94.18
India						
00091322	UNPRPD India Promoting Rights	UNDP	199,876	199,876	-	-
00091322	UNPRPD India Promoting Rights	UNESCO	150,000	149,705	149,705	100.00
00091322	UNPRPD India Promoting Rights	UNICEF	200,000	200,000	199,957	99.98
India: Total			549,876	549,581	349,662	63.62
Indonesia						
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	ILO	278,747	273,882	273,882	100.00
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	UNESCO	78,875	77,342	77,342	100.00
00084090	UNPRPD Indonesia Promoting the	WHO	169,852	169,852	169,852	100.00
Indonesia: Total			527,474	521,076	521,076	100.00
Kenya						
00132955	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	ILO	100,000	100,000	86,638	86.64
Kenya: Total			100,000	100,000	86,638	86.64
Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of)						
00112316	UNPRPD - DPRK - Leveraging Ear	UNICEF	200,002	200,002	127,298	63.65
Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of): Total			200,002	200,002	127,298	63.65
Kosovo (As per UNSCR 1244)						
00140440	Inception Phase 4FR, Kosovo	UNICEF	70,000	70,000	-	-
Kosovo (As per UNSCR 1244): Total			70,000	70,000	-	-

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Kyrgyzstan						
00132953	Advancing D Rights in Kyrgyzstan	UNDP	350,214	350,214	99,701	28.47
00132953	Advancing D Rights in Kyrgyzstan	UNFPA	174,893	174,893	-	-
00132953	Advancing D Rights in Kyrgyzstan	UNICEF	174,893	174,893	-	-
Kyrgyzstan: Total			700,000	700,000	99,701	14.24
Malawi						
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNDP	100,000	100,000	96,729	96.73
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNFPA	100,000	61,629	61,629	100.00
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	98,678	98.68
00109168	Advancing disability rights to	UNWOMEN	100,000	100,000	98,667	98.67
00140482	Inception Phase 4FR, Malawi	UNICEF	70,000	70,000	-	-
Malawi: Total			470,000	431,629	355,703	82.41
Maldives						
00140461	Inception Phase 4FR, Maldives	UNDP	70,000	70,000	-	-
Maldives: Total			70,000	70,000	-	-
Mali						
00140464	Inception Phase 4FR, Mali	UNFPA	70,000	70,000	-	-
Mali: Total			70,000	70,000	-	-
Mexico						
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	PAHO/WHO	87,500	87,155	87,155	100.00
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	UNDP	375,002	375,002	375,002	100.00
00094644	UNPRPD Mexico	UNICEF	87,500	87,500	87,591	100.10
Mexico: Total			550,002	549,657	549,748	100.02
Moldova (the Republic of)						
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	OHCHR	138,052	134,318	134,318	100.00
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	UNDP	163,111	163,111	163,111	100.00
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	UNICEF	104,570	102,881	102,881	100.00
00084091	UNPRPD Moldova Paradigm shift	WHO	144,160	140,945	140,945	100.00
00126122	Paradigm Shift to Disability I	OHCHR	165,152	165,152	95,842	58.03

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00126122	Paradigm Shift to Disability I	UNDP	354,874	354,874	237,812	67.01
00126122	Paradigm Shift to Disability I	UNICEF	179,974	179,974	47,168	26.21
Moldova (the Republic of): Total			1,249,893	1,241,255	922,077	74.29

Montenegro						
00126123	Accelerating Disability Inklus	UNDP	139,005	139,005	43,091	31.00
00126123	Accelerating Disability Inklus	UNICEF	260,995	260,995	210,844	80.78
Montenegro: Total			400,000	400,000	253,935	63.48

Morocco						
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	UNDP	87,587	87,587	9,109	10.40
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	UNESCO	142,854	142,854	142,853	100.00
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	UNFPA	90,608	84,971	84,971	100.00
00109892	Changing mindsets and instilli	WHO	78,645	78,645	78,645	100.00
Morocco: Total			399,694	394,057	315,578	80.08

Mozambique						
00084087	UNPRPD Mozambique UN Partnersh	UNDP	100,366	100,366	100,223	99.86
00084087	UNPRPD Mozambique UN Partnersh	UNICEF	239,680	238,353	238,353	100.00
00133175	Partnering for DR in Mozambiqu	OHCHR	180,541	180,541	-	-
00133175	Partnering for DR in Mozambiqu	UNFPA	198,505	198,505	-	-
00133175	Partnering for DR in Mozambiqu	UNICEF	320,954	320,954	97,609	30.41
Mozambique: Total			1,040,046	1,038,719	436,185	41.99

Namibia						
00113184	UNPRPD_R3_ Access to Services	UNDP	122,748	122,748	120,722	98.35
00113184	UNPRPD_R3_ Access to Services	UNFPA	99,428	99,428	99,372	99.94
00113184	UNPRPD_R3_ Access to Services	UNICEF	177,824	177,824	177,806	99.99
Namibia: Total			400,000	400,000	397,899	99.47

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Nepal						
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	UNDP	176,505	176,505	176,134	99.79
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	100,000	100.00
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	UNWOMEN	100,000	100,000	99,653	99.65
00112314	UNPRPD - NEPAL- Aawaaz (Voice)	WHO	153,500	153,500	153,500	100.00
00126124	Disability inclusive developme	UNDP	320,000	320,000	136,418	42.63
00126124	Disability inclusive developme	UNWOMEN	150,000	150,000	44,304	29.54
00126124	Disability inclusive developme	WHO	200,000	200,000	71,919	35.96
Nepal: Total			1,200,005	1,200,005	781,928	65.16

Nigeria						
00140465	Inception Phase 4FR, Nigeria	UNESCO	70,000	70,000	-	-
Nigeria: Total			70,000	70,000	-	-

North Macedonia						
00110653	Working bottom up - building a	UNDP	100,000	100,000	99,843	99.84
00110653	Working bottom up - building a	UNFPA	100,000	91,708	91,708	100.00
00110653	Working bottom up - building a	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	100,000	100.00
00110653	Working bottom up - building a	UNWOMEN	100,000	91,939	91,939	100.00
00126125	From KNwledge and Engagemet	UNDP	100,000	100,000	83,125	83.12
00126125	From KNwledge and Engagemet	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	56,637	56.64
00126125	From KNwledge and Engagemet	UNICEF	200,000	200,000	179,165	89.58
North Macedonia: Total			800,000	783,647	702,417	89.63

Pakistan						
00109169	Moving from Charity model to R	UNWOMEN	400,000	397,234	397,234	100.00
Pakistan: Total			400,000	397,234	397,234	100.00

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Palestine, State of						
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	ILO	74,900	74,332	74,332	100.00
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	UNDP	48,150	48,150	48,150	100.00
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	UNICEF	135,890	135,890	135,890	100.00
00087521	UNPRPD Palestine Awareness & M	WHO	90,950	90,950	90,950	100.00
Palestine, State of: Total			349,890	349,322	349,322	100.00
Panama						
00126126	Advancing in the setting of a	ILO	100,000	94,099	94,099	100.00
00126126	Advancing in the setting of a	PAHO/WHO	100,000	100,000	72,015	72.02
00126126	Advancing in the setting of a	UNESCO	100,000	100,000	87,006	87.01
00126126	Advancing in the setting of a	UNWOMEN	100,000	100,000	77,579	77.58
Panama: Total			400,000	394,099	330,698	83.91
Peru						
00109170	ACCESS TO DECENT EMPLOYMENT FO	ILO	111,815	109,622	109,622	100.00
00109170	ACCESS TO DECENT EMPLOYMENT FO	UNESCO	117,433	117,433	117,433	100.00
00109170	ACCESS TO DECENT EMPLOYMENT FO	UNFPA	123,401	120,800	120,800	100.00
00133176	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	ILO	99,510	99,510	65,299	65.62
Peru: Total			452,159	447,365	413,154	92.35
Rwanda						
00126127	Strengthening disability inclu	UNDP	456,406	456,406	385,425	84.45
00126127	Strengthening disability inclu	UNICEF	132,680	132,680	122,595	92.40
00126127	Strengthening disability inclu	UNWOMEN	110,914	110,914	94,628	85.32
Rwanda: Total			700,000	700,000	602,649	86.09
Sao Tome and Principe						
00140438	Inception Phase 4FR, Sao Tome	UNDP	70,000	70,000	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe: Total			70,000	70,000	-	-

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Serbia						
00109257	AutoNmy, Voice and Participat	ILO	24,610	24,487	24,487	100.00
00109257	AutoNmy, Voice and Participat	OHCHR	122,611	108,669	108,669	100.00
00109257	AutoNmy, Voice and Participat	UNDP	106,433	106,433	106,433	100.00
00109257	AutoNmy, Voice and Participat	UNFPA	30,890	29,023	29,023	100.00
00109257	AutoNmy, Voice and Participat	UNWOMEN	114,918	114,918	114,918	100.00
00132956	Strengthening ERBIA in Serbia	UNDP	117,797	117,797	-	-
00132956	Strengthening ERBIA in Serbia	UNFPA	88,594	88,594	-	-
00132956	Strengthening ERBIA in Serbia	UNWOMEN	193,609	193,609	99,682	51.49
Serbia: Total			799,462	783,530	483,212	61.67
Sierra Leone						
00126128	Advancing Disability Inclusion	UNDP	190,000	190,000	109,921	57.85
00126128	Advancing Disability Inclusion	UNFPA	320,000	320,000	301,111	94.10
00126128	Advancing Disability Inclusion	UNICEF	190,000	190,000	48,737	25.65
Sierra Leone: Total			700,000	700,000	459,769	65.68
South Africa						
00085929	Strengthening Disability Inclu	OHCHR	140,170	98,443	98,443	100.00
00085929	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNDP	113,420	113,420	113,420	100.00
00085929	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNICEF	96,300	96,300	96,300	100.00
00125195	Strengthening Disability Inclu	OHCHR	32,100	18,473	18,473	100.00
00125195	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNDP	80,965	80,965	80,692	99.66
00125195	Strengthening Disability Inclu	UNICEF	86,918	83,162	83,162	100.00
South Africa: Total			549,873	490,762	490,489	99.94
Sri Lanka						
00140477	Inception Phase 4FR, Sri Lanka	UNDP	70,000	70,000	-	-
Sri Lanka: Total			70,000	70,000	-	-

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Sudan (the)						
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	UNESCO	251,980	248,193	248,193	100.00
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	UNICEF	117,700	117,700	117,700	100.00
00091323	UNPRPD Sudan Promoting Access	WHO	180,000	150,999	150,999	100.00
Sudan (the): Total			549,680	516,892	516,892	100.00

Tajikistan						
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	UNDP	155,000	155,000	155,000	100.00
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	UNICEF	213,071	213,071	213,071	100.00
00092306	UNPRPD Tajikistan Inclusive Po	WHO	181,929	181,929	181,929	100.00
Tajikistan: Total			550,000	550,000	550,000	100.00

Tanzania, United Republic of						
00126129	UN Joint Programme to Advance	UNFPA	470,175	470,175	406,044	86.36
00126129	UN Joint Programme to Advance	UNWOMEN	229,575	229,575	154,402	67.26
Tanzania, United Republic of: Total			699,750	699,750	560,446	80.09

Timor-Leste						
00109007	Empower for Change - Reducing	UNWOMEN	279,090	279,090	279,090	100.00
00109007	Empower for Change - Reducing	WHO	120,910	120,910	120,910	100.00
00133177	Empower for Inclusion - Timor	UNICEF	123,723	-	-	-
00133177	Empower for Inclusion - Timor	UNWOMEN	576,277	100,000	73,737	73.74
Timor-Leste: Total			1,100,000	500,000	473,737	94.75

Togo						
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	OHCHR	39,572	39,572	39,572	100.00
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	UNICEF	345,504	345,504	345,504	100.00
00084094	UNPRPD Togo Promoting the righ	WHO	163,072	162,323	162,323	100.00
Togo: Total			548,148	547,399	547,399	100.00

Trinidad and Tobago						
00126131	#NOOneLeftBehind: Empowering P	PAHO/WHO	270,102	270,102	253,303	93.78
00126131	#NOOneLeftBehind: Empowering P	UNFPA	129,898	129,898	128,556	98.97
Trinidad and Tobago: Total			400,000	400,000	381,859	95.46

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Tunisia						
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	ILO	65,000	50,891	50,891	100.00
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	OHCHR	261,095	109,105	109,046	99.95
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	UNDP	38,958	22,983	22,983	100.00
00087795	UNPRPD New Tunisia	UNICEF	185,000	184,502	184,502	100.00
00126132	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	OHCHR	145,047	145,047	71,538	49.32
00126132	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNESCO	203,000	203,000	91,073	44.86
00126132	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNFPA	351,953	351,953	114,788	32.61
Tunisia: Total			1,250,053	1,067,481	644,820	60.41

Uganda						
00092230	UNPRPD Uganda Promoting Rights	UNESCO	226,417	206,258	206,258	100.00
00092230	UNPRPD Uganda Promoting Rights	UNICEF	317,790	317,790	317,790	100.00
Uganda: Total			544,207	524,048	524,048	100.00

Ukraine						
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	UNDP	415,800	415,800	415,800	100.00
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	UNICEF	58,900	58,900	58,900	100.00
00084095	UNPRPD Ukraine Promoting mains	WHO	58,900	58,890	58,890	100.00
00131808	Mainstreaming gender-responsiv	UNDP	278,200	278,200	277,779	99.85
00131808	Mainstreaming gender-responsiv	UNFPA	222,083	222,083	221,862	99.90
00131808	Mainstreaming gender-responsiv	UNICEF	227,910	227,910	227,878	99.99
00131808	Mainstreaming gender-responsiv	UNWOMEN	107,000	107,000	106,599	99.62
00140407	Developing UN Coordinated DI i	WHO	300,000	300,000	9,416	3.14
Ukraine: Total			1,668,793	1,668,783	1,377,124	82.52

Uruguay						
00109025	The right to equality and Nn-	PAHO/WHO	122,076	122,076	121,947	99.89
00109025	The right to equality and Nn-	UNFPA	215,975	215,005	215,005	100.00
00109025	The right to equality and Nn-	UNWOMEN	188,904	188,904	187,091	99.04
00140441	Inception Phase 4FR, Uruguay	UNFPA	70,000	70,000	-	-
Uruguay: Total			596,955	595,985	524,043	87.93

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Uzbekistan						
00126133	Transformation of Social Servi	UNDP	200,000	200,000	196,171	98.09
00126133	Transformation of Social Servi	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	99,975	99.98
00126133	Transformation of Social Servi	UNICEF	400,000	400,000	330,680	82.67
Uzbekistan: Total			700,000	700,000	626,826	89.55
Viet Nam						
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	ILO	150,000	144,474	144,474	100.00
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	UNDP	210,000	210,000	210,000	100.00
00085728	UNPRPD Vietnam Disability Righ	UNICEF	190,000	190,000	190,000	100.00
00126134	UNJP: Working together for an	UNDP	390,419	390,419	345,625	88.53
00126134	UNJP: Working together for an	UNFPA	154,650	154,650	98,971	64.00
00126134	UNJP: Working together for an	UNICEF	154,650	154,650	106,338	68.76
Viet Nam: Total			1,249,719	1,244,193	1,095,408	88.04
Zambia						
00109891	Promoting disability inclusion	ILO	241,686	240,817	240,817	100.00
00109891	Promoting disability inclusion	UNFPA	158,314	152,770	152,770	100.00
00133178	Inception Phase 4th Funding Ro	UNICEF	100,000	100,000	61,184	61.18
Zambia: Total			500,000	493,587	454,771	92.14
Zimbabwe						
00108075	Advancing the Rights of Women	UNDP	100,000	100,000	96,887	96.89
00108075	Advancing the Rights of Women	UNESCO	317,196	317,196	317,183	100.00
00108075	Advancing the Rights of Women	UNFPA	100,000	100,000	99,857	99.86
00126135	Strengthening Disability Right	UNDP	150,000	150,000	63,795	42.53
00126135	Strengthening Disability Right	UNESCO	370,000	370,000	256,895	69.43
00126135	Strengthening Disability Right	UNFPA	150,000	150,000	70,833	47.22
Zimbabwe: Total			1,187,196	1,187,196	905,450	76.27
Grand Total			64,868,608	61,459,101	47,571,350	77.40

Endnotes

- 1** The 50 countries include 30 countries in implementation phase; 7 countries in programme design stage and 13 countries in inception phase.
- 2** Underrepresented persons with disabilities are disability groups with less formal representation within the disability movement, such as persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, deaf or blind persons, persons with autism, persons with albinism, little people, and others. Marginalized persons with disabilities are those who experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination on the basis of their disability and other factors, such as age, geographic location, race, ethnic minority status, indigenous identity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, sex characteristics, religion, migration status, and others.
- 3** 30 countries include 26 Tier 1 countries and 4 Tier 2 countries which were in implementation in 2023.
- 4** 22 programmes that developed knowledge products include 18 national programmes and 4 multi-country programmes.
- 5** This percentage is calculated based on the initial estimate when the SOF was developed in 2020.
- 6** This percentage is calculated based on the actual number of countries placed in the pipeline following the Round 4 call in 2020.
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- 9** This calculation is based on the UNPRPD Funds' annual budget of US\$10 million outlined in the SOF.
- 10** This calculation represents the proportion of the funds generated so far to implement the SOF compared to the actual need to resource all the the Round 4 submissions received.
- 11** Please note only five of the seven multi-county programmes are summarised in this section as two of the multi-country programmes relating to climate action and humanitarian response are included in chapter 5.
- 12** In 2023, UNPRPD national programmes worked towards developing or revising or reforming 20 laws, 10 policies, 3 strategies and 49 systems
- 13** World Bank (2024 [Retrieved]) Challenges facing persons with disabilities in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 14** IASC (2019). Guidelines, Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, 2019.
- 15** Source: Disability scorecards on UNSDG Data Portal.
- 16** Please refer to chapter 4, section multi-country programme on page 30 for more details on the tools.



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