



# Disability Data Advocacy Workshop for Organisations of Persons with Disabilities

Introduction



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## UNFPA Asia Pacific

UNFPA Asia Pacific recognises that participation is an important human rights-based principle. Participation is a tenet of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and is at the heart of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). Our aim is to work in partnership with a great variety of governments, academia, and civil society partners – including organisations of persons with disabilities – to ensure increased involvement of persons with disabilities in decision making. We support persons with disabilities to increasingly engage in policymaking and programming around population issues, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, and population data. Ensuring organisations of persons with disabilities have robust data literacy and data advocacy skills is critical in this regard as we strive to achieve the ICPD agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. This guide for conducting disability data advocacy workshops was co-developed with organisations of persons with disabilities, and we at UNFPA Asia Pacific are committed to ensuring that the principle of “nothing about us without us” remains a pillar of our work.

*Björn Andersson, Regional Director, UNFPA Asia Pacific*

## International Disability Alliance and Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities are one of the most marginalised and excluded groups in society and face countless barriers across the globe. Despite these myriad barriers, there remains a lack of disability data, including in measuring the Sustainable Development Goals to monitor the progress of persons with disabilities. Conversely, high-quality, timely, reliable, and available disability data is needed to understand the real situation of persons with disabilities.

It cannot be highlighted enough that Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) must play a meaningful role in data collection, analysis, and use to have a clearer understanding of whom is being affected where and why, to understand the specific barriers all persons with disabilities encounter, and what policies and programmes are needed to mitigate those barriers to include persons with disabilities fully and equally into society.

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It is imperative to use an intersectional approach to collect, analyse, and disseminate reliable inclusive data, including citizen-generated data. The collection and use of qualitative data, including citizen-generated data from OPDs, is a good example of how to complement official statistics to measure gaps and progress, which is especially important in emergency situations.

Tools such as the [Disability Data Advocacy Toolkit](#) and this disability data advocacy workshop contribute to the strengthening of OPD-led data advocacy, and in turn OPDs can become meaningfully involved in decision making and data processes at all levels to ensure a more inclusive society for all.

*José Viera, Advocacy Director, International Disability Alliance and Permanent Representative, Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities*

## **CBM Global Disability Inclusion**

The importance of disability data to ensuring persons with disabilities and their representative organisations are included in development and humanitarian programming is undeniable, as is the critical role of the disability movement in contributing to the generation and use of that data. We are thrilled to be partnering with UNFPA and some of our partners from the disability movement to develop this important resource. Our disability movement partners often advocate for investment in their capacity and future leaders, and on the importance of data to ensure they are not left behind. We hope this resource is a helpful and practical tool that can be implemented on our journey together toward a more inclusive world.

*David Bainbridge, Executive Director, CBM Global Disability Inclusion*

# Glossary

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CFM	Child Functioning Module
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IDA	International Disability Alliance
ILO	International Labour Organisation
NSO	National Statistics Office
OPDs	Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SGPwD	Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities for Sustainable Development
UNCRPD	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division
WG	Washington Group on Disability Statistics
WGQ	Washington Group Questions
WG-SS	Washington Group of Questions – Short Set

# About this workshop package

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## Why is it needed?

The lack of data on persons with disabilities exacerbates inequalities and marginalisation. Data is key to identifying the gaps and challenges experienced by persons with disabilities and to creating and amending existing policies, programmes, and investments to be inclusive of and targeting the needs and priorities of persons with disabilities. Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) have a key role, including in:

- i) Use and development of data for evidence-based advocacy towards their priorities; and,
- ii) Advocating for better disability data to inform policy, investment, and accountability.

Drawing in part on the [Disability Data Advocacy Toolkit](#), workshop materials have been developed to support discussion and reflection on disability data advocacy in the local context. Materials were tested and adjusted based on pilot workshops and feedback from OPD partners including potential facilitators and participants.

## Workshop objectives

By engaging in the workshop, participants will learn to:

1. Identify sources of disability data and the best approaches for its collection and analysis.
2. Review and research available local data.
3. Advocate for data collection and investment in better data.
4. Use data to support evidence-based advocacy.

The focus is on key messages to ensure participants can:

- Understand best practice recommendations for disability data and related advocacy messages at different levels, including for example, advocating for disability disaggregated SDG reporting and for the ICPD.
- Apply their knowledge to review the quality of local data and use relevant data in local advocacy objectives.

## Who is the workshop for?

The workshop materials are designed to **introduce** the basic concepts and skills **and apply these in a local context**.

Participants do not necessarily need data experience; however, materials to aid preparation are suggested to help ensure participants get the best possible learning and application during the workshop.

## Virtual workshop

All workshop materials have been prepared assuming the workshop will be run online. Materials were tested in a face-to-face environment and can be easily adapted by a skilled facilitator for this format. Some general tips are also provided for hybrid facilitation in the Facilitators' Manual.

## What is provided?

The workshop materials have been grouped into three different packages for those that will either host, facilitate, or participate in the workshop. This aims to support more convenient use, distribution, and navigation of materials. This means that some information appears in more than one package (e.g., the programme overview is in all packages). The slides for seven sessions are provided separately in PowerPoint format.

In addition to this introductory note, the following packages are provided:

### **Guidance for host organisations**

- i. Host guide
- ii. Programme overview

### **Facilitators package**

- i. Facilitators manual
- ii. Programme overview
- iii. Session materials (Sessions 1 to 8)

### **Participants package**

- i. Programme overview
- ii. Session summaries (Sessions 1 to 7)
- iii. Session handouts
- iv. Individual reflection sheet

### **Session slides**

- i. An accessible slide deck to accompany Sessions 1 to 7 is provided in PowerPoint format. These can be used by facilitators and participants.

## Navigating the materials

To aid in navigating the materials, a hierarchy of contents pages has been developed and linked. Each package includes a main content page with hyperlinks to each sub-section of materials. Each sub-section then has its own table of contents outlining materials in that section.

For example, the Facilitator package has a main table of contents outlining and linking to the main sub-sections of that package (facilitators manual, programme overview, and session materials). Each of these sub-sections in turn has a table of contents that outlines and links to the relevant content (e.g., the sub-section for session 1 has a contents page that outlines and links to each of the four types of materials in that session - the facilitators guide, summary, handout and reflection sheet).

## Contact

Regardless of if you are a host, facilitator, or participant, we hope you find the materials useful in raising capacity and awareness around disability data advocacy.

Please let us know if you used the package and share with us any reflections and feedback. You can contact us at: [UNFPADisabilityData@cbm-global.org](mailto:UNFPADisabilityData@cbm-global.org)

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