Commonwealth Disabled People’s Forum

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 CDPF Brief Information on Implementation of UNCRPD Questionnaire.

Will all DPOs supporting the Relaunch of the Commonwealth Disabled People’s Forum and/or their delegates please ensure this form is completed and emailed back by 3rd June 2019. Delegates in their introduction of 3 minutes will be asked to summarise on 13th June General Assembly. Return to rlrieser@gmail.com   by 3rd June 2019

1. Name of your DPO

Dominica Association of Persons with Disabilities Incorporated (DAPD Inc.)

2. Name of your country.

Commonwealth of Dominica

3. Has your country ratified the UNCRPD and when?

Yes, October 1, 2012

4. What has your country done to Implement the UNCRPD?

The Government has given a commitment to implement certain articles in particular Articles 9, 11, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the Convention. This was done following a formal request made by DAPD’. They included these in the 2018/19 National Budget.

5. How much is your DPO involved in implementation with the Government of your country?

The Prime Minister mandated the Ministry of Health and Social Services to work with DAPD to address all issues and obligations under the Convention. Government also employed a consultant to help accelerate efforts towards implementation of the relevant articles, and together we have developed A communications strategy to raise awareness of the Convention, drawn up The terms of reference for a Disability Committee to work on execution of the Convention, and formulated an Action Plan to include Institutional Arrangements, Access to the Physical Environment and Public Buildings, Public Transport Rehabilitation and Employment.

However, The Administrative Machinery required to move the process forward is still to be established.

6. Has your DPO been involved in producing a shadow report to go to UNCRPD?

No

7. What progress has been made on implementing Inclusive Education?

Dominica has Universal Early Childhood Education, Universal Primary Education, Universal Secondary Education and partial Universal Education at College level.

Children with Disabilities are mainly educated within an inclusive setting. However the island is limited with its Human resource and cannot offer all the services, products, and facilities to meet all their needs. The Government of Dominica provides support to private institutions that cater specifically for children with disabilities. The Alpha Centre and the Islukati Special Needs School in the Kalinago territory caters for Children with moderate to severe mental challenges, while the Achievement Learning Centre caters for children with varying types of special needs. An office has been established to coordinate the work in special education and involves the psychological, academic and behavioural assessment of children as well as support for the implementation of intervention programmes to cater to their needs. Children with disabilities are also involved in sports and are regular participants at the Special Olympic Games. They performed very well this year, receiving three gold medals, three silver medals and fourth and fifth ribbons.

8. What progress has been made on social protection for PWD?

While specific legislation has not been enacted, some of the Government’s programme cater to the needs of persons with disabilities particularly as it relates to Social Welfare policies.

9. What progress has been made in implementing employment opportunities for PWD?

Noticeable progress has been made with regard to areas such as access to employment in the public service; more recently through the National. Employment Programme where persons with disabilities are provided with opportunities to acquire marketable skills, gain work experience and subsequently gain long term employment.

10. What progress has been made on challenging negative attitudes and stigma to PWD?

DAPD undertakes periodic education and awareness raising programmes and utilizes the media to disseminate information on the abilities and capabilities of PWDs. Over the years, we have seen improvements in stigma, prejudice and misconceptions. Negative attitudes are also slowly changing.

11. What progress has been made in achieving gender equality for PWD?

This is an area where limited progress has been made.

12. What capacity building does your DPO need? Identify areas.

We are in need of training in Information and Communication Technology, Business Development, Sign Language, Advocacy Strategies and Project Development.

13. If you are the National Umbrella DPO how do you operate democratically with other DPOs?

We are a membership based cross-disability organization

14. If you are impairment specific, particular focus or regional DPO how do you work with Umbrella DPO?

N A

15. If there is no national; umbrella DPO. How could one be built?

N A

16. How does your DPO get funded?

Funding is procured from an Annual Government Subvention, Local Corporate Citizens, International donor agencies, and Organising of Special Events. The talent of Persons with Disabilities are showcased and exposed during these events. Article 29 of the Convention is implemented during these activities.

17. What training capacity does your DPO have?

 Our training capacity is Very Limited. However, DAPD engages qualified professionals in various fields as facilitators and resource persons when training programmes are organized.

18. What regular training do you provide for PWD?

Short Term programmes are organized in ICT, Organisational Development, and Leadership Building

19. How does your DPO involve young DWP?

Young Persons with Disabilities are an integral part of the movement and benefit from all activities

20. Does your DPO have any experience working in a humanitarian disaster?

 No