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CDPF Brief Information on Implementation of UNCRPD Questionnaire

Will all DPOs joining the Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum and/or their delegates please ensure this form is completed and emailed back. Return to rlrieser@gmail.com along with the completed application form.

1. Name of your DPO **Kāpō Māori Aotearoa**

2. Name of your country **Aotearoa, New Zealand**

3. Has your country ratified the UNCRPD and when? **Yes, 25th September 2008**

4. What has your country done to Implement the UNCRPD? Created the position of Minister for Disability Issues (1999); set up the Office for Disability Issues (2002); Supported the establishment of the DPO Coalition, a collective of national disabled led organisations (2009); established the IMM to monitor the implementation of the UNCRPD in Aotearoa, New Zealand (13th October 2011) reviewed and confirmed the 2019-2023 NZ Disability Strategy; reviewed and confirmed the 2019-2023 Disability Action Plan; Acceded the Optional Protocol UNCRPD (5th October 2016).

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

100%, Kāpō Māori Aotearoa is a founding member of the NZ DPO Coalition, a collective of seven national disabled led organisations.

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

Yes, 2013 to current.

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

For indigenous disabled population, we would have to say very little progress. Aotearoa NZ disabled Māori population when compared to general disabled population, are negatively over-represented in education e.g. do not have any formal secondary or tertiary qualifications.

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

Social protection is deficit for indigenous disabled population with Aotearoa NZ disabled Māori when compared to general disabled population.

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

Indigenous disabled Māori struggle as like Aotearoa NZ Māori generally to find employment when compared to general disabled population.

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

Indigenous disabled Māori are faced with negative attitudes and stigma about their disability and also their ethnicity.

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

No significant progress made.

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

Marketing, public awareness, policy development.

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

There is not one national umbrella DPO.

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa is a founding national member organisation of the DPO Coalition which comprises of seven national DPOs that have a specific or particular focus e.g. Kāpō Māori Aotearoa focus is indigenous peoples with disabilities – indigenous disability rights.

The NZ DPO Coalition is not a registered entity.

All member organisations of the DPO Coalition have equal status and decision-making powers. As a collective we monitor the implementation of the NZ Disability Strategy and Disability Action Plan.

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

Refer #14 above.

15. If there is no national umbrella DPO, how could one be built?

The DPO Coalition are in discussion about establishing an entity to umbrella the current DPO Coalition member organisations and future DPOs.

16. How does your DPO get funded?

By the NZ Government.

17. What training capacity does your DPO have?

We deliver indigenous specific programme that focus on building indigenous disabled population confidence, self-advocacy and informed decision-making skills and well-being.

18. What regular training do you provide for PWD?

We design and deliver tailored training programs that are founded upon our indigenous values, principles and practices. Programs include:

- Rights – Te Tiriti of Waitangi, UN CRPD and UN DRIP
- Māori language and practices
- Leadership
- Communication
- Health and well-being
- Self-advocacy
- Self-determination.
- First Aid training
- Employment preparation
- Governance

19. How does your DPO involve young PWD?

We initiated involvement of you PWD in 2005. The result of this has been the establishment of M.T.K. a support group of young adults aged 20 to 35 years. This group is supported by Kāpō Māori Aotearoa and is self-governing. M.T.K. has its own annual plan which includes training activities and initiatives to build members' capacity.

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

Yes, the Christchurch earthquakes and COVID-19.