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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: Humanity Welfare Organisation Helpline.
2. Name of your country: India
3. Has your country ratified the UNCRPD and when? Yes, in 2007.
4. What has your country done to Implement the UNCRPD?

To give effect to UNCRPD, government of India enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, which included all the provisions of UNCRPD and gave them a legal recognition.

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

We are actively involved with the government to implement policies and laws with the government. We are the member of various government committees focusing on education and rehabilitation.

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

Indirectly we contribute. A national organisation which submits report consults us for our region.

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

Inclusive Education has been recognised as a fundamental right under the RPWD Act 2016. Furthermore, the New Education Policy 2020 included inclusive education as an essential feature of India's modern education system.

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

To ensure social protection, government provides financial support, distributes supporting instruments, and has reserved 4% jobs for PWDs.

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

Under RPWD Act 2016, government of India recognised employment as an important element to make disabled persons equal part of the society. Exams to various jobs have been reformed to allow disabled persons to sit in such examinations. 4% government jobs have been reserved for PWDs.

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

Although in the preliminary stages, government and civil societies are holding regular awareness workshops to challenge negative attitude and stereotypes.

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

Women with disabilities are not yet equal in our society. This is because the patriarchal attitude is still prevalent. Furthermore, women with disabilities are often neglected due to the intersectionality discrimination. However, NGOs and government are taking steps to mainstream women with disabilities.

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

Policy and research workshops, legal resource persons, UNCRPD experts and data analysis.

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

We are a regional organisation.

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

We are a part of a national disability network. We work for the national issues under common agenda.

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

There is a national DPO.

16. How does your DPO get funded?

Our DPO is funded by general public and national DPOs.

17. What training capacity does your DPO have?

We have teachers training to provide inclusive education, basic training on law, computer training to PWDs, alternative communication training, and skill development.

18. What regular training do you provide for PWD?

Legal training and skill development.

19. How does your DPO involve young PWD?

We involve them in national programs, social actions, sports, and livelihood training.

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

Yes, we have worked in a disaster. The flood of 2014 in Kashmir where we worked with disaster management teams. We build 55 houses for PWDs after these floods, work for inclusive training on disasters, distribute special appliances to PWDs.