



THE WORLD BANK: INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT and DISABILITY

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**HDNSP Disability & Development:
Will the UN Disability Convention make it easier to get traction?**

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Disability and Development and The World Bank

- Ending world poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) requires a move towards inclusive development of all vulnerable groups.
- The World Bank is ready to assist in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Disabled People

Disability & Development

Five Years Retrospective: 2002-2007

- Prior to 2001 - Few project components or references in poverty report and research.
- 2001 - SP Sector Strategy *From Safety Net to Spring Board* - fighting poverty more on vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities.
- 2002 - Disability Advisor appointed, Regional Vice-Presidency Units began to designate Regional Disability Coordinators for Regional Working Groups on Disability. Efforts focused on raising awareness and training.
- 2004 – Human Development unit management reorients work towards a more operationally relevant approach to “mainstreaming” by incorporating disability concerns and inclusive policies into Bank lending and Economic and Sector Work (ESW). Main work on operational toolkits started.
- In FY 2002-2006, 4% of Bank projects by number and 5% of new lending commitments had a disability component, totaling \$4.8 billion. Disability was mentioned in 6% of ESW during that period.

Implementing Inclusive Development

Complementary twin track approach

- Economic – disability and the MDGs
 - Expand inclusive operations
 - Support disability specific projects where they are warranted
 - Development Marketplace & Trust Funds when available
- Legal – Human rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
 - Toolkit for inclusive operations
 - Paper on implications of CRPD on World Bank

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Implications for the World Bank

- The intent of the Convention is to ensure full participation of persons with disabilities in social and economic life based on **existing** rights and entitlements contained in other Conventions and under international law.
- From the Bank's perspective, disability is not only a rights issue, it is a development issue.
- The Bank's comparative advantage in supporting the implementation of the Convention lies in its capacity to address complex, multi-sectoral issues in a consistent, coordinated, fiscally responsible and operational manner.
- A three-pronged approach:
 - **mainstream** disability into existing programs and work through promotion (*General Obligations*)
 - **improve the evidence base** through data measurement, collection and program and policy analysis (*Article 31*)
 - continue **outreach and awareness building** of disability as a development issue that is crucial for sustainable reduction of poverty as well as reaching some key MDGs (*Article 8*)

UN Convention Articles: Implications for the World Bank

- **Economic and cost-benefit analyses to strengthen the arguments for investing in inclusive development** (*various Articles*).
- **Accessibility of public buildings, transport, technology, information and services** (*Articles 9, 21*).
- **Access to health and education and the quality of services** (*Articles 24-26*).
- **Non-discrimination in employment, including affirmative action** (*Article 27*).
- **Freedom of choice of where to live and provision of services and community care** (*Articles 19, 28*).
- **Living standards and social protection of persons with disabilities** (*Article 29*).
- **Improved data and statistics to inform policies, develop programs, target safety nets and monitor the performance of the population** (*Article 31*).
- **International monitoring of progress with implementation of the Convention** (*Articles 32-33*).
- **International cooperation and development programs which are inclusive and accessible to persons with disabilities, and foster human rights** (*Articles 32-33*).

Disability & Development Team (D&D) Workplan (2008-2010)

- **Mission of the Disability & Development Team**
 - Facilitate, incubate, and deliver knowledge management products and operational tools in selected areas of core competencies on disability issues across the Bank
- **D&D Team To Facilitate**
 - Health -- prevention, cure, rehabilitation and inclusion of people with disabilities
 - **Education -- inclusive education**
 - Infrastructure & accessibility
 - **Employment – Integrating PWD into the labor market, in particular youth**
- **D&D Team to Incubate**
 - Disability and poverty
 - Disability and Social Protection -- labor, social insurance, safety nets
 - Countries in conflict or after natural disasters
- **D&D Team Core Competencies**
 - Disability data and measurement
 - Knowledge management, toolkit development, training activities, web page, etc.
 - Partnerships -- Strengthened cooperation with multilateral and bilateral development agencies, governments, NGOs, DPOs, the private sector and civil society, including collaboration with **WHO on 1st World Report on Disability, Rehabilitation and Inclusion**
 - Implementation of the UN Convention

Regional Lessons Learned

- Inclusive development is a multi-stakeholder responsibility.
- NGOs, made more effective as delivery of services to the vulnerable children, through a “contracting” rather than “grant” approach.
- Robust monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system is essential for learning and accountability.
- A learning and innovation lending instrument (LIL) is effective to pilot and test initiatives, and to build consensus.
- Field-based management provides effective, quick response.
- Use range of providers to help develop a new strategy for improving services.

Training

- **Internal Training for Bank Staff, for example:**
 - Social Analysis and Disability Guidance Note
 - “Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Its Implementation & Relevance for the World Bank”
 - Disability modules in core labor, social safety nets, and education training programs
- **External Training for Governments and Civil Society**
 - Including Disability in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs)
 - Measuring disability prevalence
 - Inclusive development

Supporting Partnerships

- **Global Partnership on Disability and Development (GPDD)**
 - \$700,000 to BBI to support the secretariat
 - Establishing a multi-donor trust fund
 - more direct participation of the global South in GPDD and that we are helping raising funds for disability related activities.
- **UN Washington Group on Disability Statistics**
 - \$280,000 to fund census question development
 - Active participation in survey development and testing
- **Using the World Bank's Convening Power**

The World Bank sees its role as a facilitative one. The World Bank's ability to coordinate its efforts with other development agencies has included:

 - Collaboration with WHO on report on disability, rehabilitation and inclusion.
 - Host the GPDD listserv, which frequently is used to circulate information about the convention, and reaches 590 participants worldwide.
 - Hosting several events with other development agencies to discuss their actions and various advantages regarding the UN Convention.
 - To draw upon the expertise of civil society.
 - To host occasional lectures and seminars on disability related issues.
 - The Bank itself is NOT a main source of grant funding for disability: we mainstream and facilitate

Moving Forward

- The Bank is committed to expanding the principles of inclusion throughout its work
 - Disability and Development Team
 - Regional disability coordinators
 - Partnerships
- Helping implement the Convention on Rights of Disabled Persons gives us an added impetus
- We look forward to working with all of you towards our goal of a world free of poverty

Getting traction at the Bank

- Convention should help raise awareness and includes Article 26 on international cooperation, specifically mentioning international agencies.
- New Legal Trust Fund (not yet available) on Human Rights will be approached to support implementation in poor countries which have adopted the Convention.
- Continued earmark for disability at HDNSP very important.

Earmark Enabled Regions to:

- Develop bus rapid transit guidelines for LAC and any Bank transport project.
- Benefit from a Legal Guidance Note about the Convention.
- HIV/AIDS guidelines for disabled people for Africa and any HIV/AIDS project.
- Qualitative data in Kenya, Yemen, Georgia and implications for other regions.



Human Development Network Social Protection (HDNSP)

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HDNSP

Disability & Development (D&D)

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Global Partnership on Disability and Development (GPDD)

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ANNEX – Regional Activities

Africa

Multi-Country Demobilization & Reintegration Program (MDRP)

- Multi-agency effort that supports the demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants in the greater Great Lakes region of Central Africa.
- The largest program of its kind in the world, MDRP currently targets an estimated 450,000 ex-combatants in seven countries: Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda. Support will also be extended to Namibia and Zimbabwe if and when appropriate.
- MDRP provides assistance for medical rehabilitation based on the type and degree of disability.
 - Services typically include the provision of physical rehabilitation assistance (prosthesis and orthosis), counseling, vocational training and/or support for micro-enterprise activities.
 - Aims to reinforce key medical facilities
 - provide systematic prosthetic and physiotherapy services, including maintenance of prosthetic devices.

Africa, cont.

Economic and Sector Work

- 3 country survey is underway in Zambia, Uganda and South Africa on Disability and HIV/AIDS
- 3 country study on the economic and social status of people with disabilities in Sierra Leone, Angola and Burundi
- A policy note on people with disabilities in Sierra Leone
- Pilot on disability prevalence with referrals for children with disabilities in and out of school with the OECD in Ethiopia.

Europe and Central Asia

- **Regional Disability Study** in print. Includes four country studies, including a disability survey, piloted in Uzbekistan
- A **National Disability and Poverty Action Plan** was prepared by the Armenian Democratic Forum
- **Romania**
 - Pension Reforms Support: A component of the Social Sector Development Project, it supports the rehabilitation of the disabled by strengthening the capacity of the National institute for Medical Expertise and Work Capacity Recovery. It also bolsters the local medical expertise offices of the National House of Pensions and Other Social Insurances Rights (\$50 million, of which \$6.32 million targets the disabled)
 - Social Inclusion Project: Assistance given to existing or emerging programs that address the needs of the vulnerable, including people with disabilities, via four components:
 - Priority Interventions Program
 - Inclusive Early Childhood Education of Roma
 - Social Assistance Programs
 - Capacity Building for Roma Social Inclusion

Europe and Central Asia cont.

- **Lithuania**

- School Access for Children with Disabilities: A Lithuania Education Improvement Project is making 62 schools accessible to disabled children and is fully renovating the Vilnius School for the Deaf as well as providing teacher training. (\$25.29 million)

- **Turkey**

- Teacher Training: Training 6,678 Special Education Teachers in schools, reaching 150,000 students of which 35,000 were students with disabilities
- Visually and Hearing impaired primary school children are receiving specialized equipment through phase 2 of a Basic Education project. The project is building 70 special education primary schools and installing 770 computers. Special educational materials and teacher training will cover 1,340 preschool classrooms.

East Asia & Pacific Region

- **Vietnam**
 - Primary Education for Disadvantaged Children Project combined project funds of US\$ 243 million for technical support to improve administrative planning and management; enhanced delivery of acceptable quality education; linkages to communities; National level child development report and policy on inclusive education and accessible schools
 - introduce disability questions on census
 - HIV/AIDS project run by young people with disabilities received support from the Bank. This project is a fully mainstreamed project with young people with disabilities raising awareness
- **Thailand**
 - JSDF post Tsunami reconstruction work

East Asia & Pacific Region cont.

- **Cambodia**
 - The development of socially inclusive materials in Cambodia- books, TV and radio slots have been developed.
 - Workshop on inclusive education was held in Cambodia in May 2007
- **Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia and Vietnam**
 - Building administrative capacity and develop an inclusive Educational Management Information Systems (EMIS)
- **Indonesia**
 - BNPP trust funds for baseline data collection on children with disabilities in the education sector; envisioned that there will be some policy directives supporting inclusive education as a result of this study
- **Philippines**
 - DGF for children with disabilities in the Philippines.
 - **Social Expenditure Management Project:** component of social assistance for disadvantaged groups (US\$25m)
 - **Development Marketplace (DM)** support for access to justice for the Deaf; Several other DM competitions to distributed grants to various stakeholders working on independent living.

East Asia & Pacific Region cont.

- **Region-wide**
 - **Access to Information:** All **Public Information Centers** (PICs) in region ensuring accessible information; Supported the translation of the UNESCO toolkit on embracing diversity into at least three languages in the region. accessible PIC resulted in an increase use of the centers by people with disabilities in Philippines
 - **Transport:** project addresses disability from the perspective of prevention and road safety.

Latin America & Caribbean Region

Principle

- Mainstreaming disability measurement to promote effective policy-making for social inclusion

Main Outputs

- Pilot of disability questionnaires in the household surveys of Bolivia and Ecuador
- Support for the inclusion of statistical data on disability in the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics in Central America
- Awareness and outreach through video to demonstrate the importance and complexity of data on disability

Middle East and North Africa

- **Guiding Principle**
 - Promoting inclusive growth and development
- **Strategy**
 - Strengthening analytical and knowledge base
 - Supporting development of national disability strategies and action plans
 - Mainstreaming disability in the current Bank-funded projects
 - Promoting regional dialogue and knowledge sharing
- **Actions**
 - **Regional Level**
 - MENA Disability Policy Note
 - **Country Level**
 - Yemen National Disability Strategy
 - Iraq Disability Project
 - Jordan Social Protection Enhancement Project
 - Egypt Social Protection Initiative

Middle East and North Africa

MENA Regional Disability Policy Note

- Summary of regional trends and policy recommendations

Country Level

- **Egypt Social Protection Initiative**

- Pilot tested integrated & inclusive programs, prepared resource material for future programs and promoted awareness raising for policy formulation

- **Iraq Disability Project**

- Supporting the delivery of improved rehabilitation and prosthetic services that reduce the burden of physical disability in the country

- **Jordan Social Protection Enhancement Project**

- Establishing Resource and Information Centers (RIC) for Persons with Disabilities to develop and strengthen and enhance services for persons with disabilities

- **Yemen Disability Strategy**

- National workshop was held to endorse recommendations
- Recommendations supported through technical assistance

South Asia Region

Principles

- Mainstreaming in inclusive development
- Two country focus (Pakistan and India), others on demand
- Build on existing momentum

Strategy

- Operationalizing - mainstreaming through prevention and inclusion
- Improving data and information
- Awareness and Outreach

South Asia Region, cont.

Mainstreaming

- **Andhra Pradesh**: 15,000 Self Help Groups established which have received micro-credit, CBR, family support, formed a state-wide network and now make specific requests to government for services and IDs.
- **Proposed**: Bangladesh Railways Project (with JIBEC & ADB). Would use universal design to allow up to 2 million PWD access to the Dhaka-Chittagong line.
- **Earthquake Disability Project (PK)**: \$5 million grant from IBRD surplus to support community-based rehabilitation through contracting NGOs
- **Bangladesh**: Preparing Disability Project which would finance an independent National Foundation for the Development of Disabled People to provide grants for community-based service delivery, mobilization, data improvement and monitoring.
- **Two JSDF grants**: \$1.6 million for Handicap International and Milestone (national DPO) for establishing resource and information centers for community based rehabilitation and independent living

South Asia Region, cont.

Data

- Provided TA to the Pakistan Census Organization which has altered the questions in the next Census to be more in line with international standards
- Received TFESSD Grant to bring Census, Survey and Social Welfare Ministries across region together to develop culturally appropriate survey instruments
- Imbedded in upcoming Bangladesh Project

Awareness Building

- 'Just like the Other Kids' with Teacher's Manual: 1,000 teachers trained, up to 100,000 non-disabled children reached by book which field tests demonstrate promotes inclusion.
- Small grants and Development Marketplace in Sri Lanka and Pakistan have funded over 50 Disabled Persons Organizations, disbursed over \$300,000 and reached 30,000 people and their families. Newspaper coverage has been significant.
- Also financed and supported National Policy Development