

Global Program for Disability and Development

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Financial Arrangements for FY09 (Amount in US \$ Million)	
Total Budget: DGF Funding Request: DGF Percentage:	1.59 0.35 22%
Objectives and Expected Outcomes	
<p>The Global Program for Disability and Development (GPDD) is an international network of organizations and entities (developing countries, bilateral and multilateral agencies, NGOs, foundations) formed to <u>accelerate inclusion of people with disabilities into mainstream social and economic development</u>. GPDD partners pledge to work together to advance integration of disabilities issues and people with disabilities into mainstream social and economic development policies, programs, and budgets. The GPDD complements efforts of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People.</p> <p>The expected outcomes of the GPDD are: <u>improved knowledge and data</u> in the field of disability and development, and on inclusive development best practice <u>strengthened cooperation</u> among, <u>and capacity</u> of, diverse stakeholders (Disabled People's Organizations-DPOs, other NGOs, governments and development organizations) at the global and local levels in accelerating the integration of disability concerns into mainstream economic development efforts.</p>	
Main Components	
<p>The GPDD's work program priorities in the medium term center around three thematic areas, namely, <u>Education, Disability and Poverty Reduction</u>, and <u>People with Disabilities in Disasters, Emergencies and Conflicts</u>. Each of the thematic areas develop work programs including:</p> <p>Capacity-Building: strengthening the capacity of DPOs and other disability NGOs to promote, guide and facilitate the inclusion of disability issues and the participation of people with disabilities in international, regional, national and community-level development programs, and to strengthen the capacity of government departments and agencies in developing countries to effectively address disability issues.</p> <p>Knowledge and Information Sharing: serving as an information hub and facilitator of knowledge sharing among partner organizations and others; increasing the awareness of the public and of development practitioners of disability and development issues, and efforts to promote and achieve inclusive development.</p> <p>Research: identifying research priorities in disability and development, and promoting research by universities and research institutes, especially in developing countries.</p> <p>Networking: encouraging and assisting other networks and partnerships to embrace inclusive development, to address disability issues and to include people with disabilities in their ongoing programs. The GPDD also fosters and supports national networks for disability and development in developing countries.</p>	

Performance Indicators

- Disability inclusive programs implemented and strengthened in developing countries: PRSPs mainstream disability issues,
- Technical advice provided on implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People; Increased number of developing countries with reliable data on disability Donor funding secured for long-term viability of GPDD Secretariat,
- Increased representation of Southern NGOs in GPDD governing body; “Permanent” Governance and Administrative structure established for GPDD.

Progress and Achievements

Progress will be measured through performance indicators named above, as well as through delivery of specific work program activities and outcomes as identified in the GPDD three-year work plan.

Partners

African Decade Secretariat, Asia Pacific Disability Forum, Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC) Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V. (bezev), Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University (BBI), CBR Africa Network (CAN), Christian Blind Mission (CBM), Commonwealth Disabled Peoples’ Forum, Danish Council of Organizations of Disabled People (DSI), Disabled Peoples International (DPI), District of Columbia (Washington DC), European Association of Services Providers for People with Disabilities (EASPD), Finnish Disabled Peoples International Development Association (FIDIDA), Flemish Platform for Disability and Development Cooperation (PHOS), Foreign Ministry of Finland, Foreign Ministry of Norway, Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Handicap International, Inclusion International, Inter Action, Inter-American Development Bank, International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), International Labour Organization (ILO), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latin American Network of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families (RIADIS), Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCI), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment India, Mobility International USA (MIUSA), National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES), Norwegian Association of the Disabled (NAD), Rehabilitation International (RI), Sightsavers International, South Asia CBR Network, Southern Africa Federation of the Disabled (SAFOD), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations’ Children Fund UNICEF, University of Cape Town, World Blind Union (WBU), World Federation of the Deaf World Institute on Disability (WID).

Governance and Management

The GPDD held a Membership Meeting May 4 – 7, 2008 in Eschborn, Germany in collaboration with GTZ and CBM. During this meeting, the current membership of the GPDD approved its First Charter, elected its first Interim Board of Directors, and identified a set of principles, priorities, and means in order to orient the realization of the GPDD Strategic Plan to be elaborated by the Interim Board and ratified by a Full Membership Meeting in 2009, location TBD. The First Interim Board of Directors of the GPDD is composed of 12 elected members and 4 ex- officio members (WB, MDTF, UN bodies, Host Organization representatives). The majority of the elected members belong to the Global South; the Board composition is balanced also regarding regional representation, gender, membership category, disability representation.

Exit Strategy

FY09 will be the last year of DGF Window Two funding. The GPDD is expected to continue indefinitely, as is the Bank’s engagement as a partner. More permanent funding arrangements are being sought.