Persons with disabilities: from object of intervention to subject of change for apply CRPD in International cooperation

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International cooperation has only recently begun to deal with persons with disabilities, often limiting itself to projects in the health and assistance sectors, which are important but not exhaustive of the disability model introduced by the CRPD. These projects have considered persons with disabilities subject to interventions as a passive target, beneficiary of actions decided by others.

The Italian Network on Disability and Development - RIDS, established in 2013, has built a new development cooperation association organization, having among its members 3 development cooperation NGOs (AIFO, EducAid, Ovci) and 2 umbrella organizations of persons with disabilities (DPI Italy, Fish). Starting from the cultural and technical approach of the CRPD, RIDS has set up its projects considering the OPDs of the countries involved and the same persons with disabilities as actors in the sustainability of the application of the CRPD, as subjects capable of acquiring skills and work tools that make them protagonists of advocacy processes towards governments and other stakeholders, as persons who become experts in innovative empowerment activities. In a word, as active citizens capable of influencing institutions and civil society and supporting the processes of emancipation and political representation of persons with disabilities.

The webinar aims to raise awareness of this new approach by presenting the main innovations contained in its projects. The training actions of the OPDs as umbrella organizations capable of interacting with national and local institutions, carried out in various countries, the creation of peer counselors in Palestine, the construction of a center for independent life in Gaza city, the emancipatory will be presented. disability research in Mongolia and other countries, early diagnostic and rehabilitation intervention on minors with disabilities and the empowerment of families in South Sudan. Each presentation of good practices will be accompanied with a testimony of a person with disabilities involved in the activities presented.

Program and speakers

Giampiero Griffo - president of the RIDS- The new approach towards the persons with disabilities in International cooperation based on the CRPD

Sunil Deepak (Aifo)- The Emancipatory disability research

Testify from Mongolia

Silvia Cutrera (FISH) -The CRPD training with the goal to empower the advocacy capacities of OPDs

Testify from Liberia To be confirmed

Giampiero Griffo (DPI Italy) – Peer counselling, tool for empowerment persons with disabilities

Testify from Palestine

Yousef Hamdouna (EducAid)– The independent living center in Gaza City

Testify from Palestine

Manuela Vector (OVCI) – Early detection of disability in South Sudan

Testify from South Sudan

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