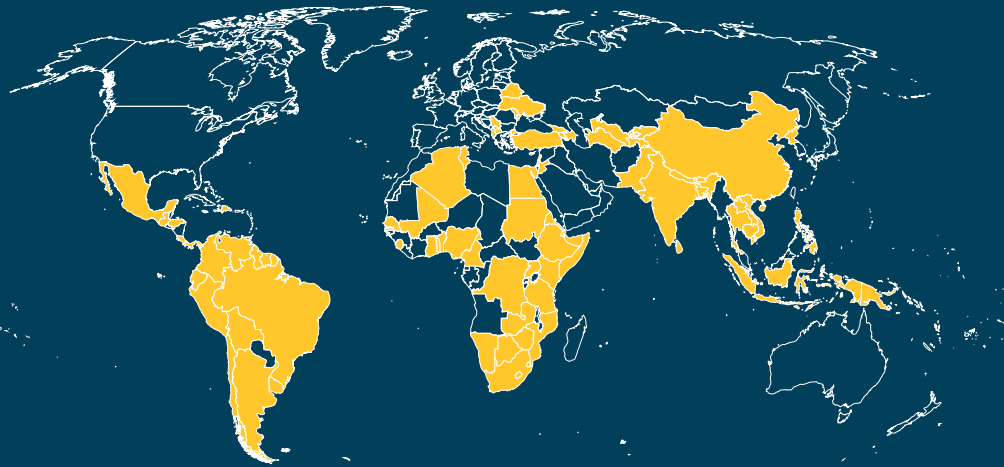


Our Global Footprint



AMERICAS

- Argentina
- Barbados
- Brazil
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Panama
- Peru
- St Lucia
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Uruguay

AFRICA

- Algeria
- Benin
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- DRC
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Egypt
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Mali
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda

- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Somalia
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

ASIA

- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia

- DPRK
- India
- Indonesia
- Jordan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Tajikistan
- Timor-Lest
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka

EUROPE

- Albania
- Armenia
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Kosovo
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia
- Ukraine

OCEANIA

- Cook Islands
- Fiji
- Nauru
- Papua New Guinea

- Samoa
- Vanuatu
- FSM
- Kiribati
- Palau
- Solomon Island
- Tuvalu
- Tonga

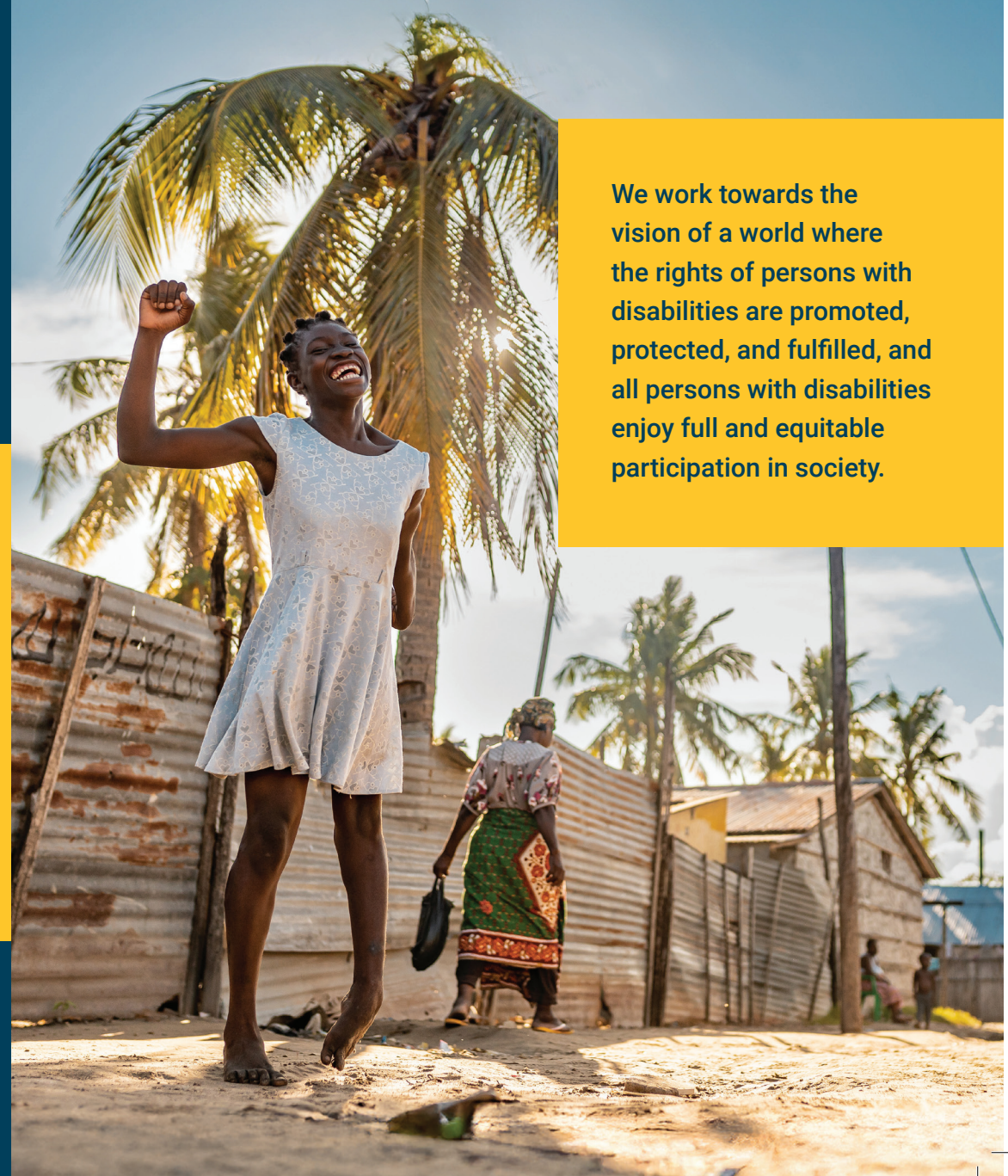


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Global Disability Fund

We work towards the vision of a world where the rights of persons with disabilities are promoted, protected, and fulfilled, and all persons with disabilities enjoy full and equitable participation in society.



What do we do?

The **UN Global Disability Fund (GDF)**¹ funds and coordinates collective action to deliver country-led programmes, fostering inclusive and resilient communities by

- ✓ **Expanding** access to high-quality, affordable, and accountable services and support systems.
- ✓ **Strengthening** evidence-based policies to drive meaningful disability inclusion.
- ✓ **Empowering** persons with disabilities in crisis situations, climate resilience efforts, and humanitarian responses.

Our Impact

A more inclusive world, where persons with disabilities

- ✓ **are empowered** to live healthier, more independent lives;
- ✓ **access services**, support systems and structures that enable their full and effective participation in society;
- ✓ **are not left behind** in situations of risk, climate disaster or humanitarian response and recovery;
- ✓ **are protected** from abuse, exploitation, harmful practices, neglect and violence; and
- ✓ **autonomously engage** and contribute within inclusive communities, including decision-making processes.

Our Unique Model

The **UN Global Disability Fund** is the only UN funding body dedicated to helping countries implement the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**. Over the past decade, we have delivered **impactful programs in 100+ countries**, reaching **800 million** persons with disabilities.

We bring together **UN organizations, donors, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), service providers, governments, and key players** across **development, climate, and humanitarian sectors**, driving collective action for lasting change.

Partners

Donors



UN Agencies



Civil Society







Why it matters

Despite progress in embedding disability rights in global frameworks, over **1 billion people**—mostly in developing countries—still face significant barriers to health, education, safety, and economic inclusion.

Yet, disability inclusion remains critically underfunded, receiving just 0.2% of global aid. As a result, only **5% of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets** are on track for persons with disabilities.

Looking forward to 2030

-  Hosting the world's first ever inclusive cities hub
-  Reach 200 million persons with disabilities
-  Strengthen leadership of 1000 OPDs
-  Mobilise critical additional funding for disability inclusion

¹ Formerly known as United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD).



Global Disability Fund and International Disability Alliance Join commitments

Our Commitments to Advancing Disability Inclusion by 2028



1

Transformative Action: By 2028, GDF & IDA will be working in 20 countries and diverse contexts through a multi-stakeholder approach with governments, OPDs and UN entities, implementing innovative approaches to empower persons with disabilities, provide equitable and accessible essential services, infrastructure and care and support systems.

2

OPD Leadership: GDF & IDA are committed to advancing the leadership of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) at global, regional, and national levels through technical assistance, dedicated funding, and coaching to advance OPD leadership across the world.

3

Influencing Global & National Finance for Development: GDF & IDA will systematically monitor trends, generate evidence, and advocate for increased funding to deliver innovative programmes and solutions, influencing policy and resource allocation nationally and globally.

GDF & IDA commit to generating evidence on financing gaps in disability inclusion, to inform future commitments from donors across the globe. Both are also committing to support the realization of the Berlin-Amman Declaration and the monitoring of the performance of governments who have committed to it.



UN Global Disability Fund Cross-Cutting Commitments



The UN Global Disability Fund collaborates closely with the International Disability Alliance, the International Disability and Development Consortium, and over 1,000 national and local OPDs across 100 countries.



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The UN Global Disability Fund (GDF) supports the Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to be agents of change as equal partners to advance inclusive development and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for all.

OPD leadership, gender equality, and the full inclusion of all marginalized persons with disabilities are at the heart of the Global Disability Fund's work.

By putting these commitments into practice, **we enhance decision-making** and ensure that our initiatives are **contextually relevant, responsive, and effective** in addressing the unique challenges faced by diverse disability communities.

OPD Leadership

Persons with disabilities and their representative organizations are central to everything we do. To achieve the greatest impact, we challenge power dynamics to ensure persons with disabilities and OPDs are meaningfully engaged in all aspects of our work and have the capacity and resources to advance disability rights in policy and systems reforms that impact their lives in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

To ensure OPD leadership, we commit to:

Funding, capacity and resources – Providing OPDs with the financial support, technical expertise, and tools they need to participate in decision-making processes that affect them.

Meaningful participation – Ensuring persons with disabilities and their representative organizations actively shape and inform development, climate, and humanitarian action in their communities.

Leadership and influence – Recognizing OPDs as equal partners and leaders in all areas of our work. We systematically collaborate with OPDs to ensure their voices are heard in key decision-making forums.



For more information refer to the Guidance on meaningful participation of OPDs in programming

Gender equality

Women and girls with disabilities face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, deepening their experiences of poverty, exclusion, and human rights violations. Our approach promotes **disability-inclusive, gender-transformative outcomes**, ensuring that women, girls, and all persons with disabilities can exercise their fundamental rights and achieve gender equality.

- ✓ **Targeted interventions** – Ensuring our programs accelerate access to quality services for women and girls with disabilities, including sexual and reproductive health care, as well as gender-based violence prevention and protection services.

- ✓ **Mainstreaming** – Embedding gender-transformative approaches into all stages of our program cycle—from consultation and design to implementation and monitoring—across every initiative, regardless of its thematic focus.
- ✓ **Leadership of women and girls with disabilities** – Investing in grassroots and national women-led OPDs to amplify the voices and perspectives of women and girls with disabilities in networks, alliances, and advocacy at local, national, and global levels.



For more information refer to the Inclusive Gender Transformative Approaches in programming

Marginalised and underrepresented groups

To fulfill our mission, we must reflect the full diversity of the disability community and ensure the systematic, meaningful participation of persons with disabilities who face additional marginalization due to factors such as **indigenous origin, migrant status, age, racial minority status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression**.

- ✓ **Providing technical guidance and assistance** – We support programmes, donors and other partners to accelerate the inclusion of marginalised and underrepresented persons with disabilities by sharing guidance and best practice.
- ✓ **Strengthening and creating networks** – We invest in programmes to recognise when critical partners are not being included and identify ways to accelerate their involvement.
- ✓ **Leadership and voice** – We support programmes that build the leadership of marginalised and underrepresented persons with disabilities so that the diversity of the disability movement is represented in our programmes, as well as national, regional and global advocacy.
- ✓ **Innovation for inclusion** – In our Innovation for Inclusion Workstream, we place a strong emphasis on developing context-specific strategies to include marginalised and underrepresented persons with disabilities.



For more information refer to the Meaningful Participation of Marginalized and Underrepresented Groups

In 2023, the Global Disability Fund provided training and capacity building on disability inclusion to 3,200 government officers, 3,646 OPD members, and 300 UN representatives. Since 2012, with GDS support, a total of 109,339 people have been trained in disability inclusion.



Training and knowledge management to advance the rights of persons with disabilities



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The UN Global Disability Fund (GDF) drives change through strengthening the capacities of our global partners by delivering training, undertaking analysis and research, facilitating cross-country learning and developing resources based on our experience of delivering programmes in over 100 countries.

Multi-stakeholder training and digital learning

All GDF programmes bring government, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), civil society and the UN system together for targeted capacity building and to develop shared understanding of how to accelerate implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at national level.



In 2025, GDF is collaborating with Accenture to update and digitize our training materials. We are exploring opportunities to share best practice, ideas and innovations on how to ensure our materials are available to everyone who needs them, so that all partners working to advance the rights of persons with disabilities around the world can enhance their knowledge of what they can do in their respective countries.

Find out more:



Analysis and research

GDF programmes undertake comprehensive analysis to identify priorities and actions to address. This involves participatory research with multiple stakeholders including OPDs, governments, civil society, UN agencies, service providers and other national partners. All country reports, briefings and guidelines are available online, along with a global report synthesizing learning.

Find out more:



Cross-country learning

GDF prioritizes facilitating cross-country learning and knowledge-sharing for enhanced impact. We bring implementing partners together from across all our programmes to showcase best practice and learning at online webinars, which address specific themes and topics.

Find out more:



Resources and knowledge products

GDF produce knowledge products, tools and resources to help partners implement the CRPD and promote best practice on disability inclusion.

Find out more and search
our resource library:

