

Joint Helpdesk

Supporting the Implementation of the Amman-Berlin Declaration on Global Disability Inclusion

The **Amman-Berlin Declaration** on Global Disability Inclusion is a significant outcome of the Global Disability Summit (GDS) 2025. With 100 governments and organizations supporting the Declaration, it can potentially be a milestone in the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in international cooperation. This applies in particular to the “**15 percent for the 15 percent**” target, the first-ever quantifiable target for disability-inclusive development cooperation.

ODA recipient countries that have endorsed the Declaration will take the lead in achieving the 15 percent target in their own country. Implementation of the Declaration will build on existing instruments at the country level without additional structures for monitoring or funding.

A **Joint Helpdesk** (JHD) has been set up to support the implementation of the Declaration. The JHD consists of the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH** – the German agency for international cooperation –, commissioned by the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**, the **United Nations Global Disability Fund (UNGDF)**, the **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** and the **International Disability Alliance (IDA)**. A Secretariat, hosted by GIZ, will coordinate the JHD. The Secretariat is mandated by the GDS Secretariat with a view to embedding the JHD’s activities within the wider follow-up efforts to GDS 2025. The JHD was officially launched in September 2025 and is currently secured until mid-2026.

The JHD offers the following services:

- ✓ **Data collection and analysis:** Country Data Briefs for ODA recipient countries, providing an overview of the status of disability inclusion in the ODA portfolio and the donor landscape.
- ✓ **Standardized trainings:** Both facilitated and self-paced, offered globally, on the Declaration’s 15 percent target, the OECD DAC disability inclusion policy marker, and disability inclusion in international development programs.
- ✓ **On-demand, country-specific advisory services:** Tailored to requests, designed and delivered in close consultation with existing development cooperation structures.

With regard to country-specific advisory services, the JHD will operate on a **Country Focal Point model** (on demand and without seconded staff), with GIZ, UNGDF or/and UNICEF taking the lead within any one specific country and engaging with a national OPD lead, coordinated by IDA.

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