

Global Disability Summit 2022



CBM Commitments



The Global Disability Summit 2022

The Global Disability Summit in February 2022 is a pivotal moment for governments, businesses, development professionals, and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to commit to change and do more to include over one billion persons with disabilities, many of whom live in some of the world's poorest countries.

CBM's work is informed by the global frameworks of the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly their aims to leave no one behind and reach those furthest behind first.

We therefore strongly support the Global Disability Summit 2022 commitments, particularly the community inclusion agenda, and have committed 315 million Euros over four years to deliver our own comprehensive list of commitments.

We will work closely with our partners and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities to help us meet our ambitious goals and bring about genuine change for persons with disabilities around the world.

A. Overarching commitments

1. Our work is informed by the global frameworks of the CRPD and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (particularly addressing its “Leave no one behind” and “Reach those furthest behind first” principles), as well as the Core Humanitarian Standard and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SfDRR).
2. We will further drive the implementation of our internal policies (e.g., accessibility policy, inclusive employment framework etc.) towards open, inclusive, and accessible work environments and becoming ever more inclusive as an organisation.
3. We promote attitudinal change to reduce discrimination and stigmatisation of persons with disabilities in communities.
4. We will expand and strengthen our ability to disaggregate data in our programmatic work and in our organisation, using globally recognised standards such as the Washington Group Short Set of Questions and the OECD-DAC disability inclusion policy marker.
5. Through strong research collaborations, CBM will further increase its understanding of disability inclusion and ensure evidence-based approaches and

practices towards disability inclusive development, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and humanitarian action in low and middle-income contexts.

6. Alongside the disability movement, we support mainstream community development in becoming disability inclusive through our engagement in community development networks and with community development duty bearers.
7. Building on partnerships and current engagement, we will expand our cooperation with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) across our programme portfolio and will specifically work to improve the availability and quality of community level support.
8. We invest in research and mapping of good practices from low- and middle-income countries that strengthens the evidence base for inclusive community support and Community Based Inclusive Development.
9. We contribute to community inclusion and inclusive community support within multi-stakeholder networks at local, national, and international levels.
10. We will make strategic investments to ensure our own community programmes are resilient and inclusive, driving Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR).

B. Meaningful engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities

11. CBM is committed to being accountable to persons with disabilities, their families, and representative organisations in all areas of our work. In line with CRPD article 3, we believe persons with disabilities should be their own agents of change. With our partnership approach, we commit to working with more OPDs to promote all rights of persons with disabilities and their families across all areas of our programmes, advocacy, humanitarian, and advisory work.
12. CBM will continue to invest in the capacity development of OPDs to support Disability Inclusive Development, Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Disability Inclusive Humanitarian Action. This will be achieved in partnership with other agencies, including strong collaboration with regional and global OPDs. We promote and actively support the representation of OPDs at all levels to ensure voices of persons with disabilities are heard on all topics relevant to disability inclusion.

C. Situations of conflict and crisis, including a focus on climate change

13. CBM will continue to review its humanitarian tools and procedures to become fully disability inclusive. CBM will also invest in identifying innovative approaches that will help to mainstream the meaningful engagement of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action.
14. CBM will continue to strengthen the capacity of other humanitarian actors on a rights-based approach to disability inclusive humanitarian action.

D. Inclusive education

15. CBM commits to continue strengthening education systems at all levels so that they are inclusive of all from early years, including early identification, early interventions and in situations of crisis.
16. CBM is committed to building capacity on inclusive education in the education work force through awareness raising, providing training and follow-up through a variety of formats including face to face and online.
17. CBM commits to building capacities of persons with disabilities to become teachers in inclusive settings.
18. CBM commits to continue supporting partners to advocate for and provide targeted support for all learners with disabilities including in situations of crisis, through capacity building, provision of reasonable accommodations and assistive devices as required.
19. CBM is committed to contributing to the availability of relevant disaggregated data through our internal data gathering systems, our publications as well as our partners contributing to national education management information systems.
20. CBM is committed to equitable, quality, lifelong inclusive education provision for all, with a focus on persons with disabilities living in low-income settings. This commitment is in line with the CRPD, SDG 4, the Sendai Framework and the IDDC Costing Equity Call to Action, Inclusive Education Statement.

21. CBM is committed to supporting bilateral and multilateral education financing mechanisms to be inclusive of persons with disabilities, through advocacy and technical advisory support.
22. CBM is committed to promoting the implementation of Universal Design for Learning, including through research and capacity development for the provision of inclusive education.

E. Inclusive livelihoods and social protection

23. In our livelihoods and economic empowerment work, CBM will continue to work on improved access of persons with disabilities to financial services.
24. We will promote the participation of persons with disabilities in self-help, producer groups and cooperatives that allow access to microfinance services giving them and their families opportunities to earn a living.
25. CBM will continue to support micro-entrepreneurship, self and waged employment opportunities and links to local value chains.
26. CBM will share research data and good practice and work with relevant stakeholders on promoting financial inclusion of persons with disabilities.

F. Inclusive health

27. Promoting universal health coverage for all and contributing to universal health coverage in line with the 2030- Agenda and SDGs in the countries where we work.
28. Strengthening health systems so that community based, inclusive Primary Health Care (PHC), eye health, prevention, and elimination of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), hearing care & rehabilitation programmes are part of the existing health systems, and that policies and actions are designed, implemented, and monitored with a focus on disability inclusion.
29. Strengthening health information systems so that community based Primary Health Care (PHC), eye health, NTDs, hearing care & rehabilitation programme health data can be appropriately analysed to improve the design and implementation of disability-inclusive programmes.

30. Building the capacity of public health partners in inclusive programme design and implementation.
31. Supporting bilateral and multilateral funding to be inclusive of persons with disabilities, through advocacy and technical leadership.
32. Supporting programme implementation and operational research to promote inclusive community based Primary Health Care (PHC), eye health, NTDs, hearing care and rehabilitation services.
33. Support the World Health Organisation financially and technically as well as by the means of our advocacy to mainstream disability inclusion in all its areas of work.