

Dialogues on Sustainable Development:
A Disability-Inclusive Perspective

Making sure people with disabilities everywhere can have a better future



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Who we are

We are called **CBM**.



We work to make life better for people with disabilities in poorer countries in the world.

What is this booklet about?



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Lots of countries are looking at how all people in the world can have a better life.



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This means people in poorer countries too.



The countries are making big plans about this.



The plans look at things like:

- how to stop people being poor
- making sure people have food, clean water and good healthcare



- how to cope when big problems happen like war or floods



Countries will agree on some main things they want to happen.



They will do this in September 2015.



In the past people did not always think about what people with disabilities need when they made these plans.

This is changing.
But there is still more to do.



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It is important that all people with disabilities are part of these plans and can have a real say in what happens.



This will help people with disabilities have a better life as well.

And it will help make sure that the rights of people with disabilities happen.



We are working hard on this.

This booklet tells you more about what needs to happen.



Some people who know a lot about this work helped write this booklet and gave us their ideas.

Jobs and money

Many people with disabilities from poorer countries do not work.

If they do work, the jobs they have are often not very good.

This can stop them having a good life.

There should be plans to make sure people have:

- good jobs that help them have a better life
- support they need to have a job, like buildings that are easy to work in or easy information
- other ways to work like having their own business
- enough money from the government and other support



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Having a say

People with disabilities should have a real say in things that happen to them and their country.

It should be easy for them to do this.



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Good health and education

Many people with disabilities do not get:

- the healthcare they need.
This can be care when they are ill or help with their disability
- the chance to go to school or college and get a good education



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This can make life much harder for people with disabilities.



It should be easy for all people with disabilities to:



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- go to the same school or college as people without a disability and get a good education



- get the training and skills they need to get a job



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- get good healthcare they can afford



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- get other things they need like wheelchairs or easy information

Some things may need to change first.

For example, making buildings easier to use or giving staff training about people with disabilities.





Women and girls

Things can be worse for women and girls with disabilities.



For example, many women and girls cannot:

- go to school or work
- have a say in decisions and plans
- make their own decisions about sex and relationships

They may have other problems like:

- people being violent to them
- not being able to get the right support if people are violent to them

Countries need to look at what women and girls with disabilities need.

This needs to be part of all plans.



Making cities easier to live in

More and more people live in cities.

But there can be many problems for people with disabilities like:

- buildings that are hard to use
- dangerous footpaths and roads
- transport that is hard to use

It is important that cities are easy and safe for everyone to live in.

There should be plans and rules about this.

People with disabilities should help plan what their cities are like.



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Being clean and safe

Many people do not have:

- safe water to drink
- good places to go to the toilet
- ways to keep clean and safe



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This causes big problems for people.

For example, they may get ill or find it hard to go to school or work.



Things can be worse for people with disabilities.

For example, it can be hard to get clean water if it is far away from home.



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Work is happening to give people what they need to be clean and safe.

But people with disabilities must have a say in this and get what they need too.



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Coping when big problems happen



People with disabilities can be in more danger when problems happen like floods, earthquakes or war.



Work is happening to look at how people can:

- get ready for big problems
- cope when they happen
- be OK afterwards



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It is important that people with disabilities get everything they need for this, like:

- help to get away from danger
- food and water
- information that is easy to understand
- education and healthcare
- ways to earn money



People with disabilities must be part of all plans about this.

Information

There needs to be better information about what is happening for people with disabilities.

This will help people see what needs to change.



Mohammad's story

Mohammad is 23 years old.

He lives in a country called Palestine.

He finds it hard to hear.

Mohammad could not find a job after he left school.

But then he got support from a hospital to get a job there.

He is very happy at the hospital and thinks all places should be like that.



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