

Inclusion of persons with disabilities in emergency and humanitarian aids

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Attention on PwD in emergency situation

- Kosovo war
- Tsunami in Indonesia
- Haiti
- Philippine
- Twin tower attack

Definition of disaster

- UN-ISDR definition of 'disaster' “
- A disaster is a function of the risk process. It results from the combination of hazards, condition of vulnerability and insufficient capacity or measures to reduce the potential negative consequences of risk”
- the EU civil protection financial instrument where emergency means
- “any situation which has or may have an adverse impact on people, the environment or
- property”;

(e) *Recognizing* that disability is an evolving concept and that disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others

New York UN 13.12.2006
GA approve Convention on the right
of PwD: higher recognition of the
rights of pwd

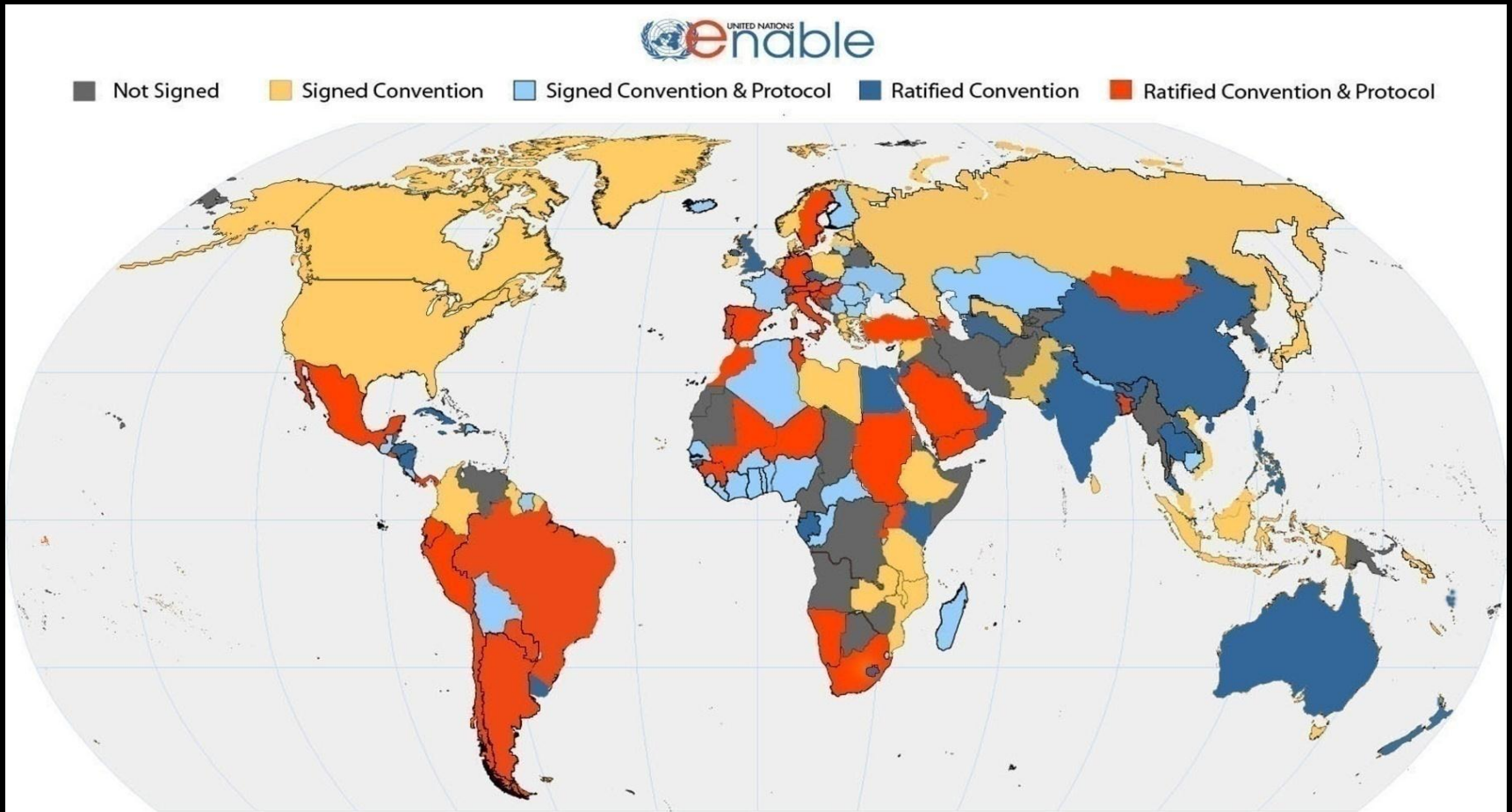


158 States has signed the Convention

92 States has signed the Optional Protocol

151 has ratified the Convention (77%)

85 has ratified the Optional Protocol (44%)



CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- **Article 11 - Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies**
- States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to **ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters.**

UN Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities

Preamble

- (u) *Bearing in mind* that conditions of peace and security based on full respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations and observance of applicable human rights instruments are indispensable for the **full protection of persons with disabilities, in particular during armed conflicts and foreign occupation,**

IDMC (Internal displacement monitoring center) 2013

million

- Displaced persons for natural disaster 22
 - Displaced persons for war 33,2
 - Total 55,3
- Who need humanitarian aid
- 15% is about **8,3 milioni of persons with disabilities**
 - <http://www.internal-displacement.org/>

Poor research on disability related to natural or manmade disaster

- Research in post earthquake in Haiti (financed by FIRAH)
- Research after Typhoon in Philippine (WHO)
- Report on persons with disabilities in the Kurdistan camps in Iraq



Disability inclusive Disaster risk Management

Voices from the field & good practices
CBM and DDR

Participatory learning approaches for resilience: Bringing conflict sensitivity, disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation together
World Vision

Disability Inclusive Community Based Disaster Risk Management A toolkit for practice in South Asia Handicap International

Disaster Preparedness and the Deaf Community
For the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Latened Deaf
American red cross and NTID

Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction: Addressing the Need of One Tenth Population of Bangladesh Islamic Relief Bangladesh | Climate & Disaster Resilience

Disability and disasters: The importance of an inclusive approach to vulnerability and social capital
Sightsavers

**Emergency guide
Preparednes for people with disabilities/special needs
Canada Public safety**

**Guidance Note on Disability and Emergency Risk Management for Health
CBM WHO UNICEF UNISDR IFRCRCS
IOM**

Humanitarian approach →

→ Human rights approach

Humanitarian approach:

- Speed intervention has produced competence of military bodies or charitable organisation (Army, Red cross, etc.)
- Military culture – limitation of losses
- Charitable vision – beneficiary are not able
- Triage approach

Humanitarian approach:

- Two time approach
 - First aids (food, health and housing)
 - Second action for other needs

Not accessible camps



Dietary needs ignored





Absence of
attention of
particular
hygienic or
healthy
needs

Human rights approach

- Respect of dignity of person
- Attention on rights and opportunities for all
- Focus on empowerment of person and community

Respect of dignity of person

Equal treatment and non
discrimination

Including disability in first
intervention

Attention on rights and opportunities

Include PwD in all programs, take in account the disomogenous nature of disability

Overcome prejudices, obstacles and barriers

Building actions on base of the greatest self-determination

Focus on empowerment of person and community

- Support empowerment of pwd and NGOs of pwd
- Support self-determination
- Use appropriate modes and materials

Involve PwD in all community activities



Including person with disabilities in
intervention on situation of risk

- Plan of prevention
- Universal design
- Attention on discrimination and
multidiscrimination

Emprouve staff competence in specific disability issues



Possible actions to promote HR in situation of risk

- Introduce disability mainstreaming in all international and national rules and manuals
- Training Red Cross, civil and army agencies
- Lobbying Agencies to include PwD target in the intervention
- Working with companies that produce tools related to emergency
- Building projects and best practices

Italian Development Cooperation Disability Action Plan

**HUMANITARIAN AID AND EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS INCLUDING PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**“VERONA CHARTER”
on the rescue
of persons with disabilities
in case of disasters**

**Declaration of the participants in the
Consensus Conference
held in Verona
on 8-9 november 2007**

Studies and research

- **Collect data and information**
- **DISABILITY can and should enter as an indicator in emergency monitoring and relief planning.**

European strategy on disability (2010-2020)

- **Point 8 – External action**
- (...) raise awareness of the UN Convention and the needs of people with disabilities, including accessibility, in the area of emergency and humanitarian aid; consolidate the network of disability correspondents, increasing awareness of disability issues in EU delegations; ensure that candidate and potential candidate countries make progress in promoting the rights of people with disabilities and ensure that the financial instruments for pre-accession assistance are used to improve their situation.

European strategy on disability (2010-2020)

Key action for point 8

- Ensure that the specific needs of persons with disabilities, including those who are disabled as a consequence of natural and man-made disasters, are properly assessed and addressed in the area of emergency and humanitarian aid outside the EU
- Update the Guidance Note on Disability and Development to be in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities

EU initiative

- The EU is the world's biggest donor of humanitarian aid.
- Together, Member States and EU institutions contribute more than half of official global humanitarian aid.
- Council Regulation 1257/96/EC concerning humanitarian aid governs the implementation of all EU operations providing humanitarian assistance. Assistance is delivered in accordance with the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid, a joint statement issued by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, the EP and the Commission in December 2007. In this statement are included person with disabilities (par 39).



Inclusion is effective only
with direct participation of
excluded and discriminated Persons

UN Convention on the rights of PwD

Article 4, par. 3 – General Obligations

- 3. In the development and implementation of legislation and policies to implement the present Convention, and in other decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, States Parties shall closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations.

Verona Charter

- Art. 3 Role of the persons with disabilities
- Persons with disabilities and their organisations need to be actively involved in decision-making processes concerning situations of humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural and man made disasters and in all the related emergency management activities. This involvement should be fostered by the development of inclusive policies at all levels starting from organisations of persons with disabilities and families, communities up to national and international organisations/bodies. The basic needs of persons with disabilities should be seen as equivalent to the general populations in a disaster situation. However, policy and practice should take into account that there may be different requirements in fulfilling their needs. Persons with disabilities and their organisations need to be aware of the management of all phases of the intervention in case of risk situations and empowered to be active actors

Nothing about us without us

We are really
experts
on our own life

Hamburg declaration
“enable people and
communities to
take control of their
destiny and
society”

