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The Foreword

Within, two years SDN Somali Disability Network has made progress. Established the end of the 2022 with vision of merging the diverse OPDs scattered in the country in a single network and strengthen their capacity for organizational management, coordination, program implementation, partnership and accountability has made progress. Within the 15 members OPDs members the network. SDN has joined international networks and alliances for civil society and disability.



Currently there are five schools that provide formal education for the visual and hearing impairment student in public private schools hosting nearly 555 students. And 3 non-formal education schools which provide TVET technical vocation education training for the youth and the adults with disabilities mainly the physical challenged. And some class of literacy and numeracy for the adult people all these institutions came with vision from PWDs who realized the gap in the sector and the need in the society.

After 1991 collapse of the central government Somali public and private infrastructures destroyed the service providers lost in the civil war. New revolution of Civil society wakeup 1992 that that made progress in one decade and restored public private sector in Somalia. The rights and the role of the disability people dwindled. A nation of disability rights wake up in the early the nineteen which made progress and now operational.

Somalia federal government signed the CRPD the united convention rights persons with disabilities which his national law with an obligations to the decision makers in Somalia the CSOs, International Donors, the federal states and federal government of Somalia. And the establishment of NDA National disability Agency 2018 governmental agency mandated service delivery in the federal government Somali constitutions.

Therefore, SDN appreciate the position in the CSOs in Somalia with partnership of donors primarily the Save children Somalia, UNSOM HRPG and the HI that work with OPDs partially as sub grant or indirect implementers. Most of the DPOs member the network acknowledge the role of the Abilis Foundation and AET who made support the DPOs and PWDs. Most of the DPOs are in gap not supportive and service delivery. DPOs represent for more than 20% who invisible without rights and role in the society.

We acknowledge the international donors who made their best the support for million people in the disaster in the last three decades. This has made possible the protection of many people mostly the women and children and elderly people. With human rights protection, humanitarian development and the state build Somalia that enabled the foundation major public institutions that provided service for the IDPs camps and the civilians.

Mr.Abdullahi Hussein Osman

The chairperson of SDN

Mogadishu Somalia

Acknowledgment

SDN Somali Disability Network makes an acknowledgment for the all partners who made their contribution in cash, kind and service for the achievements the objectives and goals of the SDN in Somalia. The implementation of programs that focus the disability rights protection, from the human rights violation, prevention of disability causes polio and accidents. The advocacy for the policy and legislation the disability people protection and social security in Somalia.

We give particularly credit to the Save children Somalia, UNSOM HRPG and the HI that work on the ground the human rights advocacy programs and the protection of the disability rights. We give our best credit the Abilis Foundation which gave major support the OPDs in Somalia. Which some of the SDN members implemented program for the beneficiaries in the country in variety region in Somalia.

We give our highest credit to the volunteer teams and individuals who made possible SDP operation accomplishment effectively and efficiently with application of the strategic plan of action and the conviction of the network.

We give our last credit to the federal government of Somalia which made possible to operate in the country with registration and security of target areas and operations of SDN in Somalia.

Executive Summary

SDN Somalia Disability network is 15 plus membership network which variety categories Organizations, Individuals and Groups. The network stand the protection human rights and the development social service and the political participation for the Somalia PWDs . nearly 20% of the society without voice in the social and the policy makers.

SDN has made extensive effort to improve the capacity of the network the first year 2021 with partner of teams and donors who made possible the capacity injection for the member organizations and the network office teams. This has made progress in the second year 2022 which is achieved the more achievement

SDN secured the partnership with donors local and international and members of the government organs including the NDA National Disability agency. SDN has worked the different programs supportive for the PWDs. In line the 2022 strategic plan the guide for the programs. And the implementation the administration system which is made strong the coordinate and manage small and intermediate programs in the near future.

SDN has made program the IE inclusive education for the schools and institution providing formal education for the children with sensory impairment in inclusive school. And the TVET for the physical challenged youth and adult people in the country with support and cooperation donors and policy makers in the country.

SDN has made assessment and report covering the gap in the sector which secured the support for the livelihood program to the member of the PWDs in the country with advocacy for the donors to make inclusive the distribution in the emergency respond area. SDN

SDN drew hope for the near future the partnership with more donors who are willing to work disability inclusion and other programs supportive the PWDs and DPOs in Somalia.



PART ONE



THE FOUNDATION

SOMALI DISABILITY NETWORK ESTABLISHMENT MEETING

Somalia Disability Network is established in Somalia on Tuesday 06 October 2020 in Mogadishu by a group of Somalia PWDs persons with disabilities who are mostly actors of the DPOs the disabled people organizations and activist groups working the disabled people advocacy and empowerment

After three month consecutive consultation meeting that started August 2020 in workshop organized by the save children UK training advocacy raising and the establishment of the DPOs network in Somalia with support the leaders and actors of the PWDs and DPOs

In September temporary committee was established for the process of the consultations the best network DPOs and PWDs can help them unity and empowerment in the Somalia civil society.

After week the team proposed the establishment Somali disability network with membership from the PWDs and DPOs as well as service providers and stakeholder working the issue of the disability in Somalia. On October the first week the temporary committee managed the membership fee collection from 15 DPOs who paid cash money for the membership fee and the ToR of the Somali disability network has been finalized and passed two readings in front of the majority of the representatives from the member organizations Somali disability network

Tuesday 06 October 2020 the first meeting was held where participants voted for the election of the assembly very interesting work that served nearly one hundred with huge challenges against the achievement of the goal of the team and the PWDs persons with disabilities.



NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY

Somalia National Teachers day event is held in Mogadishu 21 Nov 2022 by the OPDs and School for the disability people. The event is organized jointly SDN Somali Disability Network and the SEIN Somali Inclusive Education Network. The participants presented that school member SEIN and SDN are working Inclusive education. And the IE program partnership is excluded the IE school and their teachers. Some of the teachers were awarded with certificate of appreciation. Call to action Support and Participation Inclusive education is made



ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS APPROVAL DISABILITY POLICY AND LEGISLATION

On 18 December 2022 OPDs to carry out lobbying and advocacy campaigns to the government for the approval and implementation of the disability policy in line with the CRPD is held in Mogadishu to engage with policymakers and legislation held in Mogadishu at green paradise hotel. The event is participated 41 persons from the PWDs, CSOs, DPOs and members from the government organs.

The members participating were the submission of the seven-point raised from pervious consultation meetings.

The statement Regarding the situation of the PWDs who are nearly more than 15% of the Somali population who are voiceless without presentation in the federal government of Somalia. agree this point after One day consultation and planning meeting ODPs on draft national disability policy.

1. the importance for NDP National Development Policy development for the disability inclusion in Somalia

2. The importance of the Implementation of CRPD and establishment national disability act for the rights of the Somali disability people.

3. The importance for the accessibility private and public service the education, health, employment, assistive technology and communication the braille and sign langue in Somalia

4. The political participation for the PWDs and member of their families in the elections for the federal states and federal government parliament of Somalia

5. The importance for the participation of national independence agencies, committees and commission of the government

6. The importance human rights and the gender equality and empowerment

7. The importance of the economic and social, culture and society role participation

INCLUSIVE FOR ALL



DISABILITY PEOPLE DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

Somalia is one of the countries where the IDPD International Disabled People Day the 3 December is commemorated by the PWDs, CSOs, DPOs and government. Several events is held mostly in Mogadishu participated many people representing variety sectors and groups in the society.

SDN Somali Disability Network has made the one of the largest events in five star hotels in Mogadishu the Jazeera Palace Hotel. The event is participated seventy persons from the above mentioned groups in the society and organizations

The ceremony was opened with Quran and the chairperson has made official opening of the event and made overall outline of the situations of the PWDs in Somalia. He noted the PWds need support and cooperation. Now there is number of event organized in one KM area this show the negligence for the PWDs and DPos from the government. It is good to have strategic plan, development policy and laws

Mr Tahlil the chairperson of the Somali none state actors said its not good to hear what Abdulahi said the mobilization three events in place. I urge the unity of the PWDs and DPOs work. For the employment one in out of ten employees is very little I recommend more than one. I promise to work the PWDs and DPs

Senator Naima Hassan Gadhweyne the chairperson of committee justice, human rights and constitution in Somalia for the upper house said we very happy to stay with you. I see the need is laws, the government passed some laws and some other laws remain not passed. I will work hard to make the laws passed and enacted

Senator Maryan Farah Kahiye the chairperson of the foreign, planning, international cooperation and investment FBS said I am your MP. Representing all PWDs in Somalia and will help support you for recommendations



WORLD POLIO DAY 24 OCTOBER 2022

World Polio Day 24 October 2022 event organized Somali Disability Network. The event is organized in Mogadishu by the Disability Network that work disability rights protection and development in Somalia. The event is participated by group of people reprinting the SCOs the civil society, the DPOs Disabled People Organization and the member of the PWDs the persons with disabilities.

The participants made their recommendation to the

- Somalia parents of the children realize the work of the polio elimination campaign for their children who may be victim of polio for simple work to allow the children access the vaccination for

the prevention of the polio

- The health workers and staff working the anti-polio works to be active with full participation of PWDs and DPOs who can support them encourage the parent to sensitize the vaccination for their children
- The international donors should make change for the games and plan used the last decades which result loss of work and loss of rescues with limited target achievement. Where most doze of the vaccination end up unplanned work
- The federal states and federal government of Somalia should organize policies and strategies that can work active the eradication of the polio in the society.

The polio vaccination is more important than care of the children with disabilities, victim of preventable life time inability. Single dosage of drop can support good health and future for millions children in Somalia. The participation of the disability prevention programs can be more productive. The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow



WHITE CANE DAY ADVOCACY

WORLD WHITE CAN SAFETY AWARENESS DAY IS HELD IN MOGADISHU.

The World white can safety awareness day is held in Mogadishu. The event is jointly organized by the SUB Somali Union for the blind organizations and the Al-basir school for the blind people. The event is participated more than 40 Persons from the school students, university students, SCOs, PWDs, DPOs and social worker teams who made their appreciation the event. finally, the team made walk to the streets in the area and gave instruction the drivers of the cars and Bajaj motor bike which is common in Mogadishu and the largest in the commuter public that causes some of the deadly accidents in the markets.

VISUAL IMPAIRED TEAM TOOK MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF THE YOUTH AND SPORT



Some of the key leaders of the UDHAN organization member the Somali Disability Network. paid visit the ministry of the youth and sport in Somalia. The team took meeting with minister Mohamed Bare. The chairperson of the UDHAN organization briefed the minister the idea behind the organization and the teams. The ministry has promised to engage with disability

youth and insure the participation of all opportunities in the country them. This is not the first time the member of the network took meeting with ministries and members of the government. Lastly the late international youth day event was remarkable day for the members of the SDN network the visual impaired and physical challenged participated the event held in Mogadishu and had brief meeting with minister of the youth and members from the parliament. This part of the implementation of CRPD and GDS global disability submit commitments



HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION

International human rights are held in Mogadishu 10 Dec 2022 many places. Somali Disability Network has organized the event with members of the OPDs and CSOS. The theme of the year is dignity, freedom and justices. These three points highlighted are key for the demand of the PWDs in Somalia. Majority of the PWDs are victim for individual, family, social and policy in Somalia. They demand justice for all that can give role the persons with disability and protection

The UN agencies in Somalia should make progress for the implementation of the CRPD in the country. the allocation for fund the advocacy, empowerment, education, humanitarian, human rights protection and the political participation campaign for the PWDs and DPOs in Somalia. The current inclusion programs

are more with million dollar that has not mainstreamed the PWDs in the employment and partnership for the DPOs on the ground who are working now actively.

There are schools that provide IE inclusion education for several hundred persons, TVET programs run by DPOs and human rights empowerment programs that conduct the training, advocacy and public campaign. There some UN and international donor that made disability strategic plans which is jointly drafted and proof read for impute from the members from the PWDs. And mainstreaming the disability the inclusion programs in Somalia.

SOMALI National VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION FOR THE SDG 2030



SDN has participated in consultation meetings for the first national voluntary review report 2022 organized by the ministry of planning and NBA national beurre for statics. Members of the SDN proposed the inclusion of disability people in Somalia.



SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF SOMALI DISABILITY NETWORK

Somali Disability Network organized Second Anniversary of Somali Disability Network conference 29 September 2022 In Mogadishu the capital city of Somalia. the conference is held in SDN office participated the representative's member organizations who the in the two main decision making organs the board of the directors and the assembly. and the execution team who are the key work force of the network. the network consists of 15 organizations 13 DPOs and 2 CSOs civil society organizations working the disability issue

(SDN) is a legally registered local NGO. nonpartisan Network of Disabled People Organizations (DPOs) established in the year 2020 by a group of Somali Scholars, Intellectuals and Professional most of whom Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) Plus 15 member organization

The Board of the directors has presented the annual report for the work and the financial report of the last years. the assembly members took the papers and the report for reading to reach decision in

the Assembly is the main organ that has the final decisions of the SDN the budget, programs, policies and regulations of the network. for the network objectives and goals through oversight and monitoring of the process.

SDN which is responsible the implementation of the day-to-day operation and activities for the network and the member organizations as well as the beneficiaries. they work with cooperation and oversight of the board who is prime decision makers of implementation



16 Days GBV

Action of Somali social workers (ACSOS) in Somalia made 16 days GBV in Mogadishu for the visually impaired student girls in Al-bashir Boarding school. ACSOS provides two days of training and distribution of dignity kits for the young girls in the school. Most girls in the school were very shy to talk about their dignity. Put realized to learn how to make sanitation for the period and manage biological changes for the girls. The CSOS team works with the support of vulnerable people in need.

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

Somali disability people call to action for the humanitarian day Joint the disability inclusion cluster and Somali disability network member organized the cooperation of the international humanitarian day 19 August 2022 in Mogadishu. The event is marked in the world wide and Somalia in the light harsh drought hit the country.

The member of the disability inclusion cluster and the Somali disability network member made discussion about the situation of the PWDs in the country in this hard time there wide impact disaster that devastated million people in the country. Risk the lives of the 5 million people very danger to die for malnutrition in the urban and non-urban areas in the country

Among the victim of the droughts in Somalia include the people with disabilities who more vulnerable to the harsh consequence of the drought in the country.

support from the civil society organizations in the country.

Members of the PWDs and DPOs realized to be left alone in the unforeseeable risk of the hyper disaster unfolding in the country.

SDG 2030

INCLUSIVE FOR ALL HUMANITARIAN AID

Insure the implementation of the 17 Goals for the SDG 2030 which is more important for the PWDs in Somalia. Country majority of the people depend on humanitarian. The priority for the vulnerable is an attention in the country. And the fast majority of the PWDs are in poverty attributed illiteracy and unemployment as well exclusion of public and private service beneficiary. There 20% of the Somali people have some forms of disabilities that makes many of them difficult managing day today needs. The donors should make an inclusive for all in the work on the ground

The appeals of the international community, civil society and the government organs to insure integrated effort that gives the persons with disabilities and their families priority in the drought respond effort

Call to Action Statement

1. We Disability Inclusion Cluster and Somali Disability Network are very much concerned the harsh consequence and impact of the drought disaster to the Somalia people, the resource the land and animals
2. We call to the civil society, international donors and federal government of Somalia to organize emergency respond the impact of the drought in Somalia
3. Insure the support of the most vulnerable groups the disability people, children and old people who are more risk to the disasters in the droughts.
4. Give priority and provide emergency respond system the member from the disability people and their family who in the areas affected the disasters
5. Insure the role of the DPOs the participation in the coordination works and information sharing the decision making of the humanitarian aid work in the disaster respond time.
6. Precaution against all negligence the persons with disability can have terrible impact them in the coordination of the humanitarian aid respond



ZERO Tolerance FGM Against Disability Girls

SAFDI organized FGM prevention from the disability girls and women On Tuesday 05 July 2022 SAFDI conducted panel discussion for the prevention of the FGM against the women young girls with disabilities. The workshop is held in Mogadishu participated females from CSOs, PWDs and the community. The panel discussion is participated key activists for human rights and particularly gender rights protection.

The workshop is participated 40 persons who made their participation in the decisions. Five key questions were debated in the meeting and the challenges were raised in the argument that emphasized the negligence of the disability women rights protection in Somalia.

Women and girls with disabilities are more vulnerable in the society and mostly victim of the GBV that are not reported usual in the human rights and public in the media

- The topics raised in the panel discussion
1. what is FGM and its legal or illegal?
 2. The impact of the FGM in the society
 3. What are the legacy short and long time?
 4. How can FGM be reduced in the society?
 5. What is required to fight against FGM?

The panelist analyzed the root causes of the FGM in the society. And the impact of the social for the young girls. And the role of the practitioners who are the main facilitators of the FGM.

The panelist has also readied the importance of legislation that can prevent the FGM Mass awareness and advocacy in the society that can raised the impact of the FGM in the society mainly the parents and the key leaders of the community realize the illegality of FGM

Organize zero tolerance programs and campaigns against FGM through mass media advocacy and public speech with printed materials. Call to action Zero tolerance FGM in society

FGM is unlawful harmful practise against the Somali girls including the disability girls. Joint evort can stop it



CRPD training workshop in Mogadishu Somalia

On Monday 17 March 2022 CRPD implementation training workshop is held in Mogadishu for the PWDs, DPOs and SCOs. The workshop is participated by 20 persons from the disabled people and the non-disabled persons working in the social and development.

Somalia Disability Network organized the workshop to insure the start of the CRPD implementation in the country to address the gap in the private and public sector in the country for serving the community outreach and orientation for the disabled people rights.

The workshop was held in SONAD Somalia National Association for the Deaf school located in Howlwadag district Mogadishu Banadir region. SONAD team has provided logistics for

the workshop the training hall and equipment that made possible the achievement of this activity. SONAD is a deaf school that serves for more than 350 students in three schools based in Mogadishu.

The workshop was jointly coordinated by SONAD Somalia National Association for the Deaf, SUB Somali Union for the Blind, SDPDO Somali Disabled People Development Organization, ACSOS Action of Somali Social Workers and SAFDI Somali Association Female disability. Most of the participants came from these organizations. The participants took the 50 articles of the convention. Group work was made for the participants, nearly four groups mixed the organizations.



CASH MONEY DISTRIBUTION
 Sanca Centre organizes cash vouchers for members of the PWDs. The cash is distributed to the needs persons member of their beneficiary list. Sanca Centre works TVET vocational skills training the youth and the adult. With support from donors and local charity group.

ZERO TOLERANCE CORRUPTION

Press Statement

On Friday 09 December 2022 The Somali disability people organization organized anti-corruption day press statement jointly made by the Somali Disability network, Somali Disability Inclusion Cluster and Somali national disability council. The members of the executives of these three organs that host number of organizations and member groups working the advocacy and inclusion for all in the country

The press statement

- The PWDs complain about people who are working corruption against the disabled people rights in Somalia with the vision monopoly the right of the PWDs.
- the PWDs declare there is high level of public and private exclusion the PWDs and misuse of their resources that can be corruption without accountability
- the DPOs recommend the international community and the donors should work the inclusion of humanitarian and development investment programs actively with participation of the PWDs

and the DPOs the decision making in the initiation, planning and the implementation

- PWDs demand accountability of all GBV and VAW against the voiceless young girls and women with disabilities
- PWDs react the discrimination of the PWDs the employment of the partnership programs inclusion for the CSOs for the disability people
- PWDs call zero tolerance for the corruption against the disability people and their resources in Somalia the private and the public sector.
- The PWDs and the DPOs jointly call to the CSOs, donors and government institutions extend the PWDs and the DPOs accessibility, equality and equal opportunities

PWDs are nearly 20% of the population, widely neglected in the society without role and rights the private and public sectors. The international community and government should work to insure the protection of the PWDs and DPOs from the corruption which is wide in the disability programs. The violation without accountability.

- 1- General Assembly resolution 58/4 of 31 October 2003 United Nations Convention against Corruption
- 2- Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption
- 3- CRPD articles
- 4- International Humanitarian law
- 5- International human rights convention
- 6- And more other.



SOMALIA PRE CONSULTATION GLOBAL DISABILITY SUBMITS CONFERENCE 2022

Highly organized two days consultation meeting is lunched in Mogadishu today by the Somali disability people organization with logistical support the save children and technical facilitation and host of the Somali federal government ministry of the women and the human rights development. The participants two-day meeting will conform the representatives from the Somali disability, civil society, international donors and federal government of Somalia.

The two days pre consultation meeting will be led by the Somali Disability Network one of the largest DPOs network actively operational in the country. The meeting will have agenda to map out the need and the problems from disability and the solutions the problems. The meetings will two days which separate activities.

Day one the meeting will be introduction, panel discussion and questions and answers for the situation of the disability people in Somalia. The chairperson Somali disability network Mr. AbdullahHusein Osman made welcome of the participants with brief

explanations disability people and their organization and the advantage global disability submit commence 2022 and the ministry of women and human rights Mrs. Hanifa Mohamed Ibrahim made remarkable speech in the meeting..

The chairperson of the National Disability Agency committee Mr. Mohamed Jama talked the CRPD in brief and the overall situation of the PWDs in Somalia. And recommended Somalia and international community commitment for the support of the disability who have no even census and strategic plan. So far we finished preparation for the draft report the disability people need assessment.

The panelist discussion six key thematic areas of problems facing the disability people in Somalia. Education barriers, healthcare service, social protection, employment, disasters and so on. The panelist made deeper explanation of the issues and the participants asked question.

Draw to look back all mistakes made in the preparations of the global disability submit 2018 London and the implementations of the commitments.



DISABILITY ADVOCACY TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED IN SOMALIA

Banadir region disability advocacy task force has been established today on Thursday 22 December 2022 in

DPOs in Mogadishu. The participants made deep discussions and orientations in the meeting to establish and ad hoc team working the disability rights protection in Somalia.

The member of the DPOs realized the establishment Banadir region disability advocacy committee who can work the protection of the 20% of the 4 million people estimation to live in Mogadishu and its suburb. An estimation of 400,000 four hundred thousand people who have not rights, representation and role in the society.

The disability advocacy task force will work the protection advocacy for the PWDs in Banadir region where there extra service for the private and

public. based of the international The team demographic components is two from Physical, two from visual impaired and two from hearing impairment and one from the none disabled society members. This show free and fair election that is far from discrimination and negligence of particular part in the disability.

The member of the disability advocacy task force took their first meeting with members of the PWDs and the Banadir region Administration directorate of the disability office. a good communication that pave way cooperation for the teams and the DPOs and the Banadir region

An inclusive for all election can make strong participation from the disability people and marginalized communities

WE STAND IN POSITION

**WE CAN WORK THE DISABILITY INCLUSION CROSS CUTTING ISSUES IN SOMALIA
FOR THE DISABILITY INCLUSION AND REMOVING BARRIERS**



TRAINING MONITORING, REPORTING AND ADVOCACY ELECTORAL PROCESS

On 26 May 2022 electoral observation and human rights protection training workshop for the SCOs the civil society organizations is concluded in Mogadishu. The workshop is strengthen the capacity of the SCOs clusters in Somalia for the coordination of electoral work in the country. this program has trained 40 persons both male and female including the disability people.

The workshop was implemented jointly by the Disabled People Inclusion cluster and Human right Cluster with the support from the UNSOM HRPG office. The objective of the workshop is to fill in the gap for some SCOs.

To be active engagement in the Somali electoral process, both parliamentary and presidential. The two main elections that is common in Somalia a country that has under gone, decades of wars and unrest that made very difficult civilian

rights and role to vote for the leadership they want.

The workshop plan was 20 person participant for each session from the date 25 and 26 May 2022. The participants who came from the SCOs clusters learned education for election procedures in the country. The participants gained skills for electoral principles and requirement for organizing, implementation and observation pre and post-election.

The facilitators made interactive engagements, that feed the trainees respected role in the sessions. With extended contributions for the lessons, the process and guide workshop and group work role made that made three different topics and discussions presented members in the participants. . the workshop made deeper explanation of all cycles of the election.

DISABILITY IS NOT IN ABILITY

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US



TWO DAYS CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE DISABILITY POLICY PLANNING

DN Somali Disability Network organized two days consultation meeting for the DPOs the engagement with government the process of the establishment of the national disability policy.

The participants made group discussion with three teams who were given three topics social, protection and policy

The participants Made statement

1 acknowledgment the role of the ministry of the human rights and women for the development of the national disability policy in line with national laws and CRPD

2 acknowledge the role of the donors supporting the inclusion, and the investment of the national disability policy development through TOFI program

3 realized after two days of discussion and consultation with member of the PWDs and DPOs the importance and their role for the participation of the national disability policy development

4 realized the gap in the country for the issue of the PWDs and DPOs role and responsibility the participation of the development programs with donors and government

5 realized the advantage of supportive national disability policy formation which can respond the needs and the problems of the PWDs and member of their families

6 realized the contribution of the PWDs and DPOs for the national disability people who will the future beneficiaries

7 call to action for the active role the PWDs and DPOs in the drafting and validation of the national disability policy development

8 call to action the extension of the national disability policy contents to the social, protection and political participation

9 call to action utilization of inclusive for all stakeholder in the implementation of the national disability policy

10 call to action the Somali civil society increased role the development of the national disability policy in Somalia

11 call to action the international donors support the development of the national disability policy in Somalia

12 call to action the federal states, federal government and parliament to extend supportive role the development and implantation of the national disability policy



BANADIR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



SOMALI NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE DEAF-SONAD

THE HOPE FOR THE DEAF CHILDREN IN SOMALIA

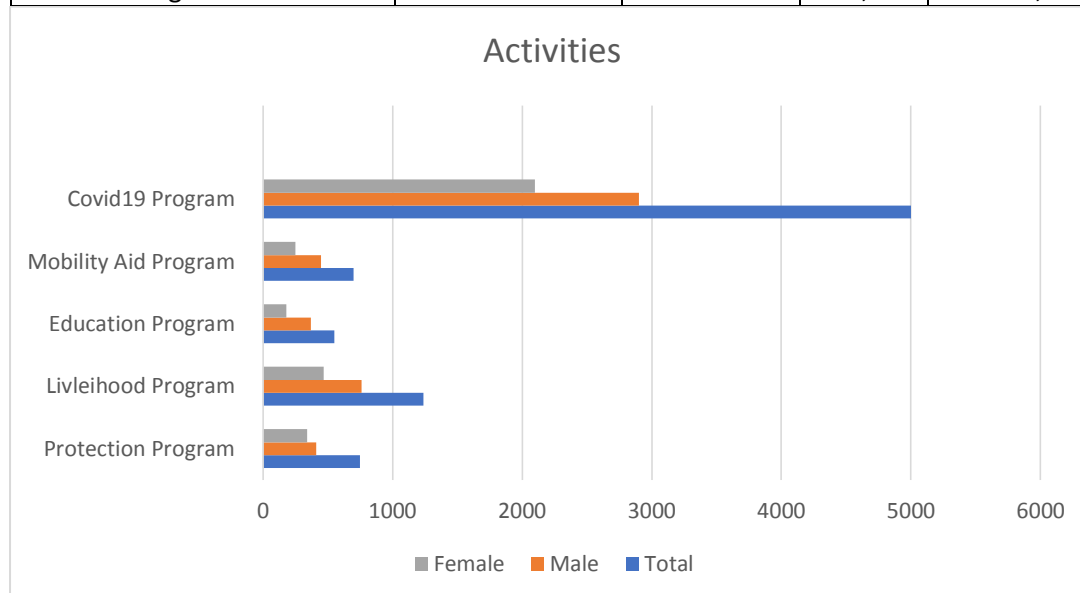
SONAD Somali National Association for the deaf persons is education providers for hundreds of students. The deaf children who are left behind the school in their homes. Group of deaf founded the organization which runs 3 schools in Mogadishu hosting 350 student from primary, intermediate to secondary school level.

This is one of the hopes for many families who have children with hearing impairments in Somalia. The team has opened much school in the country for the deaf. Currently there 30 school for the deaf people in the country. Most of these schools are established by volunteer who work as teachers and managers. These school don't benefit from the inclusive education funds and the government budgets.

SONAD is one of the organizations members of the SDN network that provides formal education for the deaf. This is a great work that made true for the dreams of many children who are not accessible the public and private schools in Somalia. The students and the schools for the deaf people operate without national sign language in the country. Alternatively most school for deaf people use ASL America Sign Language. An obligation for the rights of the children with disability in Somalia federal constitutions, CRPD and CRC

SDN Program and Projects for the 2022

| Activities | Projects | Total | Male | Female |
|----------------------|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Protection Program | 3 | 750 | 410 | 340 |
| Livelihood Program | 2 | 1,239 | 760 | 470 |
| Education Program | 1 | 550 | 370 | 180 |
| Mobility Aid Program | 3 | 700 | 450 | 250 |
| Covid19 Program | 1 | 5000 | 2,900 | 2,100 |



| THE LIST OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS/INSTITUTIONS | |
|---|--|
| Acronyms | Full Name |
| IEDP | Institute of Education Disability People |
| BAWDO | Banadir Women Disability Organization |
| HIDWO | Hidig Disability Women Organization |
| SOPDO | Somali Disability People Development Organization |
| SDPDO | Somali Disability Program Development |
| DDO | Dayah Disability Organization |
| SUP | Somali Union for the Blind |
| UDHAN | Visual Impaired youth Organization |
| KDC | Karama Disability Center |
| SC | Sanca Centre |
| SONAD | Somali National Association Deaf |
| SAFDI | Somali Association Female Disability |
| SDIC | Somali Disability Inclusion Cluster |
| Mentor | Consultant Organization |
| GOWDO | Galmudug Women Disability Organization |

PART TWO

THE PROFILE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Background Information

Somali Disability Network (SDN) is a legally registered local NGO. Registered with the Federal Government of Somalia – Ministry of Interior Federal Affairs and Reconciliation. SDN is a nonpartisan Network of Disabled People Organizations (DPOs) established in the year 2020 by a group of Somali Scholars, Intellectuals and Professional most of whom Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).

The organization is focusing on improving the lives and livelihoods of persons with disabilities and promoting respect for their dignity and fundamental rights while working as a platform on matters humanitarian, human rights and development utilizing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other human rights instruments.

The organization is a 15 plus member organizations majority of which are organizations catering for people with disabilities (PWDs), Service providers and minority organizations across all the regions of Somalia. The organization also assists its multi-disabilities clients and their associates in many different areas. The organization is founded on the principles of democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law with a strong focus on the vulnerable, marginalized and minority groups in all the regions of Somalia and beyond that have been subjects of oppression, discrimination and marginalization for years.

SDN Objectives

- To strengthen and union for the PWDs as official groups, organizations and work as network with ownership initiatives and support
- To support the protection of the human rights through the advocacy and awareness for the CRPD implementation in the public and private sectors in Somalia
- To identify people with disabilities who are interested in forming their own organization, and ensuring that there is representation from women and children with disabilities, all impairment groups (especially people with severe or multiple impairments), and people from different socioeconomic groups;
- To support formal and non-formal education programs SNE and IE inclusive vie education program through mainstreaming the public and private education sector in Somalia
- To work in partnership with disabled people's organizations at the national or regional level to organize training workshops to build the capacity of potential local members of disabled people's organizations;
- To assist the PWDs a DPOs strengthen organizational structure, mission, objectives, and plan of action; and complete any other necessary legal formalities;
- To provide on-going assistance once the disabled people's organization is formed, e.g. inviting local members to training sessions.

- To advocate the establishment and implementation national disability legislation, bills and policies for social and political participations
- To support the PWDs recreational programs Paralympics games and physical exercise for the health of the PWDs and members of their families

SDN's membership

SDN's membership is open to any legally registered Not for Profit working in the areas of human rights advocacy, humanitarian and development in Somalia towards an inclusiveness and in accordance with the constitution and the rules of the Network. Every member organization must fill the membership upon payment of a membership fee of USD 100

Our Vision

SDN envisages an empowered in solidarity with people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups across all the regions of Somalia within internationally recognized legal frameworks. To realize our vision of a socially just, accessible, and inclusive community, our purpose is to be a leading organization which values diversity, respect and equality to fully realize the potential of persons with disabilities in order to build a better world for all

Our Mission

SDN's mission to improve the lives and livelihoods of persons with disabilities and promote respect for their dignity and fundamental rights in South Central Somalia while working as a platform on matters humanitarian, human rights and development utilizing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other human rights instruments

The Network strives to contribute to building, strengthening and supporting PWDs in Somalia to become self-reliant individuals living a dignified life and contributing to the advancement of the needs and wellbeing of PWDs through joint collaborative efforts, advocacy and provision of policy guidance aimed at improving the conditions of PWDs at local, regional and national levels. SDN believes that PWDs should take charge of their lives, rather than depending upon others. As a result, SDN intends to create space and meaningful participation for PWDs in all decision-making processes that affect them.



CRPD Workshop

DDO work on the ground the distribution community based advocacy for the article of the CRPD. This can help PWDs and member of the society understand well the 50 article of the CRPD. Mainly the articles insure the protection and inclusion disability in Somalia public and private sector. The two top leaders of the SDN deliver the lecture to the people as theory and practical.

PART THREE

SDN'S STRATEGIC GOALS:-

Somali Disability Network goal is community driven solution for Somalia disabled people's welfare, social, economic, human Rights, Humanitarian, Development, Justice, elections and political participation with full cooperation of the member organizations, the international community, and government of Somalia.

- Goal 1: To promote the livelihood of PWDs in Somalia
- Goal 2: Enhancing the Right of PWDs Inclusion into Social services and development programs
- Goal 3: Promote and maintain a strong vibrant network, information sharing and coordination.
- Goal 4: Enhance public institutions accessibility for PWDs
- Goal 5: Advocate and lobby for inclusive free education for PWD

Organizational Core Values

- I. Respect to viewpoints: We recognize the importance of considering opportunity to all voices and opinions, including those that contradict our convictions.
- II. Respect of Rights of PWDs: We believe in deliberately strengthening the capacity of PWDs and other minority and vulnerable groups to meet their basic needs and to improve on their position; and have a strong commitment to the rights of the PWDs.
- III. Courage of Conviction: SDN believes in being creative and radical without fear of failure in pursuit of what we believe is in the course of human justice, equality and dignity.
- IV. Fairness, equity and Justice: We strive to ensure that everyone, regardless of sex, age, race, tribe, class and religion, has equal opportunity for expression and for utilizing their unique potential
- V. Institutional Integrity: SDN emphasizes honesty, transparency and accountability to the members, community and to our collaborative partners or otherwise; this is to instil the virtue in which we strongly believe

Management Process

The organization's management is based on a participatory approach, which promotes collaboration with other stakeholders such as the Local Authorities, Non-governmental Organizations and other Community Based Organizations. This collaboration minimizes duplication of development efforts and explains SDN's unique intervention approach. The organization has a pool of experienced, qualified and dedicated staff headed by the Executive Director who reports to the Board of management. We also on project to project basis normally engage volunteers for specific assignments depending on the duration of the project

Financial Management System (FMS)

The organization applies a strong FMS Principle to manage her financial resources. The system has been instituted to safeguard utilization of the organization's resources and ensure appropriate Internal Controls over the financial function which includes Management Information Systems; Custody of assets, Segregation of duties, Approval and Authorization of transactions at different levels of responsibility. With a strong inbuilt Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting procedures the system facilitates provisions of timely regular reports for all the stakeholders. The financial and accounting policies and procedures are based on International Accounting Standards and maintain a distinct disclosure of Capital, Recurrent, Partners' Designated and Other Funds. Annual external audits are undertaken by an internationally recognized firm of Certified Public Accountants, who issue certified reports to development partners, donors and members

Rationale and General Approach to this Strategic Plan

SDN's programs and projects are delivered through an empowerment model rather than simply a charity one. Such approach, we believe, is critical for a sustainable development. This is actually being well tested on our current projects in Somalia while trying to support the independence of DPOs and PWDs through investment in small business enterprises, providing access to the necessary medical, legal and economic resources and developing skills-based training programs.


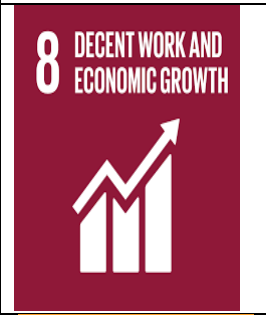
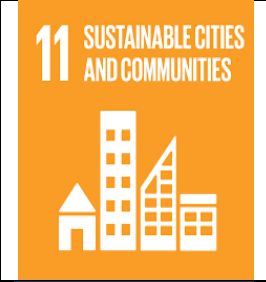
SDN Strategic Planning Context

Persons with disabilities are defined as those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. In general terms disability can be understood as the human condition that results from an impairment that may be developmental, emotional, sensory, mental, cognitive or physical or a composite of these.

Priority Themes Bridge CRPD-SDG2030

Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) that demonstrate SDN's areas of action and key priorities. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), launched by the United Nations in 2015, are an excellent vehicle for driving change. SDN aims to contribute to the challenges of sustainable development by aligning our agenda to the SDGs, recognizing their strategic importance to our immediate society and the world. Additionally, we aim to work in a more integrated way to address the multiple and often intersecting vulnerabilities that people face in the poorest and most marginalized communities.

The SDG 2030 Goals Priority sectors

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|  <p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p> | <p>Goal 4 on inclusive and equitable quality education and promotion of life-long learning opportunities for all focuses on eliminating gender disparities in education and ensuring equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities. In addition, the proposal calls for building and upgrading education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and also provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all.</p> |
|  <p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> | <p>In Goal 8: to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all, the international community aims to achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.</p> <p>Closely linked is Goal 10, which strives to reduce inequality within and among countries by empowering and promoting the social, economic and political inclusion of all, including persons with disabilities.</p> |
|  <p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p> | <p>Goal 11 would work to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe and sustainable. To realize this goal, Member States are called upon to provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, such as persons with disabilities. In addition, the proposal calls for providing universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, particularly for persons with disabilities.</p> |
|  <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p> | <p>Goal 17 stresses that in order to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development, the collection of data and monitoring and accountability of the SDGs are crucial. Member States are called upon to enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS), which would significantly increase the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data that is also disaggregated by disability.</p> |



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