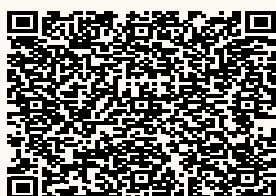


# Annual Report 2023

Disability Inclusion Empowers The PWDs Access And Demand Their Universal Rights. And the Participation in Social, Policy, And Development Programs in the Public And Private In Somalia



THIS 33-PAGE REPORT COVERS THE OVERALL WORK THE SOMALI DISABILITY NETWORK PLANNED IN THE STRATEGY AND THE ACTUAL WORK ACHIEVED IN 2023 WITH THE SUPPORT OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, ORGANIZATION POLICY, AND PARTNERS' SUPPORT IN CASH AND KIND.

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SDN is participating in the Somali Civil Society Partnership forum organized by the Ministry of Interior and Federalism. We hope for good roles and rights in the local and international partnership, including the DPO

## Aknowledgments

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Finally, we acknowledge the effort made by our board and the assembly members who made sacrifices for the implementation of the organization's strategic plan for the reporting year 2023. With their work coordination of the activities, engagement with beneficiaries, communication with stakeholders and the decision makers of the organization's goals and objectives

we do Pay tribute to the main machine of the network the staff who were responsible for the implementation of the programs and the engagement with beneficiaries of the organization. With their commitment, dedication, and investment in their resource time, skills, ideas, and knowledge. Most of them were proactive and relentless hard workers who made possible the accomplishment of the year plans work.

In this 33-page report with five programs and 19 activities with view partners and member organizations' contributions, we thank and acknowledge all stakeholders who worked to make this possible. We hope for the extension of the capacity of operation. Scoop of work, the volume of the partners, and the size of the outcomes of our program. We say again and again thanks for your contributions and commitment in this work the disability inclusion in Somalia.



## The Foreword



Within, three years SDN Somali Disability Network has made progress for the disability inclusion advocacy campaigns that focus mainly the engagement with Humanitarian aid working and protection cluster with support of the HI programs role up where we have managed to raise awareness and advice in the programs for the HI the Humanity inclusion. Through co-facilitator and participation of number of workshop in the last year 2023.

With partnership SCI save children international through the TOFI program SDN managed to work the advocacy for disability policy development the government of Somalia. And the finalization of national disability act draft law.

SDN worked the DPOs engage with Parliament committee for the human rights for consolation and public hearing the national disability act draft bill. With support of the UNSOM HRPG office support for the disability strategic plan development consolation. SDN organized first disability forum in Mogadishu participated PWDs, DPOs, CSOs and traditional elders. Two days panel discussions that raised statement demanding disability inclusion the social, policy and legislation works decision making tables.

With support and partnership from the Enable SDN managed to organized first inclusive and accessible technology forum in Mogadishu with parallel of 20 other states in Africa. Live streaming online events taking place in many different locations. An international conference participated by hundreds people from many countries virtual.

SDN organized Somalia part watch 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.

Mr. Abdullahi Hussein Osman  
The chairperson of SDN  
Mogadishu Somalia

## About us

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 Professionals most of whom are Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

The organization focuses 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 of 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 organization majority of which are organizations catering to 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.

### 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.

### Mission

Improving the lives and livelihoods of persons with disabilities and promoting respect for their dignity and fundamental rights in South Central Somalia by working on matters of humanitarian, human rights, and development utilizing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other human rights instruments

### Core Values

- Accessibility
- Inclusion
- Equality
- Right of PWDS
- Institutional integrity
- Respect view points
- Courage of conviction



## Strategic Plan

SDN strategic goals will support the expansion and the sustainability of SDN for the next three years: and the Year 2022-2023 objectives have been worked hard and mostly achieved with the support of the Partners and local volunteers. There are some points in SDN Goals that has not been achieved for a variety reasons.

- i)Organizational development- improve communication and profile SDN work through lobbying and advocacy, social media, increase staff and volunteer capacity, secure funding and ensure sustainability. And Strengthen DPOs capacity and partnership in the donors.
- ii)Raising awareness- Disability Inclusion Address inequalities, discrimination, GBV, poverty alleviation, migration and development issues, as well as support those who are affected by these issues to find a voice at local, national, and global stage. It is also SDN goal to raise the profile of the organization by becoming a critical agent in global development issues.
- iii)Community Development- Through partnership, work with and provide support to projects designed by local communities to combat Inequalities, GBV, improve livelihoods, mobilize grassroots members within the community, and facilitate them with capacity building and other strategies in order to address issues affecting them.
- iv)Advocacy for the implementation of the existing laws of the CRPD and establishment National Disability Act. And the National Disability Survey, Strategic Development Policy. Inclusive Education Policy, Inclusive for all health policy.

The organization shall initiate a work plan which shall interpret the entire of this strategic plan. For instance, the goals of this strategic plan have to be ensured through a work plan built on a clear SWOT analysis. At its areas of intervention, in the advocacy shall initiate a protection program for all the rights of the PWDs and other vulnerable groups. SDN shall also initiate an educational program to empower PWDs, DPO members, vulnerable groups and communities. Vocational Skills training shall be given to them to increase their daily income and reduce the level of the fear of

### SDN strategic Plans is inline with CRPD articles and SDG 2030 the 17 Goals

Article 5 – Equality and non-discrimination	life
Article 6 – Women with disabilities	Article 30 – Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
Article 7 – Children with disabilities	Article 31 – Statistics and data collection
Article 8 – Awareness-raising	Article 32 – International cooperation
Article 9 – Accessibility	Article 33 – National implementation and monitoring
Article 10 – Right to life	Article 34 – Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Article 11 – Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies	Article 35 – Reports by States Parties
Article 12 – Equal recognition before the law	THE SDG 17 GOALS
Article 13 – Access to justice	
Article 24 – Education	
Article 25 – Health	
Article 26 – Habilitation and rehabilitation	
Article 27 – Work and employment	
Article 28 – Adequate standard of living and social protection	
Article 29 – Participation in political and public	

## .SDN Team

there is some of the Most important of SDN network the staff whose venture come true the vision and the mission of the network the implementation of the program. and the stakeholders satisfaction for the SDN service delivery the direct and the indirect beneficiaries, of the year program and strategic plan 2022-2023



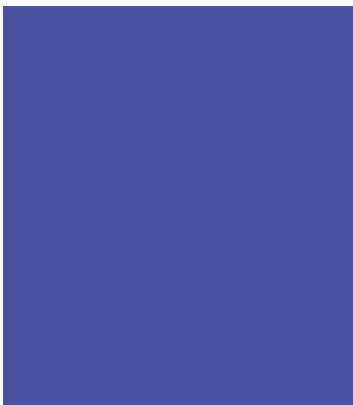
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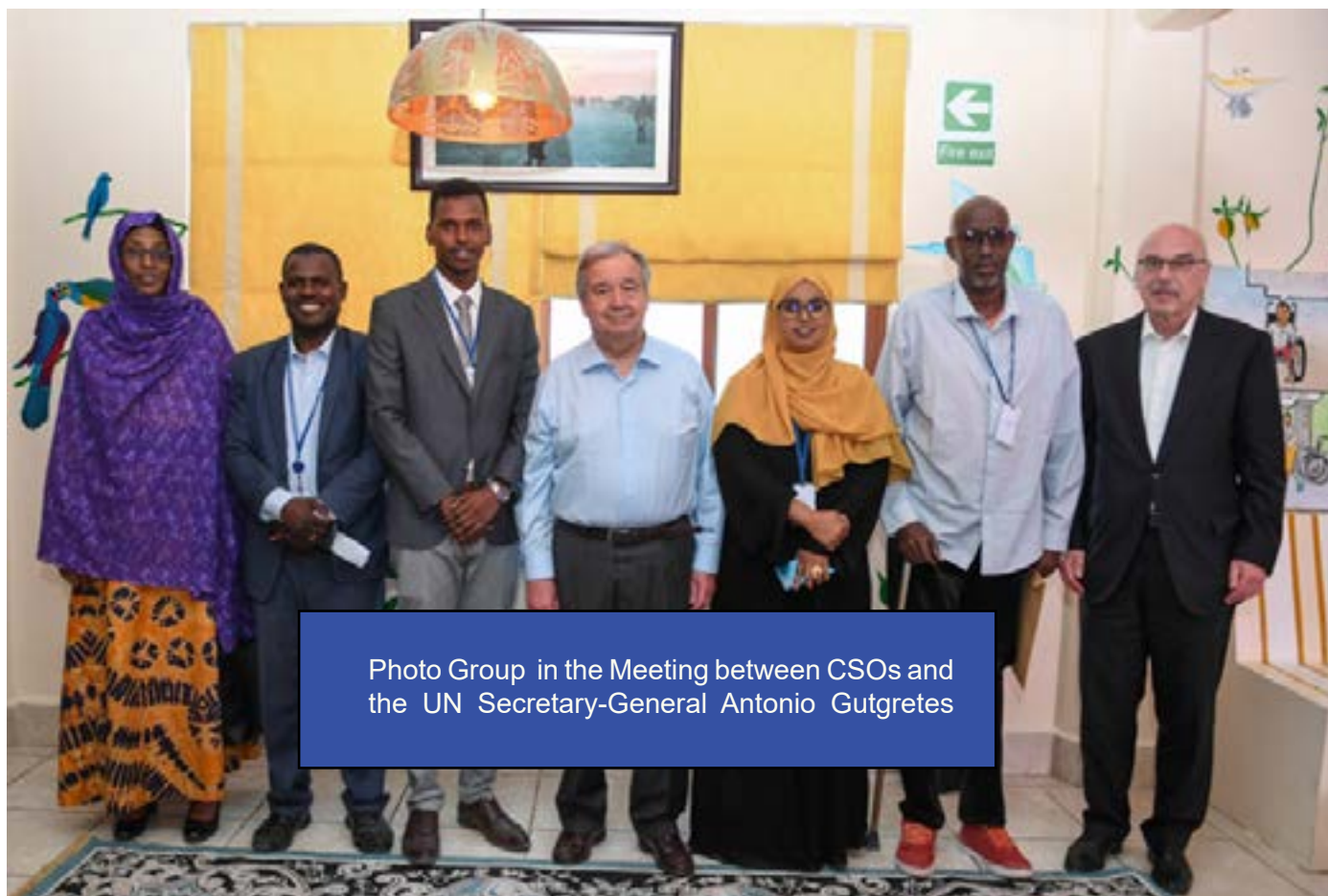


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## Mainstreaming CRPD & SDG 2030

### ADVOCACY WORK

SDN Somali Disability Network has been working on the Implementation of the CRPD and the SDG 2030 through advocacy engagement with Donors, and CSOs. UN Agencies and the Federal Government Somalia. Mainstreaming the education, he

alth care, employment and political participation activities. Which Can Pave-way the empowerment of the PWDs and the Engagement of the the Decision Making Table in Somalia. together we can make changes.



## ***Election for the SDN Board and Assembly of 2023-2024***

SDN Somalia Disability Network election for the board and the assembly is held in Mogadishu at the SDN office on Wednesday 25 January 2023. The election is the second term of the SDN governing body for the board of directors and the assembly of the network. The election is organized by the SDN Second term governing body's election committee.

The election is participated by members from the organization 26 persons where both candidates and voters for the governing bodies of the SDN. The election committee made a schedule for the voting process of the election. The committee has prepared a registration document, and the ID card for the participants of the election, 70 persons from the members of the SDN, CSOs, DPOs, and members from university students.

The first round of the election starts at 9:40 PM the election committee made screening for the people participating in the election the voters, candidates, observers, and guests who are present in the election place.

The chairperson of the SDN Governing Body Election Mr. Yusuf Sh Ali Adow thanked all participants of the election and made brief for the election process and obligation of the committee which ends after this work. We thank again the members of the PWDs, DPOs, CSOs, and the members from the SIU internship teams who did good work and coordinated in the election. And the observers and the guest who gave us their guidance and oversight in the election process.



SANCA Centre made wheelchair distribution for the disability people in Mogadishu with support of donors. The center works the distribution of cash voucher for the vulnerable people





### International Education Day 2023

SDN has organized an international education day 24 January 2023 celebration event in Mogadishu. The event was participated by members from the PWDs, CSOs, DPOs, and SIEP SDN presented their appreciation of the international education days and shared the celebration of billions of people in the world, particularly the 1.2 billion PWDs in worldwide.

SDN expressed an active role in the SNE special needs education in Somalia which is very rare and a starting point that needs to be highlighted to the local people in Somalia the CSOs and the government organs who work on the development and the investment of the education.

The majority of the SNE and IE in Somalia initiatives is from the members of the PWDs who realized the gap founded institutions and organizations that provide formal and non-formal education for disability people.

The actors of these organs raised questions about the discrimination against them in the private and public sectors.

The donors spend hundreds of millions of dollars investment of education in Somalia. The PWDs in schools in Somalia do have not facts and figures. Evaluations made in several schools with hundreds of students presented less than 1 person in each school. While some schools presented no single students in schools with hundreds of students and tens of teachers.

### International Labor Day 2023

On Monday 1 May 2023, Somalia Disability Inclusion Coalition a group organized The commemoration of International Labor Day in Mogadishu, participated by a group of DPOs, CSOs, PWD, and individuals working the disability inclusion in Somalia.

Deliberate exclusion of PWDs in employment is exceptional where the disability inclusion programs staff are mostly hired for non-disabled people. So far hundreds of persons have been recruited for disability inclusion programs staff, officers, and program managers. This is planned and shapes the lack of disability inclusion strategic plans for the donors.

The Participants of The Event Made a Press Statement

- The PWDs are requesting the federal government of Somalia for the utilization of a national disability employment quota of nearly 10%. As sighted in the federal government provisional constitution article 11 and the CRPD article that enforce inclusion and non-discrimination for particularly people ethnics, raise and disability.
- the PWDs are requesting from the Ministry of Education the inclusion of the national teachers recruitment and ensure that 10% out of the 3,000 persons under process for placement.
- the PWD is requesting the establishment of a national disability inclusion policy, special needs education, Inclusive education, affirmative action plans, and legislation that my support mainstreaming persons with disability.
- the PWDs are requesting from the private sector, Public sector donors, civil society, and government organizations the reduction of unemployment through the support of the TVET programs, income generation, and the investment of the small and intermediate enterprises for the PWDs and their families.



## Support DPOs to implement their Advocacy plans

SDN organized a Two-day Training workshop On Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September 2023. The two-day workshop participated 47 people from the CSOs, DPOs, and PWDs in the Banadir region. The participants have learned the planning and implementation of disability inclusion advocacy.

The workshop was training the participants and the advocacy planning for disability rights inclusion. The sessions were supportive of the understanding of the participants. The question led to a debate about the disability inclusion advocacy plan and implementation. The types of advocacies were presented in the session.

The facilitators made clear the issue with articles in the constitution that give all these rights to the people and the UN CRPD article which makes an obligation to be served for the disability people. Every actor planning advocacy for such issues should use referral articles in the convention or laws that serve human rights protection.

The participants discussed with facilitators and the human rights defenders who are experts on the issue. The participants made contributions with their experiences and knowledge of human rights advocacy and protection for the disability people in Somalia.

### Objectives of the Training

- trained the participants in Professional development on advocacy strategies and coalition building.
- To increase the DPO's capacity for Advocacy and cooperation as a coalition joint work.

### The outcome of the Training

- Enhanced the capacity of the PWDs and DPOs leadership for the planning of advocacy and implementation process
- Strengthened the unity of the individual PWDs and DPOs for the joint venture and cooperation for advocacy campaigns.
- Enhanced performance of the DPOs and their staff for the planning and implementation of human rights protection and advocacy.

## THE EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Schools, Centers And Workshops



SONAD Somalia National Association for the Deaf is an organization established in 2003 by a group of teachers most of the deaf who work in sing lounge in Somalia. The organization controls over 5 schools based in several regions in Somalia. In Mogadishu, SONAD hosts three schools for serving 450 students in the primary, intermediate, and secondary. Only is supported by the government of the Ministry of Education. The two other schools work as volunteers funded by charitable people in the villages.

#### DARYEEL EDUCATION CENTER

Daryeel Education Centre is visually impaired school based in Mogadishu that hosts 60 students in the primary and intermediate. The school is supported by local charity organizations with the cooperation of the Somali people in the abroad. The school has teachers most of them visually impaired educated persons. The school has buses that collect the student from their home. Notable most of the students of this school come from IDPs comes outside Mogadishu. Mostly people from drought displaced and



IEDP institute of education for the Disabled people is non-profit organization established 1993 by group of people most of them disability persons who released the need for the support the PWDs in the protection and the development programs. The institute has education sector that serve inclusive TVET technical vocational skills training. The organization has workshop the provide training course both the disabled people, members of their families and the people from the IDPs camps in the country.

#### SANCA CENTER

SANCA Centre is disability care and training center that provides the disability people in Mogadishu support for handcraft skills training program sewing machines, welding, cooking food, carpenter and beauty salon. The center has made several courses in the last year with support the district Yaqshid and local charity people. The center has been partner with Abilis foundation for support the disability people. SANCA Centre is well equipped that different

#### DAYAHA DISABILITY ORGANIZATION

Daryeel Disability Organization is a Location organization that helps the disability humanitarian and vocational skills training sewing machines and weaving baskets and mats. The organization has training closes and facilities for the students of the center. The organization gives priority the women, girls, and youth disabilities in the area of Operation





On Saturday, September 23, 2023, highly organized Sports games is held in Mogadishu for the teams of PWDs. The two-day Paralympic games is organized by SDN Somalia Disability inclusion network and SNAP Somalia National Association Paralympics.

The games is Participated 8 teams 4 matches The project is funded by save children international through the TOFI program in the activity of As part of the four public awareness campaigns, organize inclusive sports events to create awareness in the communities. interesting games that shake well in the stadium for the fans and the watchers.

On day one, two matches is done for the physically challenged, and the wheelchair the match is participated the Sanca Center and IEDP teams. The people using crutches participated by two teams. Each game is over with 1 hour and 60 minutes in the normal guide of the private clubs and the sports games. The players who participated in the two matches presented fantastic skills that made the fans and the people watching over. he two matches is over with the win of two teams, where players thanked and exchanged T-shirt as symbol of friendship. The chairperson of the SDN thanked the four teams that participated the game. And special credit to the wieners IEDP score five goal.

On day Two, two other matches are done in the next day for the visual impairment and Hearing impairment Teams. Each game is over with 1 hour and 60 minutes in the normal guide of the private clubs and the sports games. The players played an interesting match and play that liked the people watching the games. Media coverage is made.

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objectives

- 1.Public community outreach campaigns, and organize inclusive sports events to create awareness in the community
- 2.Organize prelimbic games for physically blind and deaf people through matches the four public awareness campaigns
- 3.Distribution of play materials sportswear, T-shirts.

Outcome

- SDN mobilized local teams and players in paralimbic games and played matches for different disability people.
- Public attitude change for the community to realize the rights and role of persons with disabilities in sports and paralimbic games.





## high-level meetings Between CSOs and the United Nations General Secretary

on 11 April 2023 in Mogadishu, the Somalia Disability Inclusion Network participated in a high-level meeting between CSOs and the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The chairperson SDN made a 2-minute presentation on 10 points touching on the ordeal of PWDs and DPOs in the country. Notable the exclusion of PWDs in the local humanitarian programs. And the partnership for the protection of programs in the country.

Somalia is post-conflict and most of the people depend on humanitarian aid. Despite the progress made in some areas, SDN gives tribute to the partners who made interventions for the support as a charity model. While decision-making organ's participation remains excluded.

The Secretary-General visited Somalia, in 2017, that time was during a large-scale humanitarian operation to prevent famine. Guterres, this is his second visit to Somalia since 2017, said the Somali people deserve the solidarity of the international community to effectively respond to the drought.

Guterres met with HH President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, Guterres told reporters he was in Somalia "to ring the alarm" on the country's need for massive international support. He also said that Somalia is dealing with humanitarian difficulties.

Mr. Guterres during his visit to Somalia visited a camp for internally displaced people in Baidoa, in southwest Somalia. He lauded the determination residents had shown to rebuild their lives. "In the holy month of Ramadan, we need to have generosity from the international community that is absolutely crucial to rescue these people that I have seen in this camp and that live in so dramatic circumstances," Guterres said.

Direct meeting with the United National Top leader support the DPOs submit their message to the decision-makers who make a reaction.





### Mobilization for persons with disabilities to become active members of DPOs

Mobilization campaigns for persons with disabilities and members of the society to become active member in the DPOs in Somalia is held in Mogadishu.

The workshop was awareness raising and sensitization for the PWDs and increased role in the DPO's decision-making in Somalia and source of the operating income of the organization that may enable them to be operational service providers on the ground.

The one-day workshop was participated by 40 persons with different backgrounds mostly from the PWDs, CSOs, and the local authority Banadir region.

The facilitators made a good presentation supportive of all part to ensure solidarity and inclusion of PWDs and people who may not write. Through text papers, PPT presentations, and audio for the visually impaired people.

the objective of the training

- To organize People with disabilities to participate in DPOs.

- To Mobilize one campaign the persons with disabilities to become active/members of DPOs.

outcome

- SDN goal is to strengthen the awareness of persons with disabilities for the DPOs works on society

- Improvement of the DPOs image and scenario for the PWDs participation and the membership criteria

- To enhance the information and knowledge for the PWDs and society the accessibility of the DPOs structure and organs internal control and external

### The Disabled People Demand Inclusion In The Public And Private Work Of Life And Systems In Somalia





## international disability people day 3 December 2023 in Mogadishu.

SDN Somalia Disability Network has organized the commemoration of international disability people day 3 December 2023 in Mogadishu. The ceremony is participated by seventy people from a variety of sectors: the PWDs, DPOs, CSOs and youth groups from the local universities. The event was aimed at welcoming the disability people day. SDN Somalia Disability Network is a local DPOs Network with more than 15 organizations; most of the DPOs serve humanitarian, development, education, health care and advocacy for the protection of disability in Somalia. The chairperson of the SDN made opening remarks, words to the participants and briefed the 3 December.

Mr. Abdullahi Hussein, the chairperson of the SDN Somalia Disability Network, said today we make this event for the IDPD international disabled people day 3 December 2023. This year the theme is universal health coverage and participation of the disability people. Goal 3 of the SDG2030. Therefore, we call to the work and the government of Somalia to ensure the protection of the PWDs' rights and the inclusion of the DPOs in the cooperation. The chairperson also made an introduction presentation to the TOFI program.

This year's International Disability Day 2023 is held in many different places in Somalia by Government, CSOs and DPOs. This year the disability people focus on the violations which are in process for the disability rights protection. National Disability Act Draft Bill is in the Parliament. CRPD has not been implemented.

### Objectives

- Organize international disability people's day on 3 December 2023 in Mogadishu
- United in action to rescue and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for, with, and by persons with disabilities.

### Outcome

Enhanced the roles of persons with disabilities with government institutions, politicians and the members of the parliament of Somalia.

To send the call to action and message to the public for the protection and advocacy of the PWDs, children, youth, and aging people in Somalia.

The theme this year is universal health coverage and participation of the disability people. Goal 3 of the SDG2030.





## PUBLIC HEARING NATIONAL DISABILITY ACT DRAFT

On Tuesday 29 August 2023 the Parliament committee for the human rights and women affairs has made public hearing for the national disability people rights draft bill with member of the PWDs and the actors of the DPOs in Mogadishu. The meeting was to hear the concerns and inputs for them in the draft bill which is now draft process under the committee mandate who will bring the main assembly for the second hearing after consultation with relevant people.

The draft bill is passed in the cabinet on 27 July 2023 and tabled the parliament on 12 August 2023 for the first reading which took place. The speaker of the parliament handed over the draft bill to the committee who are working on it so far. The draft bill is covering the fundamental rights of the PWDs and their families and the care givers as well as the disability people issue stakeholders the DPOs the disabled people organizations.

The public hearing for the national draft bill for the PWDs is key rights for the people serving the law as in the bylaws of the parliaments the HoP house of the people. The committee made today the engagement with members of the PWDs who read the draft bill and made the correction, amendment and the input for new works and points in the draft bill that may serve the interest of the PWDs and members of their families

The main articles discussed include article 1 and 2 for name and definition of the draft bill, article 8,9 and 10 the protect and care of children and aging people, article 12 the rights justices, 10 and

11 that serve the protection of the PWDs, article 13 accessibility, article 14 communication article 15,17,18,19 ,20,21,22 free education, accessibility and Inclusive education for every persons, nationalize braille and sign language's, article sports, recreational and arts 27,28 and 29 establishment national disability fund and the article 24 employment youth and 29 which serve the disability people protection basic rights for participation of social and recreational. Article 30 and 32 which touch the punishment for any violations of the disability people rights and roles with fines of money. The work made today by the legislation committee for the human rights and members of the PWDs and PDOs lead by the SDN Somalia Disability Networks will work the process to achieve national impact in the future to the PWDs in Somalia.

The chairperson of the parliament's human rights committee Mrs. Hawo Sokor and member of the committee made commitment to the PWDs that their input will be used for the draft bill amendment which is an important. The committee will work the draft bill with professional consultants for the parliaments as technical advisors. The draft bill be tabled in the national assembly for the 11 parliament in the next sessions.

the meeting is participants 15 Organizations most of them DPOs and CSOs and members from the Banadir region local authority district disability officers . and NDC National Disability Council who made contribution for the draft bill. the members of the parliament the chairperson, deputy chairperson, secretary and the member of the committee

# BANADIR REIONG DISABILITY PEOPLE ADVOCACY TASK FORCE



## Task Force held a meeting in Mogadishu

on January 2023 the board of the Banadir Disability Task Force held a meeting in Mogadishu to discuss the objectives and the goals of the team for the protection of the PWDs human rights. The chairperson of the team briefs the overall organizational work plan and particularly January 2023 list of action

The members of the board presented their roles in the work plan and noted the timeline and milestones for each activity.

The team has an annual plan with 4 quarters with objectives for human rights protection and mainstreaming disability.

The secretary of the board Mr. Ismail explained the prioritization of the list of work which focuses variety of areas of intervention.

He noted education barriers for disabled children is the first priority for the action plan after the capacity building of the team. We have started a preliminary assessment of the special needs education in the Banadir region

### Vision

creating equal opportunities for social, policy, and laws where people with disabilities, DPOs, and their families enjoy inclusive for all national systems, policies, and laws.

### Mission

disability rights protection through strengthening and the empowerment of disability people. And the engagement with the inclusion of national policies and legislations, the disabled people's rights, and the role of the DPOs in Somalia for the protection of disabled people the children, women, aging people, the physically challenged, the deaf, the blind, the albino society and the mental problems victims.

### Goals

The Task Force main goal is nationwide Somalia where PWDs enjoy independent living, freedom speech, service and rights for their decision making from the adult. Society with inclusion for all where there role for education, care and employment. a society where PWDs enjoy access for their needs and demands for the day to day live and operation of duties without discrimination and limitation for their disabilities

The Deputy Chairperson Mss. Amina raised concern for gender protection and empowerment as the priority of the first quarter's list of action plans. Gender disability protection is a cross-cutting issue. There are vulnerable people who risk the lives of more women and girls in the society.

These need to be addressed. There should be massive outreach for the nationwide society to the basic rights of women and girls with disabilities in public and private. The chairperson of the team Mr. Dalmar Adow thanked all the participants of the meeting and the agenda which presented the prioritization of our work. We are in a position where we can secure our objectives and goals. We should work hard to engage with the stakeholders of our work the CSOs, DPOs, Donors, and the government.

The implementation of our key action needs assessment, engagement with actors, and response to the target people. This is part of our weekly meeting which supports quarter objectives and goals





## Members From the SND Participated the Panel-ist of the Somalia National Youth Conference

on Saturday 20 May 2023 Somalia national youth concerned is opened in Mogadishu for the participants from most regions in the country. the conference was oped by the prime minister Somalia federal government HE Mr. Hamza Bare. highly organized national conference participated hundreds representing from variety groups in the society. the meeting has thematic panel discussion for different groups. from SCOs, merchants, agriculture and banks who made outstanding presentation in the hall with participants who asked hot questions touching their business

the second day the conference has panel discussions for the youth to talk some issue in the society. one of the best was the pane discussion for the disability inclusion participated group seven youth with variety imprisonments or disabilities. who made charismatic argument that touch the heart of the people participated the top points include. SDN member Dalmar Adow was the organizer for the PWDs

Mr. Mahdi from crawling was the Moderator of the event panel a person university graduated from said when missed job i did invention to take Somalia national-flag to the world where i have participated Paralympic games in the world several times. i still see that there is barrier in front of me to do what i can. we want really disability inclusion in Somalia

Mr, Abdiriskh youth university gradate both hands amputee said we did our best learn in one of the hard places in the world surround by wars, disasters and lack infrastructures. still we fill problems and gap for lack employment. i though that i passed the line of the disability to the scholars. still people say you unable

Mr. Abdifitah Hassan from the Blind People a media professional raised question about the main cause of the disability inclusion is lack of protection. he added PWDs can play great role in the policy and social development in the community. he added there barrier that need to be removed in front of the disability people.

Mr. Mohamed Osman deaf youth said i did graduated my first degree and i have been teacher in deaf school we have established. the ministry of education recruited teachers and excluded the deaf people the exam for teacher employment. now e will be jobless and our positions are occupied by non-disabled teams who have no idea about sign langue or deaf people. we afraid the schools to be closed and the student if faced by gap.

Mr. Dalmar Adow from the Blind people asked the ministries in the conference their objective to participate the solution for the PWDs in Somalia particularly the youth who are suffering disproportional unemployment and poverty compere the main youth in Somalia.



## Support DPOs to Implement their Advocacy Plans

Support DPOs to implement their advocacy plans  
On Saturday and Sunday, 24 -25 June 2023 SDN organized a Two days consultation workshop for DPOs to support the advocacy plan, and the coalition building was held in Mogadishu for the members of the PWDs, DPOs, and the CSOs participated fifty persons both male and females with diverse background from the Youth, teachers, activists, and members from the local authority Benedri region.

workshops were direct lectures and presentations for the overall human rights advocacy work coordination, planning, and implementation requirements. The participants discussed with facilitators and the human rights defenders who are experts on the issue. The participants made contributions with their experiences and knowledge of human rights advocacy and protection for the disability people in Somalia.

Several questions raised in the session of the day were leading solutions for the overall protection of the PWDs and member of their families. What is the disability, types of disability, common violations against

the rights of the PWDs, and the types of discrimination in the society? Which has been categorized into three organized, incidental, and family members.

The number of cases has been presented on the table and written on the flip chart so the participant can see easily and respond.

the objective of the workshop

- To train Professional development for DPOs on advocacy strategies and coalition building
- To strengthen their capacity and cooperation as coalition joint work

The outcome of the workshop

- SDN mobilized individual DPOs and groups for common goals and objectives for the PWD rights advocacy
- Enhanced the capacity of the PWDs and DPOs leadership for the planning of advocacy and implementation process
- Strengthened the unity of the individual PWDs and DPOs for the joint venture and cooperation for advocacy campaigns
- Enhanced performance of the DPOs and their staff for the planning and implementation of human rights protection and advocacy





On Sunday 29 May 2023 highly organized international conference is held in Mogadishu. Inclusive Africa Conference Theme Attaining Digital accessibility the Assistive technology in Africa 29-31 May 2023. The conference is hosted by SDN Somalia Disability Network one the watch part in twenty states member Africa. events organised the DPOs and funded InAble . Held in Mogadishu At Prime Place Hotel participated by PWDs, DPOs, SCOs and member of the government.

The inclusive Africa conference made mobilization of hundreds people participants in Nairobi Kenya place of central event connecting separate countries in the continent sharing common with virtual platform that connect all 20 events in one screen. Giving role each state. beside the main conference is hosted in Nairobi Kenya with participant from many countries and regions representing organization and institution

In Mogadishu one of the local DPO network the SDN Somali Disability Network managed to host smart event in Primo Place Hotel participated 30 persons from variety representations mostly the PWDs and the DPOs. The major argument in the conference was lack of awareness for the ATs accessible assistive technology in Somalia. Where parents, care givers and members from the PWDs mostly has no information about the ATs service advantages and disadvantages.

with disabilities rights in the society. .

Lack of awareness the assistive technology accessibility in the society and the advantages and the disadvantages for the service and the equipment mainly the majority of the parents, care givers and the youth and the adult PWDs in the country

Lack of national strategic plans, policy, affirmative action plan and disability act in the country that could insure

the disability inclusion as really intervention that could address the problems facing the disability people for their right a citizen. And national disability fund that invest rehabilitation facilities in the country

The Recommendations Made In the Conference

1.Mass community awareness should be made for the parents of the children with impairment, the youth and the adult people access for information of the ATs service accessibility the advantages and the disadvantages of the service and equipment.

2.The DPOs and CSOs should make organised comparing that support the families of the children with divers impairments, the youth with disabilities and the adult people with disabilities both male and females access of ATs service and materials distribution with support and partnership of the donors

3.The international community and the donors should make disability inclusion policies, strategic plans and implementation guide that help the inclusion their service and program the PWDs as beneficiaries with cooperation and partnership their actors the DPOs and the schools that provide the

4.The federal government of Somalia should give priority its people particularly the PWDs and members of their families' protection of social inclusion through establishment of news law the disability act, affirmative action plan, disability inclusion policy and strategic plans with national disability statistics and the implementation of the CRC and CRPD which are international conventions ratified Somalia.

5.Strengthen the mobility support and rehabilitation service in the country which is very law that could not serve the people in need on the ground. The physiotherapy, speech therapy, orthopedics surgeons that reduce the disability in the children





## The first Somalia forum for the PWDs and DPOs in Mogadishu

The first forum for the Somalia disabled people organizations is opened in Mogadishu on Saturday 03 June 2023 at Falco Inn. Invited member of the CSOs, PWDs, Local Authority, Federal States and federal government institutions. The conference is participated by 45 persons representing variety backgrounds in the society mostly from the WDs the lead of the conference

The conference is organized by SDN Somali Disability Network which worked disability inclusion advocacy in Somalia. With partnership of UNSOM HRPG one of the main support for the CRPD implementation advocacy in Somalia. Somalia signed and joined the CRPD state on August 2029 since that obligations come on the ground to the CSOs, international donors and government of Somalia. Member of the PWDs mostly the activist participated the forum to share their input the discussion and debate aimed to found and analysed the situation of the PWDs and their organization in the Somalia. Specifically the barrier attitudinal and environmental which are the root cause of disability in the society.

Disability is defined in number 1.2 Billion in the world and 20% of Somalia society nearly 3.4 million people out of 17 million. The number of the DPOs based in Somalia are nearly dozens mostly based in Mogadishu. Unfortunately the operation figure out of this number is very little nearly one dozen who are working self organized and funded program rather national and international partnership for program support. International humanitarian principles and law enforce the inclusion of all parties of the nations and their CSOs including the DPOs.

In the forum three panels are organised to discuss the participants with their contribution and ideas. Where the coordination team work the draft, recording and interoperation of the questions and answers as well as the analysis made in the panels. The team capture the questions and the answers in the decision that mostly focused the disability inclusion barriers and solution of the problems against the PWDs in the society and system

## FORUM FOR SOMALI DISABILITY

The PWD demands human rights model participation that gives equality and equal opportunity rather charity model

## Two days Consultation workshop DPOs support the Advocacy plan and the Coalition Building



On Saturday and Sunday 14-25 June 2023 SDN organised Two days consultation workshop DPOs support the advocacy plan and the coalition building is held in Mogadishu for the members of the PWDs, DPOs and the CSOs participated by more fifty persons both male and females with diverse background from the Youth, teachers, activists and members from the local authority Benedri region.

The workshop is opened with Quran and introduction work from the participants. Proceeded by the contents of the two days workshop disability rights protection advocacy plan for the PWDs, DPOs and the CSOs key front line of the human rights protection in Somalia. The workshop has six thematic areas of focus to discuss were point analysing the situation of the PWDs the challenges and the solution for the problems raised in the discussions

The facilitator and the co-facilitators working the two days consultation workshop for the disability rights advocacy plan and the unity of the actors was an active with full engagement the ToR presentations, questions, answered and the recommendations. Among the top are disability is not inability, stereotype is illegal that can be prevented, the inclusion of disability in the human rights protection. This can insure the reduction of stigma, human degrading, exclusion of service beneficiaries for the public and private in Somalia.

Day one cases

Case 1; young girls with disability suffered lack support for dating which lead her shamed and disgusted. These was caused by discriminations made by member of the society who r

Day two in the workshop for the disability organization advocacy plan and coalition building. abroad.

The facilitator and the co-facilitators made presentations for the lessons of the day two and the advocacy plan question that can support the people working and the DPOs role to insure the active protection of the disabili-

The participants were divided into six group work with variety topic each that can make focus in one are. The what is disability rights advocacy, what is disability rights awareness, what are the challenges against the PPWDs social, what are the challenges against the DPOs in the advocacy. And what is the solution of the problems.

### The panellist

1. within the serial conference organized member of the PWDs in the last two month May and June 2023 which are nearly five conference organized the SDN and five other conferences participated member of SDN who made contributions and input for that meetings. That raised high level questions for the disability right advocacy and national days asked question top leadership i
2. the need for the disability protection in Somalia process is going with stakeholder mainly lead by the PWDs and DPOs. For the advocacy for the implementation of the CRPD, CRC convention child rights, NDA national disability act and NDP 10 National Development plan. The implementation of national disability strategic plan, census and funds. That can supportive for the development and protection of the PWDs in Somalia
3. the participation of the legislation in Somalia input for the federal government professional constitution which exclusion the disability that has no articles in the constitution. The inclusion of the national independent agencies, commissions, ministries and the parliament for the member of the PWDs who more than 15% in the society without voice in the policy and lawmakers.
4. The establishment Somali disability agenda program that stand the implementation of the disability inclusion in Somalia. Working the al stakeholder the PWDs, DPOs, CSOs, Local authority, Donors, embassies and federal government of Somalia
5. Disability inclusion in the opportunities for the private and public sector in Somalia, scholarship medical care, employment, investment, loans, fund raising and the partnership with donors for the disability people inclusion





## 16 Days of GBV Against Women and girls with Disabilities

On Thursday 07 December 2023 event is held in Mogadishu to magnify the gender based violence against the women and girls in Somalia. The event is organized by the group of female disability rights protection activists. HINDWO Hidig Disability Women Organization and BOWDO Banadir disability women organization. The event is held in the SDN office jointly by two member organizations of SDN Somali Disability Network that work the gender disability inclusion protection.

The 16 days GBV event is participated by several organizations mostly from the DPOs the disabled people organizations. The people participated in the event were 20 persons most of them females from the disability people and the nondisability people. The problems raised in the meeting are more the violation against the human rights, discrimination for social, economic, marriage and dements.

The discrimination in the humanitarian and development programs. In a country heavy depend of humanitarian aid. Nearly have of the population deepen it. The PWDs are the people who need humanitarian aid for the basic lives, health care and shelter.

### THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

- To mobilize of 16 Days GBV event in Mogadishu
- To Raise protection of the women and young girl's rights
- To Discuss the overall situation of the women and girls with disability rights
- To highlight GBV cases against the women and girls with disabilities
- To debate possible respond for the victims of the GBV and VAW

The participants in the event exchanged ideas that presents the overall gender disability protection and empowerment in Somalia. And the overall violations that exist around in the country. Where in some cases females with disabilities lose support and protection from the organized crimes. Where women and young girls with disabilities are vulnerable to the crimes.

Some of the participants raised cases and arguments that majority of the females with disabilities the women and young girls. Suffer weakness and lack of skills to mobilize prevention for the GBV and protection in the action of the GBV. Great number of the disability females have low level education and skills that could help them identify protection and privation of the GBV from themselves

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND LEGAL AID  
THE WOMEN AND GIRLS





**The Disability People  
Intrested in the Motorcycle Race**



**Somalia Disability People Celebrate  
the 63 National Flag day 26 June**



## World Humanitarian Day is marked in Mogadishu

On Saturday 19 August 2023 world humanitarian day is marked many places in the work and in Somalia. Members of the Somali disability inclusion cluster the IEDP Institute of Education for the Disabled People and the SOCCA Somalia Autism Children care organization in Mogadishu. The event is participated by people from the PWDs, parents of Autism and other people who make their commitment the cooperation with change of changes in Somalia.

The world humanitarian theme in this year is No Matter What a message to the world for the support of the people who need humanitarian aid and the donors to make better coordination's on the ground. This day the world is marking with the largest voice ever to prioritize thematic areas that needs interventions. The world is interested in how intentional and national disasters affect societies. Most articles of the SDG 17 goals give priority the support for the people with 17 thematic areas which are basic for the lives, protection and development.

These articles demonstrate the reduction of poverty, illiteracy, hunger, climate change and secure livelihoods for the most vulnerable people in the world mostly people in the third world and the countries with recurrent disasters that is attributed the suffering of tens millions people in worldwide.

Most participants in the event were people from diverse backgrounds the deaf people, physical and visual impaired. Besides there is children with autism disaster who have many problems with children abandoned their fathers. I struggled to support access to the care of disabled people in general. Most of the participants in the event relied the cooperation for the common goals and objectives in the environment in some of you work. Where the PWDs and children with autism suffer disproportional human rights abuses that need be taken care Recommendation to the DPOs

The disabled people organizations are encouraged to mobilize the PWDs for participation of humanitarian aid, emergency education and development programs. And make solution oriented responses in their strategic plan of action with referral information sharing mechanism to the stakeholders in Somalia

The CSOs should provide extensive training and awards nationwide the society for the role and rights of the PWDs in their programs and works. This can improve the education of the people for the inclusive for all public and private sectors.

The markets, schools, hospitals and banks service access the PWDs and children with autism problems. Insure the implementation free barriers in the infrastructures and the program coordination limitations.

The Donors based and working in Somalia should

develop a policy for disability inclusion in line the united Nations disability policy, the CRPD and the National legislation. That can create a condition where PWDs may have roles and rights. And the DPOs may have involvement for the partnership which may lead really disability inclusion in Somalia. The allocation of the disability inclusion investment in line with CRPD is more than 10% in the programs

The government of Somalia the execution should prepare draft policies and allocate funds for the disability people. The NDA national disability Agency and the DPOs disabled people organization are working vast majority of the people and ground in Somalia regardless of blocks and borders. Legislation of Somali should have the development of laws and the oversight of the implementation of the laws made to protect the PWDs and the expenditure of disability inclusion programs.







SDN members Participated constitutional reform process and the formation of leadership in Somalia from the parliamentary and presidential. The panel discussion made one persons from the legislation and one person from the Somalis presidential office senior advisor of the president for the conviction former Senator of the 10th parliament the panelist presented one man one vote can give the PWDs great opportunity in the voters and political parts



SDN members Participation Human right meeting held in the united nation compound Mogadishu. The meeting was updated report for the member of the civil society organizations and cluster. The members made updated for the human rights and humanitarian work updates on the ground. SDN has presented the importance for the CRPD implementation and disability inclusion is the local programs supported by donors in the country.



SDN Participation CRPD shadow repro training held in Nairobi supported by the SCI with partner of the NAD the ToFi program Together for Inclusion. The participants learned the skills for writing the CRPD shadow report, the recruitment for writing, the time and the process with co-operation of the local DPOs and the PWDs. The participants were trained as ToT trainers of trainees. SDN will work this new year 2024 the training for hundreds PWDs and tens of DPOs access and informative the CRDP shadow report. SDN is making fund raising for this program with local and international partners.





### SDN governing body meetings

SDN Somali disability Network has board of directors and the assembly both of them meeting the board meeting are monthly. The assembly meeting three months of quarterly and the staff meeting is weekly. This is the procedure that SDN organs work each other with accountability. The network has unusual meeting for the both of the organs. In same case there is joint meeting the stakeholders the governing body the board of directors, the assembly and the staff which is retreat the is presented the overall achievement of each milestone in the calendar year.



SDN member and the chairperson of the disability taskforce participate national debate participated the federal government president. Mr. Dalamar Adow Moalin asked HH Mr. Hassan Sh Mohamud the president of Somalia where asked the exclusion of disability people in the political participation. HH Mr. Hassan sheikh Mohamud relied with thanks all of for your hard work and you have right for the political participation. Try to make unity of the local DPOs and make advocate every one is obliged to hear your demands.



Mr. Hajir is young with paraplegics living with his grandmother needs support for education and walking habilitation. SDN has worked him access of crutches and backup belt. The young boy is very much interested education as the children in the village.. he has walking problems that school are far and some of the not accessible. The roads are not safe to walk such this child. His parents are not able to send him school and medical support. SDN has made mobilization the family and recruited holly Quran school near by his home. The boys walks every day several hundreds meter to eat food from the teashop of his grandmother.

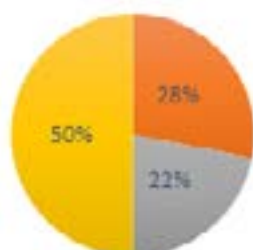


Polio is one of the main causes of disability for millions of people in the world and the diseases that causes vision impairment to millions of people in the world Cataract and age-related vision impairment through advocacy for the prevention and awareness to people access prevention support for their children and adult people in Somalia. A door-to-door competition with victim agents

## ANNUAL PROGRESS INFOGRAPHIC DATA DISAGGREGATE

Activities Name	No Activities	Beneficiaries		
		Male	Female	Total
Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5
1 ToFI program 2023	8	206	161	367
2 Somali Disability Forum	1	31	14	45
3 Inabke Prgr	1	37	13	50
4 CPRD Training Awaranes	4	155	65	220
5 SDN Member Organization works	5	349	181	530
		778	434	1212

**ToFI Program  
2023**



■ No Activities  
■ Beneficiaries Male  
■ Beneficiaries Female  
■ Beneficiaries Total

**Somali Disability  
Forum**



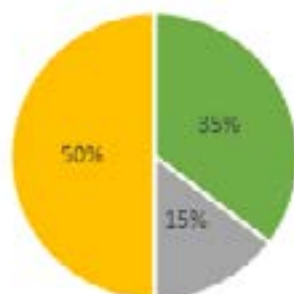
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■ Beneficiaries Total

**Accessible  
Technology  
Africa**



■ Beneficiaries Male  
■ Beneficiaries Female  
■ Beneficiaries Total

**CPRD Training  
Awaranes**



■ Beneficiaries Male  
■ Beneficiaries Female  
■ Beneficiaries Total

**SDN Member  
Organization  
works**



■ Beneficiaries Male  
■ Beneficiaries Female  
■ Beneficiaries Total

**Total SDN  
Program 2023**



## THE CLOSURE OF THE REPORT

We summarize here the gap and the problems identified in the process of the implementation of the SDN Somali Disability Network programs implementations in the calendar year 2023 from January to December twelve months. The recommendation is supportive of the solution of the problems underlined in the period of the implementation. The PWDs and DPOs work in an environment that is mostly not supportive and hospitable

## THE FINDINGS OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION

In the year 2023 SDN network has found a lot of obstacles in the implementation of disability work in Somalia.

**1**

The exclusion of the Partnership in the overall humanitarian aid programs of the DPOs in the decision-making and the implementation of the projects on the ground to ensure no one is left behind.

**2**

lack of qualified experts for disability inclusion in the recruitment of disability inclusion and overall donor programs in Somalia. Except non-disabled who may have personal and professional expertise in the issue

**3**

lack of implementation for the CRPD in Somalia a country that joined in August 2019 and spent millions of dollars did not make state reports and shadow reports that could present the status of the disability people process.

## THE RECOMMENDATION FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION

**1**

The PWDs should be organized, mobilized, and proactive to participate in the private and public work, programs, and systems in the country fill in the gape the requirement of staff, participation of education, and decision-making tables for inclusion advocacy and accountability of the actors in the inclusion issue.

**2**

The DPOs disabled people organizations should Strengthen and empower participation in the implementation of the disability inclusion programs. The advocacy for disability rights protection in Somalia. The participation of the decision-making organs. The mobilization of active coordination of the inclusion programs through information sharing, organizing consultation meetings and the engagement with donors access the partnership for grants.

**3**

The donors that support Somalia should have extensive cooperation and coordination works with DPOs to ensure the information sharing updates and the need assessments, mapping the DPOs, and the capacity building for the DPO's participation the list of eligible partners for the grants of the human rights, humanitarian aid, development, and state building in Somalia

**4**

The federal government and federal states should work on the disability inclusion program through the development of policies, census, strategic plans, and legislation. As well as national disability fund programs in the federal and state in Somalia. And ensure the establishment disability inclusion platform that organizes meetings with NDA and Ministries with PWDs and DPOs.