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1. Acronym

TOFI	Together for inclusion
GBV	Gender Based violence
PWDs	Person With Disabilities
AGM	Annual General Meeting
VAW	Violence against Women
IESA	Institute Electoral System
SDN	Somali Disability Network
SC	Sanco Centre For Disability
SCI	Save Children International
DDO	Dayah Disability Organization
UN SOM	United nation Somali mission
DPOs	Disabled People Organizations
HIDWO	Hidig Disability Women Organization
BYD	Banadir Disability Youth Organization
SAFDI	Somali Association Female Disabilities
IEDP	Institute of Education Disabled People
SOPDO	Somali Program Development Organization

2. Foreword

The chairperson of the Somalia Disability Network Assembly thanks to the all members of the SDN network with their commitments and cooperation for the establishment of the network and operational the first year. With joint work of the board and the assembly we have managed to pass over many problems and obstacles in front of us. The coordination of the day-to-day operation, communication of donors and beneficiaries and the implementation of the programs and project which most of the finished and some on going.

Assessment made the network and members organization proofed potential capacity and accountability to implement programs and project ad hoc the disability inclusion and other serving the non-disabled areas. Currently there over 35 organizations, institutions and centre under the control of the SDN network. Nearly one or two of them have partner supporting them. This is undeniable gap that Somalia humanitarian actors turn deaf and blind. Despite the huge money spend Somalia for the support of the vulnerable people including the PWDs.

As the chairperson of the assembly I appreciate the cooperation among the member organizations, the staff, the BoD and members in the assembly. Together we can shape more. Finally I thank to the all external partners who supported individual organization and the network. Mainly the save children international for the coordination of TOFI program that may lead us the next year full partner and ownership that SDN will move to reach all areas in the gap.

Mr. Omar Abdi Omar

Chairperson of SDN Assembly.

Chairperson Dayah Disability Organization

Deputy Somali National Disability Council



3. Summary

The first AGM for Somali Disability Network is organized On Wednesday 08 September 2021 for the network¹ since the establishment October 2020 12 months ago one year.² The meeting is participated by the representatives of the member organizations the DPOs the disabled people organization who made their role and presentations in the meeting for the work of the DPOs.³

The meeting is presided by the chairperson of the Assembly the top person of the main committee of the network the assembly. The chairperson thanked to the all participants of the meeting for their valuable time and role in the meeting. He made remarkable tribute to the members of the assembly and the board of the director the contribution of achieving the vision, mission and goals of the network.

The representative's organizations made their presentations, the objectives, goals and the achievement of individual organizational for the support the PWDs in the country in variety places and regions. The members have also presented challenges and barrier of the DPOs to achieve the target goals for the short time and the longer time. The members were both males and females committed the gender balance where the DPOs working the gender empowerment raised questions insuring equality among the organizations for the international and external opportunities.

The report cover the activities of the member organizations and the network with each organization role and achievement that demonstrates the capacity and the role of the DPOs in the service delivery and operational in the country. and the leadership of the network and the member DPOs. With qualified personals and consultant that lead the achievements of the common goals and objectives.

¹ <https://sdn.org.so/>

² <https://sdn.org.so/>

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The closure of the report details what DPOs are and the Somali Disability network has unique human resource that enable the achievement of the overall network goals. Professional qualified persons most of them from the PWDs with decades of experience in the disability and work coordination advocacy, project management, finances, community outreach, human right protection and humanitarian aid and development.

The recommendations made in the meeting include message to the stakeholders of the social and political in the country. Particular the parts engage the disability people advocacy and empowerment. The PWDs and DPOs scale up the role and strengthen their capacity as active and operational, the civil society and international donors should make inclusive for all their programs and work in the country. Somali government should play increased role support and the development of the PWDs and DPOs in the country.

The education has barriers in the infrastructures where schools and centres work private rented buildings and lack of special need education support funds makes the work very hard in many areas mainly the region and far rural areas in the countryside

The DPOs working this has made progress for the initiation of the activity with their resources training sewing machines, fabrication clothes, shoes and wood works. And computers skills and mobile phone repairs marketable job security skills that most beneficiaries are now employee or self-employed in many areas in the country.

The DPOs made individual strategic plans for humanitarian aid respond in the country for the help of the PWDs and members of their families in the disaster time and livelihood insecurity

As CRPD article 38 enforce partnership with DPOs. Big gap exist in the disability where partners has not made approach and cooperation with PWDs and DPOs beside lack disability strategy for the donor is a factor of problem. The network seeks any solution to address the gap in the disability in Somalia for the development.

4. Background

4.1 introductions

SDN Somali Disability Network AG annual general meeting is one of the meetings the network organizes. The AGM is held once every year and this is the first AGM held where the member organization participated. The chairperson of the Assembly presided the meeting jointly with the chairperson of the Board of the directors. The meeting is held every September the first one is held this year 2021 with full participations of the members of the network who made their role visible in the work coordination and presentations for the infidel organizations and the overall group's organizations.⁴

SDN has two organs the board of the directors who are the execution responsible the decisions of the day today operation and work coordination for the SDN and member organizations interest as well the target population of the network overall Somalia disability people. The board weekly, monthly, bimonthly and annual meeting to coordinate their work for the SDN network.⁵

SDN assembly is the highest organ of the network with the final decision making for the bigger for the network. The assembly make the legislation; pass the budget, and programs for the network. The assembly has several meeting monthly, quarterly and annual. The other meeting ad hoc meetings and unusual meeting organised by the chairperson with key members of the assembly. The assembly authorise decisions that affect the future of the network and the organization member the network.⁶

SDN AGM meeting is an opportunity for the new members who are interested to join as members. The network has several type memberships. The founders are the initial organizations who founded the network. Members are the members who joined the network to be part of the DPOs work coordination in the country. Honourable membership is an opportunity for individual with or without disability and organization from the civil society and international NGO can join as a member the network. September 2021 some new membership organizations and individuals were proposed that were considered very much and the Board of the directors and the assembly to pass.⁷ Some of the members presented changes in policies the finance, HR, procurement and strategic plans⁸

4.2 SDN network

SDN Somali Disability Network is a non-Profit and nonpartisan network established in 2020. By a group of Somali scholars, intellectuals and professionals most of them PWDs persons with disability rights activist and advocacy with decades of experience of work in Somalia and in the world with a vision of inclusive for all social and political in Somalia.

⁴ <https://somalisan.net/the-first-agm-of-somali-disability-network/>

⁵ SDN structure

⁶ SDN Somali Disability Network

⁷ SDN Somali Disability Network

⁸ SDN policies

SDN Somali Disability Network DPOs network standing the advocacy and the empowerment for the PWDs persons with disabilities in Somalia Who are large people in the population without voice and role. Through advocacy and awareness for the CRPD the convention rights persons with disabilities implementation in Somalia which may insure the inclusion and social protection.

SDN Somali Disability Network is working for the strengthening the DPOs disabled people organizations in Somalia. Members 15 and 20 member DPOs. Operational in the country. Mogadishu the capital city of Somalia and the federal member states' regional cities in the country. To be resourceful potential service deliverable, accountability, transparent and work coordination

SDN Somali Disability Network strategy, plan and goals are based upon the needs and the problems of the PWDs persons with disabilities in Somalia, an estimated of more than 15% or nearly 20% of the population nearly 3 million persons without voice, political participation and access of social and development program and service in Somalia

SDN Somali Disability Network works the coordination fundraising, research and reporting the day to day operations and work of the DPOs the disabled people organization in Somalia. The communication and partnership with local and international donors and the Somalia federal government social development programs.⁹

The network is serving the Somali disabled people who are largest minority in the community vulnerable without support and protection. A society without official national census put share 15% of international census.¹⁰ PWDs suffer discrimination in public and private services and institutions in the country that made them left behind the society. ¹¹ SDN made capacity injection for the member organization with support of donors¹²

Box: 1. National and International legitimise

Article 16. Somali Federal Provisional constitution always every citizen to establish public or private organization that serve national interest or join operational team.

Article 28. CRPD enforce social protection for the PWDs and member of their families

Article: 29. of CRPD participation of public and private life. (b) Sub article (i) allow the establishment of organization or groups for the PWDs

Article: 31. CRPD International Cooperation enforces inclusive for all programs and investment

⁹ SDN Somali Disability Network

¹⁰ <https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/sensory-functions-disability-and-rehabilitation/world-report-on-disability>

¹¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/disability-somalia>

¹² <https://somalisan.net/somali-disability-people-consultation-for-strategic-plan/>

5. Key speakers

The participants of the meeting have made presentations and discussions supporting the organizational SGM. These presentations were formal and non-formal speech. Here we have line the formal words made in the meeting details below.

- 5.1. **Mr. Abdullahi Hussein Osman** The chairperson board of directors opened the meeting and thanked to the all participants in the meeting with their tiles from the chairperson n other assembly and the members of the board of the directors and the assembly. We acknowledge the little achievements we have made in the last 12 months of existing Somali disability work. With little support from save children capacity building, the office equipment and way ward cooperation in the future through TOFI project the first serving the empowerment of the PWDs and DPOs in Banadir region.
- 5.2. **Mr. Omer Abdi Omer** chairperson of the Assembly with over 40 years' experience and learning disabilities presided the meeting and thanked the motivation and the commitments of the members of the network. The chairperson told the participants in the meeting. "nothing about us, without us". Somalia signed the convention rights of the PWDs which puts obligations and responsibilities to the civil society, the international community, the federal states and the federal government of Somalia from the protection. The network will work very hard to realise all these rights in the short time and the long time. We also stand a position to guide the overall legislation and policies of the network.
- 5.3. **Mr. Aden Hassan Ali** the deputy National Disability Council and Member of the SDN and the chairperson of the DPRDO organization. has presented long time advocacy for the disability people protection of human rights and promotion of the livelihood through legislations. And the overall awareness for the education and employment the children and youth with disabilities and members of their families.
- 5.4. **Mss. Amina Mohamed Dhurow** the deputy chair of the SDN thanked the participants in general and particularly the female representative in the meeting. We come to gather for annual meeting to share the assembly achievement in the first year of existence the network. So far there has been some gender protection work in the plan. I recommend to the members the extension of the women and girls organizations membership in the network. And allocation extra support for the beneficiaries. Women and young girls with disabilities count high number put invisible in the leadership and programs.
- 5.5. **Mr. Abdirahman Kulane** member the assembly thanked the participated for the meeting both organs of the SDN work coordination will be supportive our vision and mission. I personally recommend SDN give priority the visual impaired people support and protection. There are many people who take role in the education.

these need proper attention from the SDN to allocate extra program and project for visual impaired education the braille publication technology printers and assistive tools reading software.

5.6. Mr. Osman Mohamed Nur The energetic young disability persons with variety educational background and experiences inspires me hope for changes in the future. The elimination of all forms of barriers in the social, investment and political participation. The 365 days of the last year we have made member contribute that managed us to rent office, hire staff, pay the logistics of the works. Together we can breach the obstacles in front of us from the social, humanitarian aid, the development and political participation in Somalia. Unjustifiable punishment against the People with variety impairment in Somalia. So far there are more than 20 teachers most of the deaf training the children in the classes. Besides lack deaf curriculum and sign language in fundamental problems beyond our role.

5.7. Mrs. Nasro Farah Jamac The since the inception of the SDN we passed barriers and problems that stands in front of us. I thank all members and participants of this meeting with presentations made. The objectives and the goals of the network. We all are in one goals that is the development and empowerment of the PWDs social, economic and political. This can be reached unity for all potential people and organizations.

6. The Status of the member DPOs

The members participating the meeting made brief presentations in the round meeting for their individual organization role to the PWDs, DPOs and the network each groups has 5 minutes to make brief informative report the achievement, challenges and future work plans of their organizations or institutions.

6.1. IEDP Institute of Education For Disabled People national organization serving the education and development for the disabled people and members of their families. Conducted the last year CRPD advocacy with partner UNDP, production renewable face mask supported IRISE Hup. With distribution of four thousand PPE. The organization has conducted political participation for the PWDs training with partner the IESA . And CRPD advocacy and implementation training with partner UNSOM

6.2. Dayah Disability Organization is DPOs Based in Dharkenley district serving advocacy and humanitarian aid program. CRPD training workshop, distribute wet food for the Iftar break out and support. The organization supports the PWDs widely in the society. The organization has made women and men empowerment for human rights through training CRPD with support the SDC and UNSOM. The organization has made distribution PPE for the member and the beneficiaries of the organization centre with advocacy and awareness program that served more than one hundred persons from the all types of the disability people.

6.3. HIDWO Hidig Disability women organization is a non-profit DPOs disabled people organization based in Mogadishu the capital city of Somalia. The organization is established by group of females who work the protection of the disability women and girls social, economic, livelihood and development. The organization works GBV the protection disabled female in the IDP camps from VAW the violence against women. The organization supported groups of women the production of the local made charcoal with support the UN Habitat a livelihood program that served tens families and the informant safety

6.4. Somali Disability Youth Organization is a youth disability support and protection that service business counselling and entrepreneurship for the youth. The organization is also working the education support for the children youth in the primary, secondary and university level with cooperation of partner organisations. The last year alone the organization supported tens youth for education support and training entrepreneurship the youth with disabilities to be active in the educator and market places employment and self-employment. The organization worked with self-contribution from the charity and education institutions.

6.5. SAFDI Somali Association Female Disability is non-profit DPOs organization for the disabled women girls rights protection and development working in the country. the organization based in Mogadishu with liaison officers in the federal state regions. The organization worked GBV and VAW for the protection of the women and girls rights in the IDPs camps and the villages. The team has worked political predication where some of them announced the candidate for the

6.6.SDC Somali Disability Cluster is DPOs and PWDs work coordination forum based in Mogadishu the capital city of Somalia with member in the federal state regions. The cluster organize 20 meeting every year 12 monthly meeting, 4 quarterly meeting and 4 session for updated and essential matter arose or unusual meetings. The cluster has more than 25 DPOs members and individual members. The cluster took decade of campaign for the CRPD ratification and implementation in the country.

7. The Activities of the Network

Activities	Beneficiary	Implementer	Partner/Source fund	Date
CRPD awareness	50 persons	DDO	UN SOM/HRPG	2020
Covid19 advocacy and awards program	Publication mass people	SAFDI	UN SOM/HRPG	2020
Strengthening PWDs rights	180 Persons PWDs/SCOs	IEDP centre	UNDP/UN SOM Ministry of Women/H Right	2020-2021
TOFI program in Somalia	PWds/DPOs	SCI	Altas Alliance/NAD	2020 2021
Production and Distribution PPE	4,000 Persons IDPs	IEDP centre	IRISE hub/UNFPA	2021
Disabled Women Political participation	60 persons PWDs /CSOs	SAFDI	IESA	2021
Distribution of Braille books and pens	200 students	UDHAN	UDHAN	2021
Food aid distribution	300 PWDs	SOPDO	Islamic Relief	2021
Wheelchair Distribution	100	Sanca Centre	Tika/Turkish Embassy	2021
Deaf people education	300 students	SONAD	Concern	2021
Training vocational skills young PWDs	60 persons	IEDP Centre	Diyaar Institute	2021
Disability humanitarian report publication	All	Somali Disability Cluster	Mentor Somali	2021



7. Conclusion

SDN Somali Disability Network is an umbrella that consist of 15 full members and 20 members DPOs in the country most of them based Mogadishu the capital city of Somalia. The premier of the Somalia disability advocacy revolution where fleet of DPOs has been working activities the engagement with civil society, international donors and the federal Somalia government to insure the social protection and political participation of the PWDs in the federal states and federal government organs.

The decades struggle for the Somalia disabled people has led the achievement for the establishment of several bills protection the rights of the PWDs in the country. Some of the bill has been signed as law after the parliament passed the president signed into law. Most of this bill is still in draft in the hands of the ministry of the women and human rights. Still the groups of PWDs are working advocacy and whistle blow pointing finger to the civil society, donors and government organs that made mistake or deliberate violations or negligence the basic rights of the PWDs and DPOs in their obligations and responsibilities

The member DPOs in the SDN are with variety level, some with high capacity partners with donors, some micelle capacity that implemented local charity support program and some in nascent that has not implemented programs and project. The scale up initiative for the DPOs capacity strengthen is very important may provide the member DPOs strengthen their capacity to coordinate internal controls of their organizations and initiation of new program.

SDN network organizational offices structure with assembly, board of directors and the executive with unique role for each line. Similarly the member DPOs has variety structured serving the objectives and the goals of the network. The network and member organizations have unique human resource that enable the achievement of the overall network goals and individual organization goals in the sort time and the long time. Professional qualified persons most of them from the PWDs with decades of experience in the disability and work coordination

advocacy, project management, finances, community outreach, human right protection and humanitarian aid and development.

SDN member organization work on the ground in the country providing service the PWDs in the education formal and non-formal for the physical, deaf and blind children and adult. The member DPOs work needs support and partnership, where major program and project are initiated and implemented the DPOs as volunteer with their resource Money, Skills and commitments. The education has barriers in the infrastructures where schools and centres work private rented buildings and lack of special need education support funds makes the work very hard in many areas mainly the region and far rural areas in the countryside

SDN member DPOs work include vocational skills training for the adult and youth PWDs who have not received formal education. The DPOs working this has made progress for the initiation of the activity with their resources training sewing machines, fabrication clothes, shoes and wood works. And computers skills and mobile phone repairs marketable job security skills that most beneficiaries are now employee or self-employed in many areas in the country.

SDN member DPOs work the humanitarian aid for the PWDs in the IDP camps and villages in Mogadishu. The programs and projects are processed with support of local charity people and the contributions collected from the member of the organization and friend in public fund raising mainly schools, universities and mosques. The DPOs made individual strategic plans for humanitarian aid respond in the country for the help of the PWDs and members of their families in the disaster time and livelihood insecurity

SDN assembly members in the meeting realised that progress is made in the network and the DPOs that need to be extended external partners who can support and invest the valuable works of the DPOs and SDN network. The participants suggested capacity injection for the member DPOs the project Management. Proposal Writing and Fundraising This can solve the gap in the partnership for the individual organizations member the network.

SDN member thanks the donors support large number of NGOs and government organs with variety programs and project. The investment, humanitarian, development and governance. The PWDs are very much interested to benefit these programs directly as partners and indirectly as beneficiaries. As CRPD article 38 enforce partnership with DPOs. Big gap exist in the disability where partners has not made approach and cooperation with PWDs and DPOs beside lack disability strategy for the donor is a factor of problem. The network seeks any solution to address the gap in the disability in Somalia for the development.



9. Way forward and Recommendations

The recommendations made in the meeting include the following that send message to the stakeholders of the social work in the country. Particular the part engage the disability people advocacy and empowerment. The PWDs and DPOs scale up the role and strengthen their capacity as active and operational, the civil society and international donors should make inclusive for all their programs and work in the country. Somali government should play increased role support and the development of the PWDs and DPOs in the country.

9.1 Recommendation to the PWDs and DPOs

- The PWDs are encouraged to grab education opportunities for the gap for the knowledge among them which has been an obstacle for decades where actors point the weakness of the disability people rather than the strengthen area. This will help them fill in the public and private employment opportunities with protection from the CRPD obligations.
- The DPOs should fill in the gap internal in the organizational capacity and requirement specifically the official registration, qualified staff, technical managerial documents, operation by laws and financial audit or management system which are key elements an organization can play role in the civil society and with partnership the donors spending millions dollar worth humanitarian aid development program.

9.2 Recommendation to the Civil Society Organizations

- All The civil society networks and consortiums should be inclusive for with members from the DPOs and PWDs among them. Regarding the CRPD ratification Somalia 2019 which puts those huge obligations the inclusion of the PWDs and in their works the project, program and organizational decision making tables. Exclusion of the PWDs and DPOs in their work may contribute the gap and discriminations again the PWDs and DPOs

- All program and project of the civil society organizations should be prepared inclusive for in the invitation, planning, implementation and closure. These will contribute cohesive work and supportive program and project that may contribute the solution of the intended objectives and goals. Social protection is fundamental rights of ever cozen to benefit the humanitarian and the development programs in the country

9.3 Recommendation to the International Community

- all donors Working Somali the development, humanitarian aid, human rights and state building should focus the gape on the ground and insure the inclusion of their partners members from the DPOs and the bonfires individuals or groups from the PWDs. And adopt mainstreaming disability system or portal in their working manuals and programs.
- All donors should try to insure to make supportive their fund and donation to the best benefit of the PWDs in the investments of the micro, macro finance and infrastructure building in the country.



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