

# An Untapped Potential

How disability inclusive is the Dutch development sector? Steps taken since the ratification of UN CRPD.



## Key findings:

Development programmes do not structurally take into account the rights of people with disabilities, e.g. criteria and indicators are lacking.

Less than 2% of the total Dutch budget for Official Development Assistance (ODA) is spent on disability inclusive programmes.

No systemic incentives to report on progress regarding disability inclusion.

## 9 RECOMMENDATIONS

**1.** Develop and disseminate a government **memo with points of action** for the implementation of article 32

**3.** Systematically **monitor** the progress of disability inclusion by adopting the OECD DAC marker

**4.** Enhance **capacity** on disability inclusion, in terms of human resources, knowledge and funding, at the Dutch government

**5. Facilitate empowerment and participation:** make sure all programmes are inclusive throughout all stages and support targeted programmes as well

**4.** Embed programmes in the **local context** by involving local disability organizations

**6.** Adopt an **intersectional lens** to address the multiple layers of exclusion

**7.** Become **internationally engaged** to learn and cooperate on disability inclusion globally

**8.** Realize the **economic gains** of disability inclusion

**9. Learn by doing. Start doing the work!**

Download the report here:



UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Ratified by the Netherlands in 2016

OECD-DAC disability marker

A tool for donor countries to track their progress on disability inclusion

CRPD article 32

Obligation for disability inclusion in international cooperation and development programmes

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