

Annual Report 2019



Looking back on 2019....

One of our highlights in 2019 was a meeting with Minister Kaag, in which she stated her commitment to enhance disability inclusion through the policies and programmes of the Ministry of Trade and Development Cooperation. Although we are still far from having disability inclusion mainstreamed, there have been encouraging results in the area of humanitarian aid. Besides humanitarian aid, the Minister promised to prioritize inclusion of children and youth with disabilities in education. From 2020, we will have meetings with the Ministry at least twice a year to discuss progress.

Instrumental in raising awareness on the need for disability inclusion was the launch of the report “An Untapped Potential: How disability inclusive is the Dutch development sector?” The report shows where the gaps are, but it also provides some good practices that can show the way. Outcomes of this study were shared widely within the Dutch development sector. The report also gave input to the shadow report on the UN CRPD, submitted by the Dutch disability movement to the UN.

These results, and many other activities, were possible because of the energetic collaboration among our members, participants to our learning sessions, and our wonderful team under the guidance of Lieke and Ieke. Thank you for all the work done, and the enthusiasm brought to DCDD!

Gerrit de Vries, Chair

Lobby

Ministry

Throughout the year we kept in touch with various departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Highlights were the meeting with Minister Kaag and the hand-over of our report ‘An Untapped Potential’. Another important milestone was the letter sent by the Minister to Parliament mid-2019, in response to

questions raised by parliamentarians in 2018. The letter outlines through which programmes the Ministry contributes to disability inclusive development.

The new humanitarian aid policy of the Ministry, called ‘People First’, explicitly mentions the need for disability inclusive emergency responses. Also, the new funding framework ‘Power of Voices’ emphasizes the need for programme proposals to include marginalized groups, such as people with disabilities.

Finally, the increased support by Minister Kaag towards ‘mental health and psychosocial support’ is also good news for persons with disabilities. Several DCDD members contributed to the ministerial conference held on this topic in October.



Parliament

DCDD continued a positive collaboration with several Members of Parliament, who feel committed to the topic of disability inclusion. One of the highlights was a motion that was adopted, which requested the Ministry to initiate a dialogue with humanitarian aid agencies (the Dutch Relief Alliance) on how to ensure disability inclusion. This dialogue took place, together with DCDD, at the end of the year and will receive concrete follow-up in 2020 (in the form of training etc).

Partners of the Liliane Foundation had the privilege to share their experiences with representatives of the Christian Democrat Party, and to learn about democratic processes in The Netherlands.

Precious, a young lady who is blind and lives in a conflict-zone in Cameroon, had the chance to share her story as well, giving a lot of insight in the extra day-to-day barriers she and other young people with disabilities face in times of conflict.



MP Anne Kuik (CDA) with partners of the Liliane Foundation.



MP Isabelle Diks (GroenLinks) with Precious from Cameroon.

Linking and Learning

Learning event

We organised three learning events. In the first learning event members exchanged experiences from various lobby and advocacy projects. In the second session we had a special guest from India (with the Leprosy Mission) and in the third session (with Light for the World) we critically examined the question: 'how inclusive are we ourselves?'



New study

We launched a new study together with The Broker: "An Untapped Potential: How disability inclusive is the Dutch development sector?" It examines the steps that various stakeholders have taken to implement UNCRPD article 32, since the UNCRPD was ratified by The Netherlands in 2016. The report by The Broker was well received by the Ministry as well as by Partos. It was also used as input for the 'shadow report' that was submitted by Dutch Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs) to the UN-CRPD Committee.

Summaries of the report have been made available in various accessible formats (infographic, sign language video and easy-read). These were distributed among Dutch OPDs at the 'Gelijk=Gelijk' conference on December 3rd as well as via social media.



Thank you @NLcivilsociety for a good meeting on disability inclusive development today! Mr Tuinstra received report #UntappedPotential from @yetnebersh_lftw, on behalf of @KittyvdHeijden. We look forward to taking further steps together!

Full report: bit.ly/2IIsXr

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Conferences & events

We made ourselves heard and seen at the Partos Innovation Festival “All Inclusive”, by organising a workshop on target group-led advocacy together with Liliane Foundation, launching our report “An Untapped Potential”, and having Ethiopian activist Yetnebersh Nigussie from Light for the World as a keynote speaker.

DCDD was invited by Movies That Matter to give an expert introduction to the film ‘Yomedinne’, an Egyptian road movie about the adventurous journey of Beshay, who contracted leprosy at a young age, and decides to search for his family, who abandoned him as a child.

Several DCDD members contributed to the ministerial conference on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Contexts, held in October.

Small Grants

This year, we have awarded ‘Small Grants’ to our members for the first time. Seven applicants were invited to pitch their projects in front of an independent jury who chose four initiatives that received €4.000 each. Dorcas, Tunafasi, Liliane Foundation and SOFT tulip are the well-deserved grantees.



Voices for Inclusion project

The project ‘Voices for Inclusion’ got off to a great start, in collaboration with Liliane Foundation, Voice, and the African Studies Centre. The project focuses on learning between different types of marginalised groups in several African and Asian countries to find out if collaboration between these groups can lead towards more effective influencing of policy and practices. In 2020, various participants will come together in The Netherlands to exchange lessons learned.

Working groups

Members exchanged information and updates via two working groups: Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Humanitarian Aid & Disaster Risk Management.

New website

We’ve worked hard on a new and accessible website. Check it out at www.dcdd.nl!

Partnerships

DCDD has participated actively in meetings of the Leave No One Behind Platform (Partos The Spindle) and has been a member to the Share-Net Netherlands Network on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). We collaborated with Partos, WO=MEN, COC and KROS for effective lobby and advocacy. We’ve also connected with new partners for collaboration, such as Rethinking Disability, and several private initiatives.

Participants

We’re very happy with the new experts that have joined the DCDD network in 2019! We’re looking forward to further collaboration with our new participants:

- Anne Kuijs
- Betteke de Gaay Fortman
- Marjolein Baltussen
- Merel Schreurs
- Rima Irmayani

Yet we had to say goodbye to one of our valuable participants: HealthWorks. Wishing them all the best!

In April and November 2019, all participants of DCDD gathered during the General Assemblies we held to share knowledge and discuss lobby strategy, campaigning and further plans.

Organisation

DCDD is coordinated by Lieke Scheewe (0,4 fte) and Ieke van Lammeren (0,4 fte). The treasurer of our board, Betteke de Gaay Fortman, stepped down in 2019 after eight years of service. Eric Bloemkolk joined as a new member of the board. Steven Berdenis van Berlekom, who already was a sitting board member, took over the responsibility of treasurer. The board and coordinators of DCDD came together 8 times for a board meeting.

Budget & expenses 2019

Income

Contribution core members	58.075
Contribution other members	14.600
Own contribution (result 2018)	21.239
Total	93.914

Expenses

Employees	55.280
UNCRPD research, projects, meetings	38.634
Total	93.914

For a more in-depth overview of the expenses of 2019, please see DCDD's Financial Statement of 2019.

Plans for 2020

DCDD's focus for 2020 will be:

- Lobby towards, and collaborate with, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and other Dutch development actors. Mainly with regards to the implementation of CRPD article 32 in the areas of humanitarian aid, education, data and monitoring.
- Facilitation of the exchange of knowledge and expertise, especially on the topics of disability inclusion in humanitarian aid, education, data and monitoring. We aim to publish brief guidance notes for practitioners on these three topics.
- 2020 is bound to be a joyful year as DCDD will be celebrating its 20th birthday!

Want to know more about the Annual Plan 2020? Send us an email at dcdd@dcdd.nl

Coordination team



Ieke van Lammeren (junior lobby & network coordinator) on the left and Lieke Scheewe (coordinator & policy advisor) on the right.

And finally, a big thank you to our interns and volunteers!

Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development

Platform for lobby, linking and learning on disability inclusion in international cooperation

