

Annual Report 2022



Looking back

DCDD values innovation and practices what it preaches. In 2022, the two of us have been appointed as co-chairmen. We love to broaden and practice our personal and professional experiences from both the development cooperation sector and the target group.

We are impressed by the efforts of DCDD, run by a few part-timers in an unruly world. A world that is not automatically open to inclusion for people with disabilities. Demanding attention is still very much needed. This annual report describes an impressive number of activities that have been carried out by staff passionately committed to people with disabilities and to the mission of disability inclusion worldwide.

The entire board is characterised by the same passion for this target group and an ambition to enable DCDD attaining the position it deserves in a complex and ever-changing organisational landscape. This passion and ambition is also evident amongst the many participants in the DCDD network.

We are proud to present our activities and results from 2022 through this annual report. In the coming years, we will continue to make any effort possible to improve the position of people with disabilities in many countries.

*Siebrand Wierda and Simon Henk Luimstra
Co-Chairs*

Lobby & Advocacy

In 2022 a new Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation was appointed, after an extraordinarily long process of negotiations to form a new government coalition (following elections in 2021). Political tensions continue to fuel global crises, in the aftermath of covid-lockdowns and with the onset of the war in Ukraine. Despite the political uncertainties, DCDD's joint lobby and advocacy efforts contributed to the following developments at policy level:

Disability inclusion and 'leave no one behind' are mentioned in the new policy note for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation: "[Doing what the Netherlands is good at](#)". Prior to the publication of this new policy, DCDD was invited to join the roundtable of WO=MEN and Partos with Minister Schreinemacher, where DCDD gave a [pitch on inclusion](#).



A letter to Parliament provides an annual [overview](#) of programmes through which people with disabilities receive support.

The [Civic Space Fund](#) (formerly known as Accountability Fund) at Dutch embassies was increased and is open again to applications from local organisations of people with disabilities .

A [commitment](#) was made by the Minister to have a dialogue with embassies and the Dutch Relief Alliance on how local organisations of marginalised groups can receive better access to (financial) support in humanitarian crisis situations. This was followed by a [motion](#) for an investigation into direct funding for community based organisations. We are following up on these commitments together with the WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform.

Another [motion](#) calls for inclusion of youth with disabilities in Nexus skills-employment projects. We are following up on this together with PerspActive, a Dutch NGO network on youth employment.

Questions around disability inclusiveness of international cooperation (CRPD art. 32) are included in the [List of Issues](#) of the CRPD committee, which the Dutch government has

answered. We collaborate with the Dutch umbrella organisation of persons with a disability - *leder(in)* - to continue to provide input regarding article 32 and 11 of the Convention. Unfortunately the review process is delayed due to limited capacity at the UN; the UN CRPD committee will publish concluding remarks and recommendations in 2024.

The Dutch government announced that it will adopt a Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) in 2023. DCDD was invited for a consultation on this by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and we feel supported by the fact that the FFP, as proposed in the [letter to the House of Representatives](#), takes Article 1 from the Constitution as its starting point, addressing equality and non-discrimination *for all*. This could provide opportunities for stronger approaches to disability mainstreaming in the future.

We Are Able! programme

The [We Are Able! programme](#), which focuses on amplifying voices of persons with disabilities for improved **access to food and basic resources**, continued steadily in its second year. This advocacy programme is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. It takes place in six African countries, is led by ZOA, and includes the African Disability Forum, The Leprosy Mission, SeeYou Foundation, The Hague Academy, VNG International and *leder(in)*. DCDD has been subcontracted to lead the lobby efforts that take place within The Netherlands.

DCDD started a series of *Power of Disability Inclusion* learning sessions, in which the Ministry as well as their NGO partners consistently participate. With over 10 consortia joining, the first exchange session on the '[Power of Disability Inclusion](#)' series was a big success. For our second exchange session on '[Disability Inclusive Grantmaking](#)' we had 12 consortia participating. Our third exchange session on '[Disability Inclusion at Organisational Level](#)' was held live in The Hague. The fourth exchange session was on Sexual and gender diversity, intersex rights and disability justice. To ensure a safe space for all participants this was a closed session. And last but certainly not least, in Uganda we organised a [Kick-off training session](#) of a 3-year 'Power of Disability Inclusion' trajectory, through which Uganda-based civil society partners of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs will receive hands-on technical support on disability mainstreaming in their programmes and organisations.



When we started the *Power of Disability Inclusion* sessions, we did not know how much interest there would be among Dutch NGOs and their partners to have a regular exchange regarding disability inclusive practices. We feel encouraged by the fact that over 140 people have signed up for the sessions (and corresponding mailing list), and to see that the interest continues to expand.

In addition, various Parliamentarians have adopted the 'inclusive' Sustainable Development Goals that we support through the *We Are Able!* programme (SDG 2 'zero hunger' and SDG 10 'reducing inequalities'). In order to emphasize the need for an inclusive implementation of the SDGs, DCDD has added sign language and braille to the SDG plates that are handed over to the Parliamentarians.

 DCDD @dcdd_nl · 17 Feb
Gefeliciteerd @Ahammelburg met de adoptie van #SDGs 5, 10 en 17 - inclusief gebarentaal en braille! De inclusieve implementatie van de SDGs zal bij jou in goede handen zijn 🙌 #LeaveNoOneBehind



Linking & Learning

Quick Guides

We launched **two new Quick Guides**. The 'quick guides' contain basic information, practical tips and tools for programme coordinators who want to know how and where to start with disability inclusion. The Quick Guide on [Disability Inclusive Programme Monitoring](#) was launched during a webinar hosted together with Partos; 120 people participated and over 250 people requested the guide. Several DCDD participants and external experts provided input during the development of the guide, as well as during the launch (e.g. The Leprosy Mission Ethiopia was part of the panel discussion). The Quick Guide on [Disability Inclusive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights \(SRHR\)](#) was launched together with Share-Net. The event featured a panel of disability inclusion advocates; around 100 people participated. The Liliane Foundation was highly involved in developing this guide and several other DCDD participants and external experts also provided input. DCDD participant Paulien Buijn (*Into Inclusion*) guided the development process for both guides.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Discussions around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at organisational level are gaining traction among Dutch NGOs. In 2022, DCDD contributed to the co-creation of a [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\) trajectory](#) that is being facilitated by the NGO network Partos. DCDD will provide a disability perspective in the various sessions taking place in 2023.

Family Power

DCDD continued to support the [Family Power](#) initiative, in which several DCDD participants are active, in order to strengthen community and family-based approaches to the inclusion of children with disabilities. DCDD has facilitated connections, shared resources and promoted the initiative on social media. This year, a [meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) took place and a [mutual learning programme](#) was launched.

Participants

In 2022, we welcomed **five new participants** to the DCDD network! At the end of the year, the DCDD network consisted of a total of 17 individual participants and 13 participating organisations.

In April, DCDD organised a Network Meeting on [Digital Solutions for Disability Inclusion](#) in Utrecht, with around 30 participants. Three speakers highlighted inspiring examples of how digital technology can support greater inclusion of persons with disabilities in society.



Organisation

DCDD was coordinated by Lieke Scheewe (0,6 fte), Ieke van Lammeren (0,2 fte) and Angela Frings (0,3 fte). The team had the privilege of getting support from in total three interns/volunteers, who mostly worked on our social media and our [latest and most accessible website yet](#). We said goodbye to our board chair and one of four board members, but welcomed two new co-chairs and another new board member. The board and coordinators of DCDD came together 3 times for a board meeting. Also one

strategy session with the board members took place.



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Budget & expenses 2022

DCDD's core activities

Income	
Contribution core participants	57.575
Contribution other participants	13.045
Subtotal income	70.620
Expenses	
Employees	59.274
Activities, events & publications	10.927
Subtotal expenses	70.201
TOTAL	419

We Are Able!

Income	57.874
Expenses	57.874
TOTAL	-

For a more in-depth overview of the expenses of 2022, please see DCDD's Financial Statement of 2022.

Plans for 2023

In 2023 we will follow up on the opportunities that the Feminist Foreign Policy provides, as well as the two motions that were adopted in Parliament. In addition, we are excited to strengthen our engagement with a wide variety of Dutch NGOs through the Power of Disability Inclusion sessions and the Partos DEI trajectory. Together we can make disability inclusion happen!

Want to know more about the Annual Plan 2023? Send us an email at dcdd@dcdd.nl.

Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development

the platform for lobby, linking and learning on disability inclusive development



Enablement



Leprazending
Haroldt Levens



Dorcas



Sightsavers



see you
including everybody



including everybody



16 individual participants