

# Global Forum on the COVID-19 crisis and persons with disabilities

**Building back better towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable world for all**

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# World Institute on Disability



The **World Institute on Disability (WID)** was established in 1983 as **one of the first global disability rights organizations founded and continually led by people with disabilities**. WID works to advance the rights and opportunities of over 1 billion people with disabilities worldwide, bringing research and policy into action and operationalizing inclusion.

WID's work centers around Accessibility Solutions; Excellence in Disability Inclusive Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Climate Resilience; and Digital Tools for Optimizing Community Living and Employment;

# Global Town Hall Meetings: Disability, Disaster & COVID 19

## Town Hall Meetings

May 7, 2020

- 350 registered
- 22 countries

June 4, 2020

- 283 registered
- 25 countries


**SAVE THE DATE:**

**August 13, 2020: Global Twitter Chat**

**August 27, 2020: Global Town Hall**

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## Global Disability + Disaster Town Hall: Session 2



We asked you to share your COVID-19 experiences - we're listening:

We brought together people with disabilities leading their communities in COVID-19 response to discuss their experiences and needs. We see an overwhelming need for continued conversations about the global need for disability leadership in disaster response.

### What have we learned?

Do you believe that disability-led organizations are left out of traditional disaster relief funding?

Yes	64%
Sometimes	36%
No	0%

During the COVID-19 pandemic, do disability-led organizations have what they need to serve their local communities?

No	51%
Sometimes	47%
Yes	2%

Would you find it useful to continue participating in discussions for disaster relief funding for disability-led organizations?

Yes	98%
No	2%


**We're bringing disability leaders and trusted allies together in disasters to disrupt exclusion and accelerate radical inclusion.**

Thursday, June 4  
1 - 2:30 PM EST

International Sign +  
Captioning in English

Register  
Sign up to speak

This webinar will serve as a community forum for sharing and storytelling as we, the global disability community, reframe the debate on disability inclusion in disaster planning, response, recovery, and mitigation. Please sign up to speak via our speaker sign up form - we will be prioritizing voices from diverse locations, multiply-marginalized people with disabilities, disability-led organizations, and those who did not speak at our last session.

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# Town Hall Poll Results

According to our Town Hall surveys with 633 registered from 29 countries:

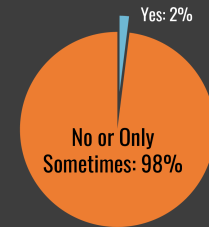
**98% responded** during this COVID-19 pandemic, disability-led organizations do NOT have what they need to serve their communities;

**100% believe** disability-led organizations definitely or sometimes are left out of disaster relief funding from foundations, corporations and government;

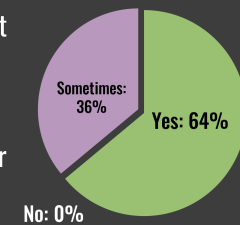
**96% reported** these Town Halls would be useful to participate in disability disaster relief funding discussions;

**93% reported** they would like to be a part of an alliance between disability-led organizations and funders that could accelerate resources

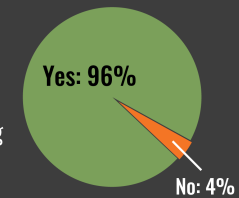
During this pandemic, do disability-led organizations have the resources they need to serve their local communities?



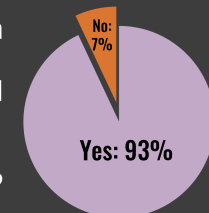
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# Town Hall Poll on Resources

## What resources are most needed to support disability-led organizations to respond to COVID-19 and disasters?

- Funding/monetary assistance: 93%
- Disability equipment or services: 73%
- Training preparedness, capacity building, bias, rights: 71%
- Personal Protective Equipment: 69%
- Personal Care Attendant Services: 60%
- Technical Assistance for Remote Work: 53%
- Legal Assistance: 47%
- Communication or equipment for remote work: 40%

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Rental Assistance: 47%

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# Global Alliance for Disaster Resource Acceleration

Bringing disability leaders and trusted allies together in disasters to disrupt exclusion and accelerate radical inclusion.



# Launch



July 7, 2020



# Founder's Circle Members



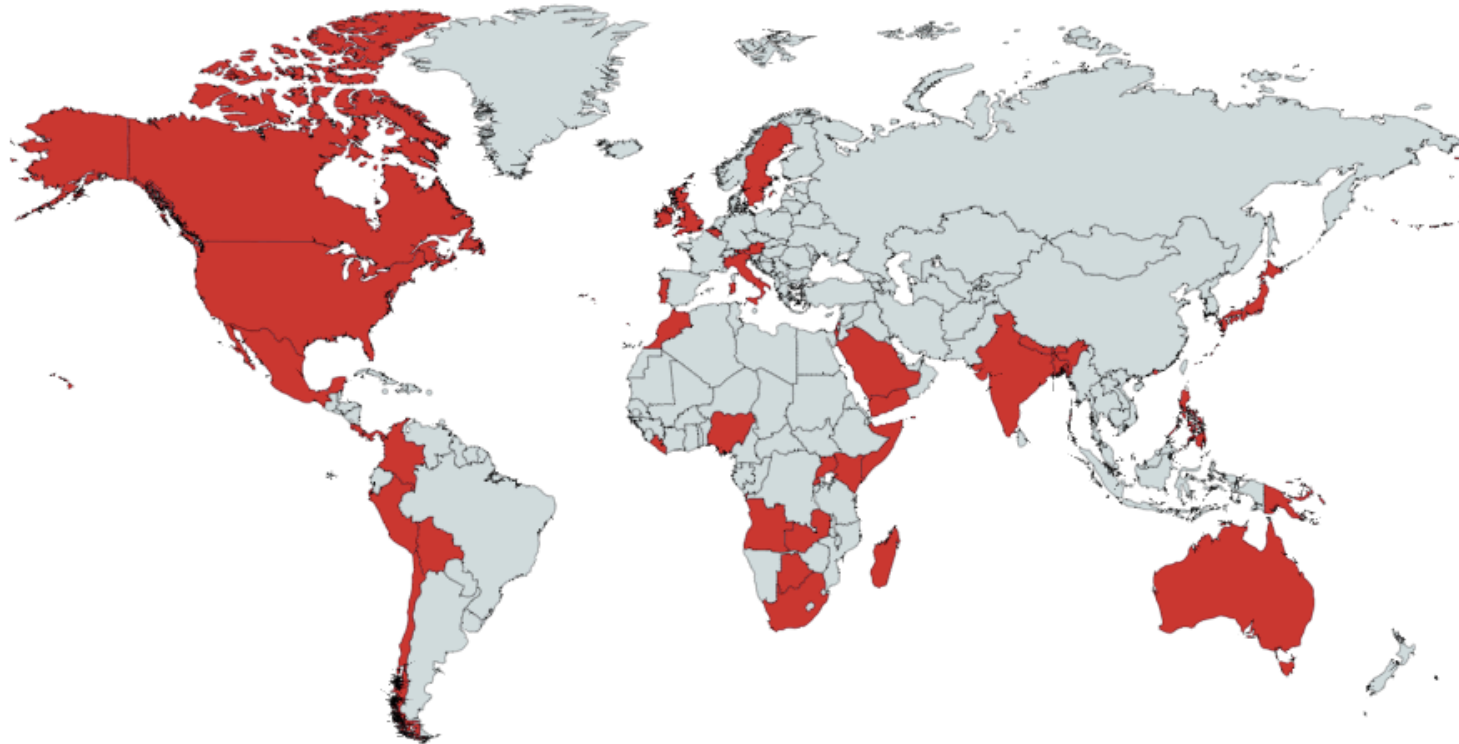
**DAWN** Differently-Abled  
Workplace Network





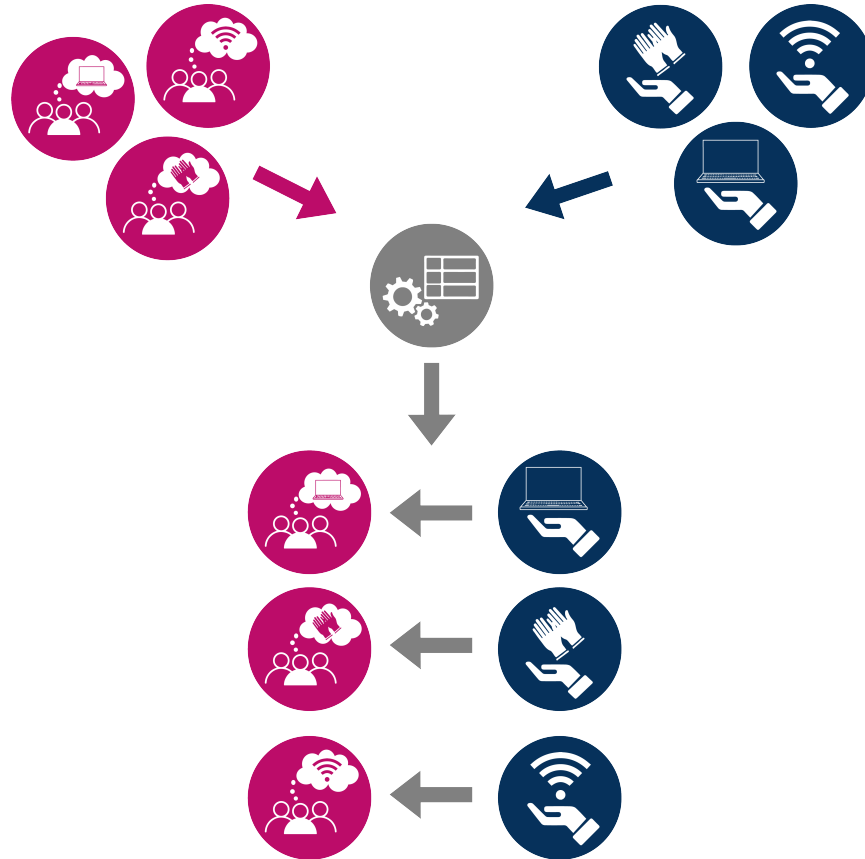
# Global Participation

**838 Registrants 47 Countries 6 Continents**



# What We Do








**Disrupt Exclusion**  
We connect with disaster impacted disability-led organizations (DPOs/OPDs) usually excluded from disaster and humanitarian relief



## Accelerate Radical Inclusion

We bring disaster-impacted DPOs/OPDs together with disability-inclusive corporations and foundations with resources to share to improve community-wide disaster outcomes

# Building a Sustainable System

-  **Engage** regional, national, and global disability-led organizations to jointly identify and meet needs of people, organizations and communities impacted by disasters.
-  **Identify** corporate & foundation disability inclusive diversity priorities that align with disability-led organization needs, including lifting up and centering the needs of multiply marginalized disabled people.
-  **Establish** a “Founders Circle” of disability-inclusive corporations, foundations, and disability-led orgs.
-  **Engineer** connections using a Communications Gearbox to connect communities, accelerate solutions, measure outcomes, and promote results.
-  **Match** corporate and foundation resources with disability-led organizations to meet critical needs.
-  **Shatter** myths that people with disabilities are vulnerable, expendable, and a liability in disasters.
-  **Build** the Alliance, innovate, optimize technology, accelerate solutions & prepare for the next disaster.

# Connect With Us!

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DISASTER RESOURCE  
ACCELERATION**

**Questions? Comments? Ready to Join Us?**

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