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The Impact of COVID-19 and inclusion of women with disabilities - context of 2030 Agenda

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We are not on track in achieving the 2030 Agenda.

The pandemic further exposed how the state has failed to protect people's rights and to deliver peoples' needs, including access to quality public healthcare and universal social protection.

The shortfalls contextualized in the current crisis being lived by the people with disabilities,

- public health crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- severe wealth inequality;
- environmental and climate crisis

Risk Faced by Persons with Disabilities in #COVID19 COVID-19 pandemic

10-15% of total population are persons with disabilities, 50% of them are women with disabilities, 80% living in rural areas.

- Persons with disabilities are known to be at increased risk in the COVID-19 pandemic due to the **need for close contact with personal assistants/caregivers,**
- **Risks of increased stigma on the basis of disability**
- **Increased food insecurity, loss of support mechanisms and protection concerns negatively affect physical and psychological wellbeing.**

DPOs position on entry points

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While progress has been made towards ending poverty, a significant number of world's extreme poor are still living in South Asia, which means the progress we are making is insufficient. Current global and national economic models are rigged against women and marginalised groups. Over 60 percent of the Asia-Pacific people lack access to social protection.

Governments need to ensure the full realization of women's human rights, by revoking all gender discriminatory legislation, policies and practices that contribute to gender inequalities.

Governments need to ensure clear financing strategies, and financial resources needed to achieve the SDG targets on human wellbeing and capabilities are in place,

Concern the shrinking space for civil society engagement at national, regional, and global levels, specially DPOs

Finally ensuring availability of reliable data to effectively measure progress towards the SDGs, is crucial.

Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Women and girls with and without disabilities are more likely to face increased risk of GBV, including sexual exploitation and abuse (particularly domestic violence), due to confinement and/or a shift in roles and responsibilities.



Sustainable and Just Economies

The COVID-19 global pandemic further exposes the unsustainability and unjustness of economies at the mercy of profit-seeking corporations,

We need solutions that foster structural change for sustainable development, promote international cooperation and solidarity that lead to urgent measures to protect people's rights. In the long run, the world must never return to "business as usual."

Laws, policies, and other initiatives related to sustainable employment

Provide assistance in emergencies for leaders with disabilities who are the human rights defenders, change agents.

Guarantee meaningful CSO participation in decision-making, creation, and implementation of public policies.

Strengthen networking

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APWWDU – ASIA PACIFIC WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES NETWORK

INCHEON STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

APFSD – ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

APRCM – ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL MECHANISM OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

Decade of Action

We only have 10 years left in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, actions towards sustainable development

Acceleration will only happen if governments are pressured into acting quickly and decisively towards transformation.

It will only happen if systemic barriers are addressed

Civil societies, peoples and feminists movements, grassroots communities - including among those, are the volunteers - are the true means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The peoples of Asia Pacific have the answers on how to accelerate transformation towards sustainable development.

All over the region, grassroots communities are coming up with solutions for example: Creating Task Force, Peer Support Group



THANK YOU!

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