

Disability Inclusion in COVID-19 Funding Checklist

15% of the population or 1 billion persons with disabilities in the world are among the hardest hit by COVID-19. Ensuring inclusion of persons with disabilities in the COVID-19 response and recovery is crucial to the implementation of the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its commitment to leaving no one behind.

This checklist, which is aimed at COVID-19 funding mechanisms and UN Country Teams (UNCTs) which are mobilizing and accessing funding, sets out key considerations to ensure funding and investment on COVID-19 response and recovery is inclusive of persons with disabilities.

- **Commitment at leadership level**
 - Showcase the executive leadership commitment to include persons with disabilities in the Covid-19 funding.
 - Advocate for and leverage disability inclusion in your interaction with governments and other relevant stakeholders.
- **Combining mainstreaming and targeting**
 - Make disability inclusion a requirement for all grants to be provided.
 - Provide grants directly targeting persons with disabilities and their organizations. This could be done through a separate call/window.
- **Consult and involve persons with disabilities**
 - Engage with representative organizations of persons with disabilities to ensure disability inclusion in the selection of grants as well as in the implementation of funded initiatives.
- **Accessibility of information and outreach to persons with disabilities**
 - Make sure that the website and information materials and tools are accessible for all persons with disabilities.
 - Ensure that persons with disabilities and their organizations get the information as well as refer to and use the information produced by OPDs.
- **Raise awareness and provide capacity on disability inclusion to staff and grantees**
 - Raise awareness among your staff and grantees about the need to include persons with disabilities.
 - Provide capacity and training on disability inclusion to your staff and grantees.
 - Provide resources and concrete guidance on how to include persons with disabilities in different types of activities that the fund is likely to finance.
 - Invest in outreach to organizations of persons with disabilities. For example, offer a helpline through which grantees can seek guidance on disability inclusion.
- **Intersectionality and groups in heightened risk of exclusion**
 - Ensure gender equality in all disability targeted interventions.

- Pay particular attention to persons with disabilities who because of their impairment or other status are even more likely to be excluded in the response to the crisis such as persons with psychosocial disabilities, Deaf Blindness, intellectual disabilities etc.
- **Accountability, reporting and measurement**
 - Make disability inclusion an element of the fund's impact measurement and reporting.
 - When collecting data, promote disability-disaggregated data.
 - Track whether funding is benefitting persons with disabilities. Assess all grants provided by the fund, distinguishing disability targeted grants, mainstream grants with a good level of disability inclusion and mainstream grants with no or not enough disability inclusion. Make this information available in a prompt manner. Refer to the OECD DAC Marker on Inclusion and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Resources

- United Nations, [Policy Brief: A Disability-Inclusive Response to COVID-19](#), May 2020.
- OECD [DAC Marker for the Inclusion and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities](#).

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