

African call for good practices on the elimination and prevention of and response to violence, abuse and exploitation of women and girls with disabilities

Deadline: June 16th, 2017

Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application questionnaire.

Do you need support in filling out the questionnaire? Contact us directly at jdavodeau@handicap-international.org and we will work on it together!

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About the Call for Good Practices

Handicap International, in collaboration with a global Gender and Disability Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), is launching an international call for good practices on the **elimination, prevention of and response to violence, abuse and exploitation of women and girls with disabilities**. It is targeting actions and initiatives that lead to their empowerment, reflect their diverse experiences and preferences, and promote gender equity. This call is part of a Making it Work initiative called *“Towards Enhanced Inclusion of Women and Girls with Disabilities through Evidence-Based Advocacy and strengthened accountability”*, which continues the work of documentation started in 2014 by the Making It Work Initiative *“Gender and Disability Inclusion: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls with Disabilities”*.

More information can be found at: www.makingitwork-crpd.org

The good practices should show real change toward empowerment and greater equity for women and girls with disabilities while promoting gender equity, generally. The ones that are collected will be used to support national and international level advocacy, ensuring that the voices of advocates at the local level will reach and influence international stakeholders.

About Making it Work

Making it Work is a methodology for documenting good practices on inclusion of people with disabilities and analyzing how these positive changes could be replicated or sustained. The Making it Work methodology offers a set of tools that guide actors on identifying, documenting and analyzing good practices that advance the rights enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD) and other human rights treaties, and use this information to inform and enhance their advocacy. The methodology encourages collaboration between key actors whereby people with disabilities and their representative organizations play a key role. More information on Making it Work can be found at: www.makingitwork-crpd.org

Who is eligible to submit a good practice?

- Disability-led coalitions (are particularly encouraged to apply)
- International, national or local Disabled People's Organizations, Disabled Women's Organizations, and Parents' Associations
- International, national or local non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Service providers or community service organizations (CSOs)
- Human rights institutions (international or national)
- Academic institutions
- Government led initiatives
- Groups of people with disabilities or other activists
- Single organizations or partnerships may apply
- Individuals may *not* apply

Good practice submission process

Step 1. Applicants should complete a good practice preliminary questionnaire answering key questions about their practice. The questionnaire is available in English and French, and can be completed in either of these languages.

The completed questionnaire is due by **June 16th, 2017** by email to jdavodeau@handicap-international.org.

Step 2. Practices that are selected by the committee will be contacted by the Making it Work team to schedule site visits to learn more about the practice and to document and collect information about the good practice and the impact it has made.

Step 3. After all the site visits are completed, the Technical Advisory Committee will make a final selection of good practices. The TAC will prepare a brief for each selected good practices will be made available and used to feed advocacy opportunities identified with the successful applicants to this call. Leaders involved in the good practices will be invited to attend an African Gender and Disability Forum to present their practices, share experiences and identify advocacy strategies. The Forum will take place in fall 2017.

Deadline for submission: Applicants should submit the questionnaire and submit the form by June 16th, 2017.

Focus of the call for good practices and good practice priority areas

The focus of this call for good practices is on prevention, and elimination of, and response to violence, abuse and exploitation of women and girls with disabilities. We will accept good practice submissions from different topic areas related to advancing equity and inclusion of women and girls with disabilities but preference will be given to practices that address our focus topic.

Good practice priority areas:

Within the call for good practices, the TAC has identified priority areas related to prevention or elimination of violence, exploitation and abuse of women and girls with disabilities. Preference will be given to practices that address these areas. We do not

expect good practices to address ALL of the priority areas outlined below. We are looking for good practices that address at least one of the priority areas but do not expect practices to link to more than one article of the CRPD.

- I. Issues of ACCESS for girls and women with disabilities in order to prevent or eliminate violence, exploitation and abuse.
- II. Issues of RIGHTS PROTECTION of girls and women with disabilities in order to prevent and eliminate violence, abuse and exploitation.
- III. TOOLS and STRATEGIES that support the prevention and elimination of violence, abuse and exploitation of women and girls with disabilities.

Good practice criteria

Conforming to a broader set of principles and shared values enshrined in the CRPD, good practices should up-hold these values and meet the specific criteria defined by the Advisory Committee. Good practices will be evaluated based on how they meet the following criteria:

1. Practices that show evidence of having made **positive change** wherein change could include the following:

- Changes in policy/legislation

Example

Gender and disability inclusive policy changes were adopted by the government as a result of a national organization of women with disabilities' work to lobby policy-makers for changes in the reform of a national health act.

- Changes in practice

Example

Local police and judiciary actors trained by a coalition of disability and gender activists on gender-based violence issues have begun actively to work with communities to reduce violence and abuse of women and girls with disabilities.

- Changes in attitude

Example

Previously excluded from local development processes, women with disabilities began exercising leadership roles for the first time within local decision-making bodies and were invited by local authorities to participate in local development planning sessions as a result of a women's leadership training program.

- Changes in the community

Example

A community initiative gathered community leaders, men and women with and without disabilities to educate people on the violence, exploitation and abuse women and girls with disabilities experience. They discussed causes and proposed strategies to prevent and eliminate violence and abuse. As a result of this initiative, violence rates of women and girls with disabilities in that community were significantly reduced.

- Changes in budget allocation on the issue of violence, abuse and exploitation of women and girls with disabilities

Example

A local budget included a specific budget line on prevention and elimination of violence and abuse of women and girls including women and girls with disabilities for the first time.

- An increase in visibility and commitment of mainstream organizations and/or governments on the issue of prevention and elimination of violence, abuse and exploitation of women and girls with disabilities

Example

After working with local associations of women with disabilities on gender based violence prevention programs, an international development organization decided to include women and girls with disabilities in mainstream gender programs and added gender and disability to the organization's country targets and strategic objectives

2. Practices that promote **diversity** in terms of women and girls from different geographic, national, religious, ethnic, sexual orientation or class background as well as indigenous women and girls with disabilities, and women and girls with disabilities who are refugees, migrants and/or displaced persons.

Example

An international humanitarian aid agency is working with women and girls with disabilities in refugee settings, ensuring outreach to the most marginalized groups including: women and girls who are Deafblind, women with intellectual disabilities and women with psycho-social disabilities.

3. Practices that show **demonstrated leadership** of women and girls with disabilities in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation phases of the practice.

Example

An international aid agency worked with disabled women leaders to develop

collaboratively a national level project aimed at preventing and addressing violence issues women and girls with disabilities face. Women and girls with disabilities were consulted throughout the project planning and implementation processes through focus groups and consultation platforms. These same consultations took place throughout project evaluation processes.

4. Practices that promote and show demonstrated strategies and actions toward achieving **gender equity**.

Example

In an inclusive education initiative, local education networks, parents and teachers worked with boys and girls with and without disabilities in the mainstream classroom to address gender stereotypes and promote gender equity in school. Girls with disabilities were tasked to lead discussions on gender and disability stereotyping.

5. Practices that promote **collaboration** with women and girls with disabilities and their representative organizations.

Example

A disabled women's network worked in partnership with a national human rights commission to identify barriers and facilitators to exercising their right to access the justice system with a particular focus on article 13 of the CRPD: access to justice. As a result of the collaboration, the human rights commission developed gender and disability inclusive indicators for human rights monitoring.

More about the Gender and Disability Advisory Committee

The Gender and Disability Advisory Committee was convened by Handicap International as part of the 2014 "Gender and Disability Inclusion: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls with Disabilities" initiative. The Advisory Committee's role is to work collectively to design this global call for good practices on gender and disability and to promote the use of these good practices for national and international level advocacy. The Advisory Committee will review, select and validate good practices.

Find out more about the TAC on www.makingitwork-crpd.org, tab "Gender and Disability", category "[Publications](#)".

Assessment of good practice submissions

Good practices will be reviewed and evaluated by the TAC. The TAC will then select good practices based on how each practice meets the good practice criteria with an

emphasis on identifying practices that have achieved significant change. The TAC will prepare a list of finalists who will be contacted shortly in order to begin scheduling site visits.

Where to send your completed questionnaire?

Questionnaires should be sent to the MIW team by email at jdavodeau@handicap-international.org.

Languages: Preliminary questionnaires can be sent in English and French.