

We would like to bring the concerns of persons with disabilities, who are disadvantaged in several key areas when compared, with non disabled, and the society as a whole. Particularly, women face a triple discrimination due to their disability, gender and developing world status. Considering the estimate of the global population in 2010, more than a billion people are living with some form of disability, or about 15% of the world's population (WHO, WB 2011:7). Women outnumber men, as in the developing countries, women constitute up to three quarters of all persons with disabilities. Between 65% and 70% of these women with disabilities live in rural areas.

Persons with disabilities were absent from the Millennium Declaration and remained invisible in policies and processes related to the Millennium Development Goals.

**We hereby unanimously recommend the following to be included in the process of APSD:**

- Regardless of their social and cultural backgrounds, the rights of persons with disabilities should be recognized and acknowledged at all levels.
  
- It is important to Ensure that persons with disabilities are included in all relevant future goals, targets and indicators in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real, 2013-2022 to ensure no one is left behind.
- Allocate budgetary resources to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the post-2015 development framework, particularly women and girls with disabilities.
- Ensure that implementation and accountability mechanisms of the post-2015 development framework are developed and carried out in partnership with persons with disabilities and their representative organisations
- Include disaggregation of data by disability status across relevant goals and targets
  
- Existing laws and policies should be reviewed and upgraded in the context of specific needs of persons with disabilities, ensuring their equal access to health, education, social protection and other services.
  
- Leadership of persons with disabilities should be highlighted in the decision-making process.