

Report on

Civil Society Organizations for the
Rights and Services of Persons with
Disabilities:

An Overview of Partners from the
UN's Least-Developed Countries

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INTRODUCTION

This overview complements our analysis of recent country reports to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related conventions from the UN's least developed countries. Our initial report, *Barriers and Successes to Implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An Overview of the UN's Least Developed Countries*, identifies and discusses competing models of disability that shape approaches to the rights of disabled persons, the conditions that limit the capacity to protect and exercise those rights, creative partnerships and initiatives that advance rights and services in LDCs, and the potential for youth activism.

Although the country reports rarely mention specific civil society partners, in this report we highlight organizations in each LDC which appear explicitly or likely to contribute to advancing these rights and services. Contact information, overviews, and mission statements are provided where available.

In addition, a list of national laws related to the rights of persons with disabilities, organized by country, is available here:

<https://dredf.org/legal-advocacy/international-disability-rights/international-laws/>

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COUNTRIES

Afghanistan

- Organization: Afghanistan International Foundation for the Blind (National NGO)
 - Website: <http://www.aifbfoundation.org/>
 - Contact: AIFBFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM (email) 718-784-4541 (phone)
 - Synopsis: The purpose of the organization is to help provide services for the blind in Afghanistan, particularly women and children. Some of the major goals they strive to achieve are to prepare the blind for the workforce, and help the blind access the resources they need to participate in school.
- Organization: Accessibility Organization for Afghan Disabled (National NGO)
 - Website: <https://aoad.af/>
 - Contact: zazai.excdirector@aoad.af (email) + (93) 777 016 001 (phone)
 - Synopsis: Register with the Ministry of Economy. Major goals are to promote disability rights and promote awareness for disabled people. Another major goal is to make parts of rural Afghanistan as accessible for the disabled community as they can make it. There are also hopes to prepare disabled people with acquiring jobs so there will be a long-term solution to some of their problems. Networking for more money is another responsibility of the organization.
- Organization: Accessibility Organization for Afghan Disabled (National NGO)
 - Website: <https://aoad-af.page.tl/Home.htm>
 - Contact: zazai.aoad@gmail.com (email) +93 (0) 0773302222 , +93 (0) 700157417 (phone)
 - Synopsis: Main goals of this organization are to provide more awareness about disabled people in order to increase the dialogue that occurs between everyday people and also political groups about disabled persons. The other goal is to provide disabled people with support groups, such as educating the disabled person's friends and family so that they can best support them. The organization is registered with the Ministry of Economy of the Islam Republic of Afghanistan and Ministry of Women Affairs of Afghanistan. Priority is given to women and children.

COUNTRIES

Angola

- Federation of Organizations of Disabled People in Angola (FAPED)
 - No website, but they have a Facebook page
 - Description: this group is the national affiliate of the Southern African Federation of the Disabled in Angola. The aim of the group is to represent associations of disabled people at the national level and to participate in discussions with the government about the policies relating to persons with disabilities.
- National Association for the Near-Sighted and the Blind
 - Website: <https://worldblindunion.org/members-and-partners/regions-and-countries/africa/>
 - Contact: lucas@afub-uafa.org or lucasamoda@gmail.com (International liaison)
 - Description: The aim of the group is to assist persons with disabilities with accessing medical facilities and employment opportunities.

Bangladesh

- *Comprehensive lists of disability-related governmental and NGO organizations: https://www.jica.go.jp/activities/issues/social_sec/pdf/ban_annex.pdf
- Disability Rights Watch Group
 - consisting of civil society members mentioned in page 10 of CRPD report, but no further information available
- Amra Kaj Kori (AKK)
 - <https://akk-bd.org/>, local organization, amrakajkory@yahoo.com
 - An organization of social workers that involves those who are impoverished or disabled in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation through education and rights training.
- Assistance for Blind Children (ABC)
 - <http://assistblindchildren.com/>, local organization, abchild1978@yahoo.com
 - ABC is currently working on a Braille Production Unit, provides eye treatment support to rural children, runs a hostel for visually impaired children, and provides monthly scholarships to students to complete high school.
- Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust (BDDT)
 - <http://www.bddt.org/#>, local organization, info@bddt.org, md.monirinan@gmail.com
 - This nonprofit provides educational support in ICT training and IGA at their business center, in addition to Braille learning, helps those with disabilities find employment, trains women in the readymade garment industry, and provides relief distribution to those with disabilities during natural disasters.

COUNTRIES

Benin

- Handicap International
 - Website: <https://www.hi.org/en/country/benin>
 - Contact: info@belgium.hi.org, phone number- 32 (0) 2 280 16 01
 - Description: This group works to improve the vocational and economic inclusion of people with disabilities in Benin through awareness-raising, training and advocacy. They support the creation of inclusive businesses and develop guidance and financial support mechanisms to promote access to employment for people with disabilities. HI specifically works with the authorities, companies and training centers to facilitate the participation of people with disabilities in the political debate and to support advocacy actions aimed at securing their inclusion in the world of work.

Bhutan

- Disabled People's Organization of Bhutan
 - <https://dpobhutan.org/>
 - Telephone Number 02-339996/17301854, Webmail: info@dpab.org.bt
 - MISSION– To promote physical, psychological and socio-economic well being of persons with disabilities through a right based approach.
 - Local
- Draktsho Vocational Training Center for Special Children and Youth
 - <https://www.draktsho-bhutan.org>
 - tel:+975-2-328-750
 - MISSION: To ensure young persons with disabilities in Bhutan have quality opportunities for developing skills for life and vocation, and for becoming self-reliant, make a living and lead a contented life overcoming barriers created by gender or other differences.
 - Local

COUNTRIES

Bhutan (cont.)

- Ability Bhutan Society
 - <https://absbhutan.org>
 - Tel/Fax: +975 2340747, Mobile: +975 17128798, Email: info@absbhutan.org
 - MISSION: Enhancing the quality of life of individuals living with moderate to severe diverse abilities by:
 - Advocating and creating awareness of the rights of people living with diverse abilities in Bhutanese Society;
 - Developing core groups of dedicated, committed and trained Social Workers and caregivers;
 - Enhancing families and caregivers skills to empower those living with diverse abilities in their care; and
 - Providing direct interventions to enhance the capabilities of people with differing abilities.
 - Local

Burkina Faso

- Fédération Burkinabè des Associations pour la Promotion des Personnes Handicapées (FEBAH)
 - Website: Could not find an official website, Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/handicap.et.inclusion.au.burkina.faso/>
 - Contact: +226 70 12 70 33, febah@fasonet.bf
 - Description: Founded in 1992 to represent persons with disabilities. Consulted by the government on disability issues along with other significant disabled people's organizations. They take active participation roles in the elaboration of the legal promotion and protection of rights for people with disabilities.

COUNTRIES

Burundi

- We Are Able Burundi (international)
 - Website: <https://weareable.ngo/en/>
 - Contact: info@weareable.ngo
 - Description: The organization's goal is to improve, by 2025, the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs) and other vulnerable groups to food and food security by creating an enabling environment, successfully influencing laws, policies, practices and norms for improved food security for all. They utilize lobby and advocacy by and for people with disabilities and other marginalized groups to increase their access to basic services and resources for food production.
- USAID (international)
 - Website: https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00W5NR.pdf
 - Contact: audra@norc.org, +001 301-634-9383
 - Description: Partners with local organizations and the Burundian Ministry of Public Health to enhance the private sector's ability to provide healthcare for women, children, and communities across the country.
- Humanity & Inclusion
 - Website: <https://www.hi-us.org/burundi>
 - Contact: info.usa@hi.org, +1 (301) 891-2138
 - Description: This organization has been involved in Burundi since 1992, however, as per their website, "... has been forced to stop its activities in the country. It no longer considers itself able to carry out its projects due to the Burundian government's decisions toward international NGOs, in particular the obligation to keep a record of its employees' ethnicities."

Cambodia

- Cambodian Disabled People's Organization (CDPO)
 - Weblink: www.cdpo.org
CCC Box: 216
 - PO Box: 2008
 - Phone Number: 023-22-18-23
 - Email: admin@cdpo.org
 - Description
 - Vision:
 - "Persons with diverse disabilities participate fully and equally in society and live with dignity"

Cambodia (cont.)

- Founded in 1995 under the National General Assembly of Cambodia, officially recognized by the government and general public as successfully promoting the rights of people with disabilities. Continued to advocate and work with people with disabilities to bring about full and equal participation in society.
 - Has a membership based of 56 disabled people's organizations/federations of persons with disabilities
 - 8 women with disabilities forums recognized by the Ministry of Interior
 - Local NGO
- Komar Pkar Foundation
 - Weblink: <http://komarpikar.org/who-we-are/>
 - Address: 35GEoE1, street 3 Khan Dangkor Phnom Penh
 - PO Box: 148, CCC Box 321, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.
 - Phone:: + 855 (0) 17 77 75 32
 - Description
 - Komar Pkar Foundation= Foundation for Disabled Children
 - Seeks to aid children and young people- and their families- with moderate and severe disabilities.
 - National NGO
- The Advocacy and Policy Institute
 - Weblink: https://apiinstitute.org/page/voices_of_people_with_disabilities
 - Address: Phnom Penh Villa Building,
#124, St. 388, Sangkat Toul Svay Prey 1
Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh
Cambodia
 - Phone Number: 855-23-213-485
 - Description
 - Overarching goal to create democratic and social development needs of Cambodia
 - Aims to ensure that public services offered by districts are available more to persons with disabilities, including taking part in education, receiving healthcare, or taking part in general social and government services.
 - I-SAF Project: implementation of social accountability framework
 - Internationally probed reform process that Cambodia joined to achieve development goals
 - Been an effort of both government institutions and civil society partners
 - Undertook a voices that matter project to bring disabled persons into the conversation and establishes a collective learning project
 - NGO

COUNTRIES

Central African Republic

- Handicap International (Central African Republic)
 - HI began working with CAR in 1994 where they largely focused on setting up an orthopedic center and on training medical staff to be more supportive towards people with disabilities. In more recent times, they have set up more rehabilitation centers and have sought to improve communication between CAR and foreign investors so that they can reap the benefits. There are 160 staff members residing in CAR.
 - c.gillet@hi.org
 - This isn't the actual email but it is the only related email I could find.
 - <https://www.hi.org/en/country/central-african-republic#partenaires>

Comoros

- No identifiable civil society partners. The population is less than a million, the GDP is also among the lowest per-capita in the world, and the country suffers greatly from violence and political instability.
- Special Olympics
 - Website: <https://www.specialolympics.org/programs/middle-east-north-africa/comoros>
- Contact: info@specialolympicskw.com (email) 965.2.2620.010 / 965.2.2620.018 (phone)
Description: Comoros seems to be in dire turmoil. The country has been raising money and stimulating the economy by selling its nationality to people in need of a legal nationality from other countries. The United Arab Emirates and Kuwait are among the most notorious countries that have a large group of stateless people who face the risk of being deported unless they can achieve legal citizenship elsewhere. As such, countries like Kuwait have been integrating themselves into the country of Comoros in a parasitic way. For instance, Kuwait seems to be trying to influence Comoros by sponsoring the Special Olympics there.
 - <https://www.specialolympics.org/programs/middle-east-north-africa/comoros>
 - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/05/17/the-controversial-plan-to-give-kuwaits-stateless-people-citizenship-of-a-tiny-poor-african-island/>

Democratic Republic of Congo

- Congo Handicap
 - <http://www.congohandicap.org/>, local organization, contact@congohandicap.com
 - An organization of mostly youth and women with disabilities engaging in mutual aid. The organization has a network of contact with people with disabilities who communicate their needs to the organization. The organization builds schools and centers for people with disability, provides mobility assistance, supervision of disabled children and orphans, rehabilitation, professional activities, and provides literacy training (description on website quite vague, not sure what they have actually done v. want to do).
- East Eagle Foundation
 - <https://eef-drc.org/>, emails: administration@eef-drc.org, ambassadors@eef-drc.org, local organization
 - The East Eagle Foundation has an inclusive education program that designs training materials for schools and organizations to dismantle barriers to education for people with disabilities. They also provide humanitarian assistance to disabled people by partnering with humanitarian organizations and support parents of children with disabilities by providing entrepreneurship training and financial assistance.
- Humanity and Inclusion
 - <https://www.hi-us.org/where>, info.use@hi.org, international organization
 - The 113 person team in the DRC helps people with disabilities enroll in school, promotes different Congolese disability rights organizations, improves rehabilitation services, mother and child healthcare, and psychological support.

Djibouti

- Possible organizations of interest
 - Vivre Plus Fort (Live Stronger)
 - Action Handicap
 - Association Trisomie 21 (Down Syndrome Association)
 - Association Djiboutienne des Aveugles (Djiboutian Association of Blind Persons)
 - Association des Blessés Invalides des Mines et Mutilés de Guerre (Association of Persons with Disabilities caused by Landmines and War)
 - Centre de Protection des Enfants (Child Protection Centre)
 - Johanniter Auslandshilfe (Johanniter International Assistance).

COUNTRIES

Eritrea

- The Eritrean National Association of the Deaf (ERINAD)
 - P.O.Box: 3530
 - Tel/ Fax:+ 291-1 – 124115
 - E-mail: enad@gemel.com.er
 - Website: erinad.org
 - Description: ERINAD was set up in 1998 and has 3,000 members. They emerged to represent the deaf community and help further their inclusion into society. This includes education, training, creating accessible infrastructure, and other cultural aspects. The website includes information on their current actions (interpretive services, provides experience for deaf people, etc.), lacking services in Eritrea, and proposals to the government.
 - <https://sites.google.com/site/enadeuorg/erinad/about-erinad>
- National Association of Mentally and Physically Impaired—no information available

Ethiopia

- Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development (ECDD) <https://www.ecdd-ethiopia.org/about-us.html>, info@ecdd-ethiopia.org, local organization
 - ECDD works with other organizations to facilitate “disability inclusive development” in Ethiopia. They want to bring disability rights issues to the forefront of government and NGO service delivery. They provide trainings for awareness, promote capacity building in organizations, share information, and provide support to disability rights organizations.
- Ethiopian National Association of the Deaf (ENAD)
<https://www.enadet.org/about/>, enad@ethionet.et/enadet1972@gmail.com, local organization
 - ENAD has 28 branches across Ethiopia. Each branch office is run by a committee of seven members elected by deaf members. ENAD provides sign language training in the most remote parts of Ethiopia and carries out training on awareness and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other STIs, family planning, income generation, etc.
- Ethiopian National Disability Action Network/EDNAN
<https://endanethiopia.org/>, endanethiopia@gmail.com, national organization
 - EDNAN is a collective of 25 disability rights organizations. They organize workshops, facilitate information exchange, and provide grants for member organizations.

Gambia

- The Gambia Federation of Disabled (umbrella organization)
 - Web Link: [https://gfdgambia.weebly.com/about-us.html#:~:text=The%20Gambia%20Federation%20of%20the,\(PWDs\)%20in%20The%20Gambia.](https://gfdgambia.weebly.com/about-us.html#:~:text=The%20Gambia%20Federation%20of%20the,(PWDs)%20in%20The%20Gambia.)
 - Contact Information:
 - Facebook account is available
 - Synopsis:
 - Organizations that fall under the GFD: Gambia Association of the Physically Disabled (GAPD), Gambia Organisation of the Visually Impaired (GOVI), Gambia Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GADHOH), **Nation Union of Disabled Youth (NUDY)**, Gambia Organisation for the Learning Difficulties (GOLD), Rural Support Organisation for the Disabled (RSOD), Association for the Mentally Disabled Gambians (AMDG), Gambia National Paralympics Committee (GNPC)
 - The Gambia Federation of Disabled works closely with the Department of Social Welfare to discuss disability rights issues with the Gambian government. The organization is currently lobbying for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the government’s implementation of the African Decade Plan Action. GFD also assists in national disability research and helps run advocacy and development programs.
 - Mission: “To promote equal opportunities, rights and full participation of persons with disabilities in the development process”
 - Local Organization
- Gambia Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Web Link: <https://www.accessgambia.com/biz1/gadhoh-gambia-association-of-the-deaf-hard-of-hearing.html>
 - Contact Information:
 - Email: gadhohbrikamabranch@gmail.com or gadhoh@gadhoh.com
 - Phone: +220 4201166 or =220 8805599
 - Fax: +220 4202269
 - Synopsis:
 - The GADHOH seeks to establish a society of persons with hearing disabilities where they are treated as “full members of the nation and are accorded their rights.” The organization aims to increase socio-economic capacity, train, develop, and counsel deaf people and their families.
 - Local Organization

COUNTRIES

Gambia (cont.)

- Gambia Physical Disability Sport Association
 - Web Link: <https://www.accessgambia.com/extra/gpdsa.html>
 - Contact Information:
 - Address: Secretariat, Marina Parade PO Box 815A Banjul, West Africa
 - Phone: +220 9923277
 - Fax: 4333559
 - Email: gambiadisabledsports@yahoo.co.uk
 - Description: “Gambia Physical Disability Sports Associations (GODA) is a civil society organisation that represents young, physically challenged people & is committed to advocating for recreational programs & facilities.”
 - Local organization
- Source for other civil society organizations for Gambia:
<http://rodra.co.za/images/countries/gambia/List%20of%20Organizations%20working%20on%20disability%20rights%20-%20The%20Gambia.pdf>

Guinea

- La Fondation Internationale Tierno et Mariam (FITIMA)
 - Web Link: <https://fitima.org/> (source: <https://www.ds-international.org/guinea>)
 - Email: fitima.guinee@fitima.org
 - Description:
 - FITIMA is a “non-governmental, non-profit, apolitical and non-confessional organization” aimed to help children and women with disabilities. FITIMA provides care for children with disabilities, promotes inclusive education, and develops professional training for paramedical technicians.
 - “Based on an approach of ‘Human Rights, Protection of Children and Women,’ FITIMA's main missions are: the quality of life of children with disabilities, The protection and empowerment of women.
 - Local Organization (but also works in Burkina Faso)

Guinea (cont.)

- Guinea Network of the Organizations of Persons with Disabilities for the Promotion of the CPRD
 - Web Link: N/A (source: <https://www.ds-international.org/guinea>)
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ropacid.ph>
 - Description:
 - A nationwide organization that raises awareness, strengthens institutions, supports public authorities and decentralized communities, promotes the fundamental rights of people with disabilities, builds education, health, training and advocacy networks, etc.
 - Local Organization
- Association Guinéenne pour la Promotion de Aveugles (AGUIPA)
 - Email: dramemamou81@yahoo.com
 - Description:
 - Association that works with children and adults with visual impairments for advocacy, education, employment, and promoting rights
 - Local Organization
- O.N.G. Dignité des fees Guinée
 - Web Link: N/A (source: <https://www.ds-international.org/guinea>)
 - Email: dignite.des.femmes@gmail.com
 - Description:
 - Organization dedicated to education, training, sensitization, and fighting for rights of people with disabilities
 - Local Organization

COUNTRIES

Guinea-Bissau

- Voz di Paz - Iniciativa para a Consolidação da Paz
 - Website: <https://www.vozdipaz.org/>
 - Informational Brochure: <https://www.interpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Brochure-VozDiPaz-Trifold.pdf>
 - Contact information: vozdipazgb@gmail.com
 - Objectives:
 - Prevention and resolution of conflicts - “Strengthen capacities to prevent and mediate conflicts at different levels of society, increasing trust between individuals and groups.”
 - Good governance - “Promote more active citizenship and more informed and effective policy making in the justice sector.”
 - Collaboration with and between defense and security forces - “Strengthen the collaboration of the Defense and Security Forces (FDS) with other institutional and civil actors and increase the participation of the FDS in defining the sector's reform.”
- Local organization

Haiti

- Disability Rights Advocacy Fund
 - <https://drafund.org/about/staff/jo-ann-garnier/>
 - 89 South Street
 - Suite 203B
 - Boston, Massachusetts
 - USA 02111-2670
 - +1-617-261-4593
 - info@disabilityrightsfund.org
 - This mission of this organization is to ensure opportunities and resources for individuals with disabilities. They work with funding from the Disability Rights Fund (DRF) to help create institutional changes and justice. The website tells the story of three women who were murdered because they were blind as an example of how people associate blindness and other disabilities with evil. DRAF promotes education to end this stigma.
- International Organization

Haiti (cont.)

- FHAIPH - Haitian Federation Associations & Institutions People with Disabilities in Haiti
 - <https://www.fhaiph.com/en>
 - infofhaiph@yahoo.com
 - Mission: “Promoting the rights and interests of persons with disabilities in Haiti. Provide technical support to the various associations and institutions of people with disabilities in order to better meet the needs of their members. Facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in national development activities.”
 - Local
- DSI - Department of Social Inclusion
 - https://www.oas.org/en/sedi/ddse/pages/index-4_coop_haiti_mission.asp
 - 17 th St. and Constitution Ave., NW
 - Washington, DC, 20006-4499
 - United States of America
 - Telephone: 1 (202) 370 5000
 - Fax: 1 (202) 458 3967
 - Mission: To ensure equal opportunities of employment and inclusion to people of disabilities and increase the quality of life by increasing education and healthcare
 - International

Kiribati

- Te Toa Matoa
 - Weblink: <https://disabilityrightsfund.org/grantees/te-toa-matoa/> , www.tetoamatoa.org
 - Contact Info
 - Address: Anderson Causeway P.O. Box 606 Nanikaai, Kiribati
 - Email: tetoamatoak@gmail.com
 - Phone: (+686) 22 679
 - Description
 - Major advocating body for people with disabilities in Kiribati. Raises community awareness about disability rights and empowers people with disabilities to force their rights.
 - Local Organization

COUNTRIES

Kiribati (cont.)

- Kiribati School and Centre for Children with Disabilities
 - Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/kiribatispecialschool/about>
 - Contact Info
 - Address: Old Hospital Building, Main Roadm Bikenibeu, Kiribati
 - Email: kscsn.principal@gmail.com
 - Phone: (+686) 72029353
 - Description
 - Established in 1991 and the only school in Kiribati that educated and aids children with disabilities. This school educates children with various physical and mental disabilities. Both sign language and braille are taught for children with hearing and vision impairments. Currently they are educating over 200 children.
 - Local organization
- Kiribati Deaf Association
 - Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/Kirideaf/>
 - Contact Info
 - Email: toaua25@gmail.com
 - Synopsis:
 - Deaf activist organization in Kiribati. Works to promote deaf inclusivity; teaches sign language classes to hearing people.
 - Local Organization

Laos

- <https://www.adb.org/publications/civil-society-briefs-lao-peoples-democratic-republic>
 - Officially recognized civil society organizations
 - Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union (LYU)
 - Does not explicitly mention disabilities but focuses on getting youth involved in various social movements, and many of the causes listed could also benefit those with disabilities, either directly or by improving the society around them. This is the official government youth organization.

Lesotho

- Lesotho National Federation of Organisation of the Disabled (National NGO)
 - Website: <http://www.infod.org.ls/>
 - Contact: nkhasi@infod.org.ls (email) +266 22330345 (phone)
 - Description: Established 1989. Is essentially an umbrella organization for all of the major organizations that work with disabled people in Lesotho. The organizations include Lesotho National Association of Physically Disabled, Intellectual Disability Association of Lesotho, Lesotho National League of the Visually Impaired Persons, and National Association of the Deaf in Lesotho. The main goals are to promote and defend the rights of disabled people by providing emotional support, training families, and providing material resources to those in need.

Liberia

- AIFO Liberia
 - <https://aifoliberia.org/>
 - Description: “AIFO, Liberia is a professional non-profit health and development organization that enables opportunities for persons affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities, women, children and members of poor and vulnerable groups, through focused healthcare, education and economic empowerment initiatives in Liberia with the aim of providing a better quality of life and creating large scale positive change.”
 - Contact Information:
 - +231775269126
 - aifoliberia@gmail.com
 - 5th Street Plumkor, Jallah’s Town Road Opposite The Joy of Learning Montessori Institute Inc. Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia.
- Willette Safehouse
 - <https://www.willettesafehouse.com/>
 - Description: “Willette Safehouse is called to serve one of the most marginalized groups globally, a community that is not only disabled by their bodies but, unfortunately, by the world. This unique group of fantastic youth and children lacks services and environments developed for their lifestyle. This beautiful community has fewer economic opportunities, lower educational achievements, insufficient access to health care services, and therefore experiences unmet health care needs than their non-disabled counterparts.”
 - Contact Information:
 - Airfield Shortcut
 - Monrovia, Liberia

COUNTRIES

Liberia (cont.)

- Liberia Disability Alliance
 - <https://www.liberiadisabilityalliance.org/who-we-are>
 - Description: A network of international and local NGOs dedicated to fulfilling the principles of the CRPD.
 - Membership: AIFO, Willette Safehouse, Sight Savers, The Carter Center, National Union of Organizations of the Disabled, Plan International
 - Contact Information:
 - liberiadisabilityalliance@gmail.com
 - +231776646746 / +231886825944
 - Hosted by The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Madagascar

- NICHR - National Independent Commission for Human Rights
 - <https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/migration/africa/Madagascar-civil-society-engagement-scan.pdf>
 - A info@ihrcworld.org.
 - Domicilet, Elleegaardvej 36, DK 6400, Sonderborg Denmark, Europe.
 - Mission: Focuses on vulnerable groups including disabled individuals, and on achieving equal protection under law, equal employment, and higher quality of life.
 - International
- PEER - Profiles Enhancing Education Reviews
Madagascar Inclusion
 - <https://education-profiles.org/sub-saharan-africa/madagascar/~inclusion>
 - gemreport@unesco.org
 - Unable to find address
 - Mission: “Inclusive education is a process/approach based on valuing diversity as an element that can enrich the teaching and learning process and, in doing so, that promotes human development.” This organization aims to educate individuals including those suffering from disabilities (from mild to severe cases) and use education as a bridge and path to a higher quality of life.
 - International

COUNTRIES

Madagascar (cont.)

- GANHRI - Global Alliance of Human Rights Institutions

- <https://ganhri.org/membership/>

- +41 22 917 27 16
 - Secretary Office
 - C/O Conseil national des droits de l'Homme du Maroc
 - Mission: The GANHRI takes international and global issues and advocates for change on both the local and legislative levels. This includes ensuring equal rights and protections of disabled individuals. This includes enforcing and funding for the CPRD.
 - International

Malawi

- African Disability Alliance

- Website:

- <https://africandisabilityforum.net/#:~:text=ADF%20is%20an%20independent%2C%20democratic%20organization&text=The%20goal%20of%20ADF%20is,with%20disabilities%20and%20their%20families.>

- Contact information: <https://africandisabilityforum.net/contact/>

- Address: Joseph Tito St, Kirkos Sub-City, Woreda 08, Nega City Mall 5th floor, 5111, Ethiopia
 - For more information: info@adf-secretariat.org
 - Mission: “The goal of ADF is to secure the rights and inclusion of all persons with disabilities in Africa by building a stronger, more united and effective African disability movement and voice of persons with disabilities and their families.”

- International organization

- CBM International Organization for Disability and Development

- Website: [https://www.cbmus.org/about-](https://www.cbmus.org/about-cbm/#:~:text=CBM%20is%20an%20international%20Christian,of%20us%20has%20a%20disability.)

- [cbm/#:~:text=CBM%20is%20an%20international%20Christian,of%20us%20has%20a%20disability.](https://www.cbmus.org/about-cbm/#:~:text=CBM%20is%20an%20international%20Christian,of%20us%20has%20a%20disability.)

- Mission: “CBM is an international Christian development organisation, committed to improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world. Based on its Christian values and over 100 years of professional expertise, CBM addresses poverty as a cause, and a consequence, of disability, and works in partnership to create a society for all.”

- Contact Information

- Address: CBM-US PO Box 340 Wheaton, IL 60187-0340
 - Phone Number: 1-800-937-2264

- International organization focused mainly on areas of Africa

COUNTRIES

Mauritania

- Disabled Person's International (DPI)
 - Dedicated to enforcing the CRPD, with a focus on women and girls with disabilities.
 - Headquartered in Ottawa, Canada, there is a local branch in Nouakchott, Mauritania.
 - Baghdad C 145, El Mina Nouakchott Mauritania
 - +222-4524-4085
 - <http://www.dpi.org/>
 - <http://www.dpi.org/>
- **List of local civil society organizations that address rights for persons with disabilities + yearly grant** – boldface entries look the most relevant to youth empowerment
 - (https://www.adry.up.ac.za/images/adry/volume6_2018/Mauritania%20country%20report_2018.pdf)
 - Association promotion et enseignement des aveugles
 - Promotion and Teaching of the Blind Association and the grant received by the association was MRO 600 000.
 - Association Mauritanienne des déficients auditifs et de la voix
 - Hearing Aids and Voice of the Weak Mauritanian Association, and it received a grant of MRO 1 700 000.
 - Association Nationale des aveugles de Mauritanie
 - National Association of the Blind of Mauritania, and it received a grant of MRO 2 383 000.
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- Association mauritanienne des handicapés de la lèpre
 - Mauritanian Association of the Handicapped and Leprosy, and it received a grant of MRO 779 500.
- Assistance des nécessiteux
 - Assistance to the Needy Association, and it received a grant of MRO 20 000.

Mauritania (cont.)

- Association des femmes handicapées pour la solidarité
 - Association of Women with Disabilities for Solidarity and it received a grant of MRO 790 000.
- Regroupement Mauritanien des femmes handicapées
 - Association deals with women with disabilities, and it received a grant of MRO 812 055.
- Association des diplômés handicapés
 - Association of Disabled Graduates, and it received a grant of MRO 992 911.
- Association Mauritanienne Assistance des Handicapés
 - Association that provides assistance to the disabled, and it received a grant of MRO 3 641 020.
- Association mauritanienne des hémophiles
 - Mauritanian Association of Haemophiliacs, and it received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- Association mauritanienne pour l'insertion des aveugles
 - Mauritanian Association for the Integration of the Blind, and it received a grant of MRO 728 000.
- Association mauritanienne secours des lépreux
 - Association that assists with the care of lepers, and it received a grant of MRO 200 000.
- Association développement social en Mauritanie
 - Mauritanian Association of Social Development, and it received a grant of MRO 2 050 000.
- Assistance des handicapés pour le développement
 - Association deals with the provision of assistance to disabled persons for the purposes of their development, and it received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- Forum des sourds
 - Forum of the Deaf, and it received a grant of MRO 2 830 000.
- Association des jeunes handicapés aveugles
 - Association of blind disabled youth, and it received a grant of MRO 553 500.
- **Organisation communautaire pour la promotion des handicapés**
 - Community organisation for the promotion of disabled persons, and it received a grant of MRO 400 000.
- Organisation insertion des albinos
 - Organisation for the integration of persons with albinism into society, and it received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- Association mauritanienne pour le secours de l'enfant handicapé
 - Mauritanian association for the rescue of disabled children, and it received a grant of MRO 460 000.

COUNTRIES

Mauritania (cont.)

- **Association mauritanienne pour la Promotion des Handicapés moteurs**
 - Association promotes the interests of disabled persons, and it received a grant of MRO 1 163 000.
- **Secours des handicapés**
 - Association deals with the relief of people with disabilities, and it received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- **Association volonté et développement**
 - Willingness and development association and it received a grant of MRO 690 000.
- **Association appui à l'éducation des enfants sourds muets et handicapés**
 - Association that provides support for the education of deaf, dumb and disabled children, and it received a grant of MRO 510 000.
- **Association Aziza**
 - This association received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- **Association mauritanienne pour la santé et les handicapés**
 - Mauritanian Association for Health and the Disabled, and it received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- **Association mauritanienne des femmes handicapées**
 - Mauritanian Association of Women with Disabilities, and it received a grant of MRO 600 000.
- **Association mauritanienne pour l'insertion des enfants handicapés à l'école**
 - Mauritanian Association for the Integration of Children with Disabilities at School, and it received a grant of MRO 784 000.
- **Association ressortissants des mahadras**
 - National Association of the Mahadras and it received a grant of MRO 200 000.
- **RBC Handicapés**
 - RBC disabled association, and it received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- **Association développement des personnes handicapées**
 - Association that promotes the development of people with disabilities and it received a grant of MRO 200 000.
- **Association Besma**
 - This association received a grant of MRO 576 400.
- **Association Elmoustakbel**
 - This association received a grant of MRO 150 000.
- **Association secours enfants**
 - Child relief association and it received a grant of MRO 150 000.

Mauritania (cont.)

- FEMANPH
 - Mauritanian Federation of National Associations of People with Disabilities (Fédération Mauritanienne des Associations Nationales de Personnes Handicapées) has 45 associations, with 18 specifically focusing on disability and eight specialising in other themes, such as education. The association received a grant of MRO 6 640 000.
- FEMHANDIS
 - Mauritanian Federation of Sports for the Disabled (Federación Mauritana de Deportes para las Personas Discapacitadas) received a grant MRO 500 000.
- Association mauritanienne pour l'Intégration et la Réhabilitation des Enfants et Adolescents Déficients Intellectuels (AMIREADI)
 - This is the Mauritanian Association for the Integration and Rehabilitation of Children and Adolescents with Intellectual Disabilities. The association received a grant of MRO 6 443 355. On the International Day of Persons Living with Disabilities, 3 December 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in collaboration with its partners Association pour la Lutte contre la Pauvreté et le sous-développement (ALPD) and AMIREADI held a 'questions and answers' session for the urban refugees committee and the representatives of refugees living with disabilities in Nouakchott.⁶² The session was aimed at strengthening the inclusion of persons with disabilities and promote their full and equal enjoyment of rights and freedoms in Mauritania. It also gave urban refugees living with disabilities the opportunity to discuss gaps and gather information about existing services for people with disabilities in Mauritania.

Myanmar

- Myanmar Independent Living Initiative, <https://mili.org.mm/>, (untranslated website)
- Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities <https://disabilityrightsfund.org/grantees/myanmar-federation-persons-disabilities/#:~:text=To%20support%20the%20Disabled%20Women,of%20Persons%20with%20Disability%20Law.>
 - Supports the Disabled Women, Girls and Child Rights Committee to increase access to the courts and legal system for mothers in Myanmar.
- Future Stars Self-Advocacy Organization <https://disabilityrightsfund.org/grantees/future-stars-self-advocacy-organization-2/>
 - This organization advocates for the self-advocacy of people with disabilities to independent living, legal participation, and education for people with disabilities in rural Myanmar.

COUNTRIES

Nepal

- National Federation of the Disabled-Nepal
 - Weblink: <https://nfdn.org.np/>
 - Contact Info
 - National Federation of the Disabled- Nepal Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu
 - PO Box: 9188
 - Phone 977-1-4231159
 - Fax: 977-1-4229522
 - Email: info@nfdn.org.np
 - Description
 - National umbrella association of the organizations of persons with disabilities in Nepal
 - Have over 350 member organizations in 74 districts
 - Works on the coordination and partnership with national and international bodies to advance disability rights
 - Vision: “A society and state where all persons with disabilities are living a quality and productive life without any barrier in an inclusive environment with full and equal realization of all human rights.”
 - Goals: To establish inclusive development by mainstreaming disability issues in all development processes and incorporating persons with disabilities in all decision making processes.
 - National NGO
- Nepal Disabled Women Association
 - Weblink: <https://ndwa.org.np/who-we-are/>
 - Contact Info
 - P.O.Box: 9679, House no: 37, Kalopil Marga Kalopol, Kathmandu
 - Phone: 014435131
 - Email: ndwa.2009@gmail.com
 - Description
 - Adopted the values of the fundamental rights and responsibilities provided by the constitution of Nepal to support women with disabilities. Helps women with disabilities in Nepal to understand their human rights. Advocates for women with disabilities on their rights to education, healthcare, employment, rehabilitation, and social security. Also hopes to create a network of self-help groups for women with disabilities.
 - National NGO

Nepal (cont.)

- National Association of the Blind
 - Weblink: <http://nabnepal.org/public/>
 - Contact Info:
 - Address: 22/Jha, Shantisadan, Ward no.3 Maharajgunj, Kathmandu
 - P.O. Box: 9399
 - Phone: 427190
 - Email: nabpkm@npl.healthnet.org
 - Description
 - Work to promote rights and interests for blind individuals through lobbying and advocacy. Formally established in 1993 and works with the World Blind Union, Asian Blind Union. National Federation of Disabled Nepal and Social Welfare Council.
 - Provides workshops and seminars to promote human rights, inclusive education, disaster risk reduction, and inclusion of blind and visually impaired people in development and accessibility.
 - Provides community-based rehabilitation for visually impaired people.
 - Provides audio and braille books to people.
- National NGO

Niger

- International Disability Alliance
 - Website: <https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/countries/NER>
 - Offices in Switzerland and New York City
 - Description: “We are an alliance of networks. IDA brings together over 1,100 organisations of persons with disabilities and their families from across eight global and six regional networks.”
 - International organization
- Niger Federation of Disabled People (FNPH)
 - Website: <https://fnph-niger.org/>
 - Location: Niamey – Niger
 - About: “The Nigerian Federation of Disabled People is a network of 24 Disabled People's Organizations in Niger”
 - International organization

COUNTRIES

Rwanda

- ADRA-Rwanda
 - <https://adra-rwanda.org/>
 - ADRA Rwanda Head Office
 - 14 KG 567 St,
 - Kigali, Rwanda
 - +250.252.574.774
 - A civil society organization based in Rwanda, founded in 1956, ADRA-Rwanda works to provide education and equal opportunity to individuals with disabilities. In 2015 they completed a project to increase participation of children with special educational needs in quality inclusive education at basic education level, which included several teacher workshops to ensure the needs of disabled individuals were being met.
 - Based in Rwanda; partners with some international organizations for funding
- RUB - The Rwanda Union of the Blind
 - <https://rubrwanda.org/>
 - RUB HQ
 - Kigali City, Nyarugenge District,
 - Muhima Sector on Poid -Lourds Road
 - 250788856671
 - Formed in 1994 by visually impaired individuals and was recognized nationally in 1995, this organization aims to improve the living conditions of individuals by spreading awareness and helping to advance the income of those with visual impairments.
 - Based in Rwanda
- USAID
 - <https://www.usaid.gov/>
 - United States Agency for International Development
 - 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
 - Washington DC 20004
 - (202) 712-4300
 - Focusing on eliminating social stigma around individuals who are disabled, it works to advance government legislation for the protection of persons with disabilities and to promote equal education opportunities for disabled individuals.
 - US government agency

Sao Tome and Principe

(Difficult to find local and national civil society organizations)

- ADF - African Disabilities Forum
 - Section: Associação dos Deficientes de Sao Tomé e Príncipe (ADSTP)
 - <https://africandisabilityforum.net/adf-members/>
 - Joseph Tito St, Kirkos Sub-City, Woreda 08,
 - Nega City Mall 5th floor, 5111, Ethiopia
 - info@adf-secretariat.org
 - Mission: “To unify and amplify the voice of persons with disabilities, their families and organizations in Africa at national, regional and international levels.” They focus on spreading awareness and advocating for greater education opportunities.
 - African-based, international organization
- UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
 - <https://www.unfpa.org/contact>
 - United States (headquarters)
 - New York
 - 605 Third Avenue
 - New York 10158
 - Option to email through the website
 - This international organization works to enforce international human rights and spread awareness and provide resources to underdeveloped countries. This organization attends the global disability summit. Their branch in Sao Tome and Principe focuses on improving their education and training programs
 - UN organization
- GPE - Global Partnership
 - <https://www.globalpartnership.org/where-we-work/sao-tome-and-principe>
 - information@globalpartnership.org.
 - Global Partnership for Education
 - c/o World Bank
 - MSN J2-200
 - 1818 H Street NW
 - Washington D.C., 20433
 - This organization is focused on the right to education and improving the quality of education in Sao Tome and Principe because 60% of the teachers there are under qualified. This focuses on improving resources for children with disabilities as well.
 - World Bank offshoot

COUNTRIES

Senegal

- Humanity and Inclusion in Senegal Website: <https://www.hi-us.org/senegal>
 - Contact: info.usa@hi.org (email) +1 (301) 891-2138 (phone)
 - Description: Founded 1995. Goals include: protecting the welfare of disabled people, particularly women and children; expanding learning strategies and resources for disabled children in school; and reducing violence against disabled women. Disabled people face widespread discrimination despite a large portion of the country being disabled from dangerous mining work, so the organization works to raise awareness and reduce discrimination.
 - National NGO
- Sightsavers Senegal
 - Website: <https://www.sightsavers.org/programmes/inclusive-education-senegal/>
 - Contact: info@sightsaversusa.org +1 800 707 9746 (phone)
 - Description: Focuses on providing students with visual impairments with friendlier tools such as braille keyboards and services like translating textbooks into braille. Another focus is to provide teachers with training necessary to address handicapped people.
 - International organization with a specific pilot project in Senegal

Sierra Leone

- One Family People
 - <https://onefamilypeople.org>
 - E-mail: info@onefamilypeople.org
 - Mission: “At OneFamilyPeople, we know the value of standing together as one united family and that’s where our name and our philosophy stems from. We’ve seen first-hand that changing perspectives is not possible without the collaboration of everyone in the community, especially persons with disabilities. Everyone should be there. United, as one big family. In all partnerships, we put an uncompromising emphasis on equity, transparency and mutual benefit. We value teamwork and constantly strive to learn from best practices in the field so that we can improve our services, identify innovation, and spark dialogue that serves as a catalyst for change.”
 - Local organization

Sierra Leone (cont.)

- Sierra Leone Association of the Blind
 - https://slab76205.wordpress.com/contact-us/?preview=true&preview_id=28&preview_nonce=1a911a326f
 - Email:slab76205@yahoo.com , Telephone: [+232] 76978765; 23276838430
 - Mission: To advocate for equal rights and opportunities for blind and low vision persons and to facilitate their empowerment to achieve independence and social inclusion.
 - Local
- Freetown Cheshire Home
 - <https://www.gomakeadifference.global/projects-awarded/case-studies/freetown-cheshire-home-project/>
 - grants@gomakeadifference.global
 - Mission: Freetown Cheshire Home provides accommodation and education to young children. A major issue in Sierra Leone is the lack of access to clean and safe water, and the children at Freetown Cheshire Home have suffered as a result of this major problem for years. Many of the residents have physical disabilities, and are unable to carry water or operate the water pump on their own because it was damaged.
 - Local

Solomon Islands

- People with Disabilities Solomon Islands (PWDSI)
 - Contact Info
 - Address: PO Box 331, Honiara, Solomon Islands
 - Telephone: 677-25608
 - Email: genderalter@gmail.com
 - Description
 - Leading civil society organization acting on behalf of people in the Solomon Islands, works with the government to advance National Disability Inclusive Development Policy
 - Conducts outreach and workshops on awareness for people with disabilities in Honiara, Guadalcanal, and Malaita. Works to continue to build partnerships with NGOs working with people with disabilities.
 - Local Organizations

COUNTRIES

Solomon Islands (cont.)

- Pacific Disability Forum
 - Weblink: <https://pacificdisability.org/>
 - Contact Info:
 - Address: Pacific Disability Forum GPO Box 18458, Suva Fiji Islands
 - Email: infor@pacificdisability.org
 - Phone: (+679) 773 0200
 - Description:
 - A NGO that is dedicated to helping people with disabilities in Pacific Island countries and territories. They promote and advocate for individuals with disabilities across 71 organizations and in 22 Pacific Island countries and territories. Collecting and delivering information about disability-related concerns in the Pacific. Promote research into disability-related concerns. Encourage the development of disabled persons organizations on Pacific Islands.

Sudan

- Organization of Women with Disabilities in Sudan
 - CONTACT:
 - <https://bridgingthegap-project.eu/women-disabilities-united-rights-sudan/>
 - info@bridgingthegap-project.eu
 - Overview: They have partnered with Bridging the Gap and are seeking to provide support for women with disabilities and childrens with disabilities. They want to include as many people with disabilities in the conversation so they have a large number of people with disabilities represented in the organization. Sudan is overall working towards sustainable development goals so they have connections to Bridging the Gap. A large part of their strategy is to increase connections with other civil society organizations so they can contribute to improving disability rights.

Togo

- Civil society organizations locate disability rights and services under social and health services
 - Association for the Defence of Human Rights (labeled most influential)
 - Youth Association (influential)
 - Association of Handicapped Persons (least influential)
 - Togolese Civil League (Formerly: Togolese League for the Defence of Human Rights)
 - <https://www.tcltogo.org>
 - Description:

“The Togolese Civil League is a transformative civil society Organization established in 2017. We embrace a strategy of building strong civic leader, advocating for the rule of law and raising awareness on the plight of the people of Togo. They have three major goals as of now, and “Democracy and Human Rights” is the most directly applicable to people with disabilities.
- The National Education Coalitions (Togo, Lesotho, Vietnam)
 - <https://www.globalpartnership.org/blog/advancing-inclusive-education-making-children-disabilities-visible-togo-lesotho-and-vietnam>
 - Description: “Children living with disabilities are often invisible from data and statistics of ministries in charge of education and training. This, and their exclusion from social life, makes them highly vulnerable. Raising awareness among parents about the rights of children with disabilities to access education and employment is key in addressing these issues. But it is equally important to raise awareness of the need for public authorities to reflect on the inclusive education dimension in their budgets, education projects, and planning,” says Marcel Toï, National Coordinator of CNT/EPT, the National Education Coalition in Togo.
- Togolese National Coalition for Education for All (CNT/EPT)
 - <https://www.globalpartnership.org/where-we-work/togo>

Tuvalu

- Fusi Alofa Association
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FAATUVALU/>
 - Description: Established in 2009, it is the only “umbrella” disabled persons organization in the country.” Fusi Alofa is the first and is still the only one of its kind in the country, with the main aim of improving the lives of Persons with Disabilities in Tuvalu. Fusi Alofa now has branches in three of the outer islands. The organisation has a membership of more that 60 People with a multiple facet of needs. It is governed by a Board, 75% of which are PWDs. Its office is based in the central business area, and the office is managed and run by one paid staff.”
 - Works with the Red Cross Society, Department of Community Affairs, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community/Regional Rights Resource Team (SPC/RRRT)

COUNTRIES

Tuvalu (cont.)

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Uganda

- The National Union of Disabled Persons
 - Website: <https://nudipu.org>
 - Contact Info: Freephone: +256 700 540179, Telephone: +256 414 540179, FAX: +256 414 540179, E-mail: info@nudipu.org
 - National Union of Disabled persons of Uganda (NUDIPU) is an umbrella organization that advocates for the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities’ and their concerns in the mainstream development processes
 - Local organization
- Uganda Society for Disabled Children
 - Website: <https://ablechildafrica.org/our-organisation/our-partners/uganda-society-for-children-with-disabilities/>
 - Contact info: Tel:4402077336006, email: info@ablechildafrica.org.uk
 - Uganda Society for Disabled Children supports children with disabilities and their parents access the resources and opportunities they need to achieve their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.
 - Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC) provides medical and educational support to individual children, working closely with their families and their communities, as well as partnering with government staff in the health, community and education sectors.
 - Local organization

Uganda (cont.)

- National Union of Women with Disabilities of Uganda
 - Website: <https://nuwoduganda.org/about-us-2/>
 - Contact info: +256(0)414285240
 - National Union of Women with Disabilities of Uganda (NUWODU) is a women-led Disabled People's Organization. It is legally registered in Uganda with the National NGO Board as a Non -Governmental Organization. It was formed in 1999 by a group of women and youth with disabilities at a National conference held in Kampala Uganda as a result of violation of rights of women and girls with Disabilities, torture, barriers to social services, double discrimination, and lack of recognition by women's Rights movement, Government and societal discrimination as a minority population in Uganda.
 - Objectives: To address special needs of women and girls with disability at all levels, To advocate for equal opportunities and create awareness on the rights and potentials of women and girls with disabilities. To Unite Women with Disabilities in Uganda at the grass roots and the existing national organisations of Women with Disabilities. To act as a coordinating body and establish a market and information center for Women with Disabilities in Uganda, To strengthen the decentralized groups of Women with Disabilities in Uganda through capacity building, skills training, and provision of assistive devices and specialized services. To advocate for the rights of WWDs in HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health programmes.
 - Local organization

United Republic of Tanzania

- Umoja wa Walemavu Zanzibar (Zanzibar Association of the Disabled)
 - Contact:
 - Phone: +255 24 223 1730
 - Address: R5QQ+7QX, Zanzibar, Tanzania
 - Description:
 - "UWZ is a national cross-disability organization established in 1985 to bring together people with all types of disabilities. It is a membership organization run and controlled by people with disabilities themselves and aims to mobilize people with disabilities to bring about lasting changes for the benefit of all persons with disabilities and their families."
<https://www.youtube.com/@zanzibarassociationofthedi6438/about>
 - Local

COUNTRIES

United Republic of Tanzania (cont.)

- Zanzibar Association of People with Developmental Disabilities
 - Web Link: <https://www.zapddznz.org/>
 - Contact:
 - Headquarters
 - Email: zapdd@yahoo.co.uk
 - Phone: 225 01 36 40 40 or +244 (0) 777 429 428
 - Mailing Address; P.O Box 4539 Zanzibar, Tanzania
 - Chake-Chake, Pemba
 - Email: zapddpemba@zanlink.com
 - Phone: +255 (0) 777 415 973 or +255 (0) 778 010 203
 - Mailing Address: P.O. Box 111 Chake-Chake Pemba
 - Description:
 - ZAPDD is a “nonpartisan civil society organization” that was established by parents of People with Intellectual Disabilities. The organization aims to tackle issues of marginalization of children and youths with intellectual disabilities.
 - Mission: “ZAPDD is a civil society organization committed to advocating for the rights of People with Developmental Disabilities”
 - Local Organization
- Shirikisho la Vyama Vya Watu Wenye Ulemavu Tanzania (Tanzania Federation of Disabled People)
 - Web Link: <https://shivyawata.or.tz/?lang=en>
 - Contact:
 - Post Address: P.O. Box 42984, Dar es Salaam - Tanzania
 - Phone: +255 22 2762233 or +255 718 645526
 - Email: infor@shivyawata.or.tz
- SHIVYAWATA is a non-governmental federation that leads international Disability Day commemoration. The organization runs campaigns against killing albinos.
 - “Tanzania Albino Society (TAS) in collaboration with SHIVYAWATA have been engaged in aggressive advocacy in a bid to end killings of Persons with Albinism. Since December 2013, there have been about 124 attacks reported in Tanzania of which 72 cases involved killings, while 35 involved chopping body parts and the rest 17 exhuming their graves on the belief that certain body parts of Persons With Albinism possess magical powers to make the users rich or successful. These evil practices are notorious in the mining and fishing sectors.”

United Republic of Tanzania (cont.)

- Brings together 10 national PWDs (Disabled People's Organizations)
- Tanzania Albino Society - <https://www.facebook.com/TASTZ/info>
- Tanzania League of the Blind
- Tanzania Association of the Physically Handicap
- Tanzania Association of the Deaf - <http://chavita.or.tz/about-us/>
- Tanzania Association of the Deaf - Blind
- Tanzania Association for the Mentally Handicap
- Kilimanjaro Association of Spinal Cord Injuries
- Psoriasis Association of Tanzania
- Tanzania Users and Survivors of Psychiatric Organization
- Association of Spinal Bifida and Hydrocephalus of Tanzania
- Local Organization
- Youth with Disabilities Organization (YoWDO)
 - Web Link:
<https://yowdo.or.tz/#:~:text=Youth%20with%20Disabilities%20Organization%20>
 - Contact:
 - Address; Mbezi Beach, Goba Road, Near Massana Hospital, Plot 101-Mbezi, Kati Stt, Kinondoni District, Dar Es Salaam-Tanzania
 - Phone: +255 764 466166
 - Email: info@yowdo.or.tz
 - Description:
 - YoWDO is a non-governmental organization that promotes the welfare of youth with disabilities in Tanzania through enhancing economic skills, social engagement capacity, policy, and access to resources.
 - "... is committed to creating and promoting workplaces to become disability-inclusive where people with disabilities can exercise their rights, abilities, capabilities and talents."
 - Local organization

COUNTRIES

Zambia

- Cheshire Homes Society of Zambia
 - Web Link: <https://www.cheshirehomessocietyzambia.org/>
 - Contact:
 - Mailing Address: P.O Box 320059 Lusaka
 - Phone: +260 21 126 6732
 - Email: chszconnect@gmail.com
 - Description:
 - CHSZ is a non-profit organization that aims to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities by campaigning to remove barriers that impede their achievement.
 - Mission: “To enable persons with disabilities to improve their quality of life and campaign for the removal of the barriers which hinder them.”
 - Local (but I think there are other Cheshire Homes in other countries)
- Zambia National Association of Persons with Physical Disabilities
 - Web Link: <https://www.znapd.org/>
 - Contact:
 - Phone: +260977686525
 - Address; 24A/189 Buteko Avenue Ndola, Zambia
 - Email: znapd44@gmail.com
 - Description:
 - The ZNAPPD aims to promote the participation of youths in the community through economic empowerment, capacity building, awareness raising, advocacy, influence, and provision of assistive devices.
 - Local Organization

Zambia (cont.)

- Parents Partnership Association for Children with Special Needs
 - Contact:
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 - Address: Lusaka, Zambia
 - Description:
 - The PPACSN is a voluntary, not for profit community organization that brings together parents with children that have disabilities
 - Mission and Vision: "The aim of the association is to protect, fight and advocate for the rights of children with special needs and to provide information and services that will promote their development. The vision of PPACSN is to provide sustained functional services such as health care, education, skills training, recreation and assessment for children with disabilities"
 - Local Organization

