CALL FOR APPLICATION

Bridge CRPD-SDGs Training Module 3
Article 11 on Situations of Risk and Humanitarian Emergencies

(Global Bridge CRPD-SDGs)

BACKGROUND

The barriers and the discrimination faced by persons with disabilities in everyday life are greatly amplified when society breaks down as a result of crises such as conflicts or natural disasters. The obligation of State Parties to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in such situations is enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), in particular Article 11: “Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies”.

Following the adoption of the Sendai Framework in March 2015, the Resolution 31/6 of the Human Rights Council (HRC) adopted in March 2016 and the launch of the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016, there has been significant movement towards addressing the inclusion of persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian action.

Certainly, for persons with disabilities, humanitarian assistance and protection must be provided without discrimination, yet still it is acknowledged that there is limited capacity among humanitarian actors to fulfil this commitment. On the other hand, there also exist gaps where persons with disabilities, unaware of their rights and entitlements, are not meaningfully involved in humanitarian actions.

Therefore, with an objective to support the development of an enabling and more accountable humanitarian environment inclusive of persons with disabilities, the International Disability Alliance (IDA), CBM and Humanity & Inclusion (HI) are collaborating on a joint project ‘Inclusive Humanitarian Action for Persons with Disabilities’ (the ‘Article 11 Project’). One of the expected results of this Article 11 Project is to establish a capacity building mechanism to foster cooperation, exchange and knowledge among organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs), humanitarian actors and local stakeholders. The Article 11 Project identified the Bridge CRPD-SDGs Training Initiative as an ideal platform to address the requirements of this Result hence the Bridge CRPD-SDGs Training Module 3.
In 2015, IDA and IDDC developed the **Bridge CRPD-SDGs training initiative** to support advocates and resource persons of organizations of persons with disabilities to **advocate for inclusion and realization of all human rights for all persons with disabilities** in resource-constrained environments, and facing challenging governance and competing agendas and politics at national and local levels.

The intensive Bridge CRPD-SDGs program focuses on **inclusive and comprehensive understanding of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as well as generating a CRPD perspective on development in general and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in particular.**

Since 2015, the Bridge Initiative has been implemented in Latin America, South East Asia, Pacific, East and Western Africa, Big Lakes Africa and the Middle East and North Africa as well as at two country-level in Indonesia-Timor Lest and Uganda.

**BRIDGE CRPD-SDGs Module 3 focused on the Article 11 of the CRPD**

The Bridge CRPD-SDGs training is an intensive training composed of two modules (Module 1 and Module 2) of 7 days each, plus one day of preparation, and with assignments to be carried out by each trainee between modules.

**1. LENGTH AND CONTENT**

The Bridge Module 3 on the Article 11 of the CRPD is foreseen to take eight days of intensive training, as well as an additional day prior to the training for preparation of underrepresented groups and humanitarian actors (one full day). The preparatory meeting is particularly key so as to create a safe space and facilitate adjustment to the training as a new situation. Underrepresented groups include but are not limited to: deaf persons, people with deafblindness, persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and hard of hearing people.

The first part of the training week will set the scene by providing participants with an in-depth understanding of the international binding legal frameworks (International Humanitarian Law and the CRPD) and how to apply those to the humanitarian programme cycle, cluster system and refugee coordination mechanism. Time will also be dedicated to revisit the non-binding instruments, such as the Sendai Framework and the Humanitarian Charter as well as Core Humanitarian and Human Rights Standards; with observation on equality and non-discrimination in issues related to the Art 11 as well as the history of humanitarian assistance, key concepts and milestones.

The second part of the training week will be very practical and instrumental, dedicated to the analysis of key tools and humanitarian plans, including with the use of existing country-based examples. The week will also allow for an interactive policy exchange with key stakeholders from the humanitarian sector to put into practice key areas of learning, and will be rich of simulation exercises to support effective engagement of DPO representatives and humanitarian actors on real situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies.

As an outcome of the training program, participants – advocates with disabilities and humanitarian actors – will have an effective opportunity to engage together and to build strong alliances in
realizing the Art 11 of the CRPD, the Sendai Framework and the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action (Humanitarian Charter). It is a mutual learning experience that shall bring diversity and wealth of knowledge to the discussion table and in essence enrich the processes of inclusion of persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian action.

In addition, all participants, both from the disability movement and the humanitarian community, will be requested to prepare a short non-academic policy paper/ analysis no more than six months after participating in the module, with support/mentoring provided by the facilitation team.

2. TARGET GROUP, DATE AND LOCATION
The first global Module 3 on the Article 11 training will have 30 participants: 20 DPO activists from across contexts affected by disasters or who are active in influencing duty bearers for inclusive humanitarian action and 10 humanitarian actors, equally working across all areas of the emergency spectrum.

Therefore, participants in this Bridge Module 3 will include:

- advocates with disabilities who already participated in the Bridge Initiative –Bridge Alumni; and;
- humanitarian actors who have not necessarily been involved in the Bridge Initiative before but are working towards inclusive humanitarian action.

The Bridge Module 3 on the Article 11 of the CRPD will take place from 8 to 16 June 2019, in Amman, Jordan.

3. CALL FOR APPLICATION
This Call for Application is therefore addressed to previous participants of the Bridge CRPD-SDGs training initiative (Bridge Alumni) who successfully concluded Module 1 and Module 2 of Bridge in their regions or countries, and to humanitarian actors working on situations of risk or humanitarian emergencies.

Minimum criteria for all participants:

- Be a Bridge Alumni or a humanitarian actor,
- Have work or lived experience on situations of risk and/or humanitarian emergencies. An added value for humanitarian actors is a proved experience on inclusive humanitarian or DRR action,
- A commitment to learn, exchange, mentor and support other disability advocates or humanitarian actors within their own group and beyond: be this at local, national or regional level,
- Have a genuine commitment to working inclusively to strengthen a cross disability movement, and an inclusive humanitarian action, being ready to share and learn about the complexity and diversity of the lived experience of disability and the humanitarian and DRR contexts,
- Demonstrate experience, interest and aptitude to engage in influencing humanitarian processes and public policy, be this at local, national or regional levels.
The **minimum commitment** from all Bridge CRPD-SDGs participants who meet the criteria is to:

- Fully attend the module and to undertake given assignments (a full missed day disqualifies a participant from completing the BRIDGE training),
- Work with fellow participants to support an inclusive peer learning environment,
- Support wider advocacy and public policy influencing for inclusive humanitarian action during and following Bridge CRPD-SDGs training,
- Support cross disability networking and movement building of all people with disabilities of all backgrounds, diversity and characteristics,
- Commit to undertake follow-up work as an advocate in at least one of the following areas:
  - Public policy influencing with local and national government,
  - Monitoring human rights implementation,
  - Building capacity of cross disability movement,
  - Working with mainstream development agencies to promote inclusive development.

4. **Language**

The medium of the training will be in English, with simultaneous interpretation to the participant language when needed, as well as other mediums of communication such as sign language or any alternative modes, means and formats of communication.

5. **Quality criteria**

The selection of participants will be based on fair representation of sex (male and female), age and different types of disabilities as well as different areas of work and backgrounds. Underrepresented groups such as indigenous persons or people from cultural minorities, deaf people, persons with deaf blindness, persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, persons with autism, persons with albinism and with multi-impairments are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Application**

Interested persons are invited to provide a file containing:

1) A written letter of expression of interest stating experience and commitment to the whole process (one page maximum). This can also be done via recorded oral or video presentation, including in sign language, in English, French, Spanish or Arabic. If needed, participants from Indonesia and from Bridge Asia can write in their own language,

2) An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV), in any of the above indicated languages,

3) For participants from the disability movement: A letter of recommendation on letterhead from a member DPO of a national, sub-regional or regional DPO, from an IDDC member, from a network of persons with disabilities,

   For participants from the humanitarian sector: A letter of recommendation on letterhead from a humanitarian, development or UN organization.

Files, including the letter of expression of interest and required information **must be submitted**:

- By e-mail to the following address: bridge_platform@ida-secretariat.org.
- No later than April 6, 2019 (for Bridge Alumni) and April 12 (for Humanitarian actors),
- Titled "Application Bridge CRPD-SDGs Training – Module 3 on the Art 11 of the CRPD ".

Announcement of the final participants list will be done latest April 20, 2019.
Summary of the sessions

Day 1
- Introduction
- Practical demonstration of equality and opportunity in humanitarian crisis to ground central tenets of CRPD
- Introduction to key CRPD concepts and knowledge areas which will be built upon during the week with simultaneous session for DPO activists on key humanitarian concepts

Day 2
- CRPD general principles and core concepts
- Key humanitarian principles and key concepts
- Interactive History Timeline: Linking key milestones: disability rights and humanitarian action

Day 3
- Humanitarian Program Cycle and Humanitarian Cluster System:
  - Challenges and opportunities for DPO engagement
  - Addressing protection and prevention from a rights perspective
- Non-Discrimination: Analysing non-discrimination within the cluster system through case studies

Day 4
- Application of key CPRD articles relevant to humanitarian action
- Sendai Framework Priorities to Inclusive Early Warning, Preparedness & Contingency Planning

Day 5
- Data and the Washington Group Data Sets: Designing M&E systems to capture and applying disaggregated data in humanitarian contexts

Day 6
- Modalities of Different Disaster Situations: Thematic group work focusing on:
  - Partnership and Coordination
  - Methods to reinforce the Core Humanitarian Standards
- Marketplace: Sharing of resources, tools and examples of good practice

Day 7
- Parallel Policy Exchange: Opportunity to apply learning through off-site meetings with different clusters and donors to discuss:
  - Data Disaggregation
  - Challenges and opportunities to operationalize key inclusion principles
  - Strengthening coordination and partnership mechanisms

Formal group dinner with external experts who joined policy exchange

Day 8
- Simulation Exercise on Humanitarian Coordinator meeting with Cluster Leads: Practical application of skills and knowledge to advocate for disability inclusion
- Wrap Up

Session will finish at 3:00 PM to allow for participants to catch evening flights.
## Summary of the sessions on table

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- CRPD general principles & core concepts  
- Key humanitarian principles & core concepts | Humanitarian Program Cycle & Humanitarian Cluster System:  
- Challenges & opportunities for DPO engagement  
- Addressing protection & prevention from a rights perspective | Application of key CPRD articles relevant to humanitarian action  
- Application of Sendai Framework Priorities to Inclusive Early Warning, Preparedness & Contingency Planning |
| | CPARD general principles & core concepts | Interactive History Time-line: Linking key milestones—disability rights & humanitarian action | Non-Discrimination: Analysing non-discrimination within the cluster system through case studies | Free Afternoon |
| 5   | Humanitarian Response Plans: Analysing response plans using CRPD & Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action | Data & the Washington Group Data Sets: Designing M&E systems to capture disaggregated data & applying disaggregated data in humanitarian contexts | Parallel Policy Exchange: Opportunity to apply learning through off-site meetings with different clusters & donors to discuss:  
- Data Disaggregation  
- Challenges & opportunities to operationalize key inclusion principles  
- Strengthening coordination & partnership mechanisms | Simulation Exercise on Humanitarian Coordinator meeting with Cluster Leads: Practical application of skills & knowledge to advocate for disability inclusion |
| 6   | Modalities of Different Disaster Situations: Thematic group work focusing on:  
- Partnership & Coordination  
- Methods to reinforce the Core Humanitarian Standards | Marketplace: Sharing of resources, tools & examples of good practice | | Wrap Up |
| 7   | Preparatory Session for parallel policy exchange (Day 7) | | | Session will finish at 3:00 PM to allow for participants to catch evening flights. |
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