

# Pacific OPD Data Advocacy

***Almost a decade of consistent & persistent Advocacy  
2015 – 2023'***

***'Quality disaggregated data for disability inclusion and equity'***

# Data advocacy in the Pacific: strengthening understanding and use of disability data by OPDs



## 1. Capacity building of OPDs for the following:

- to understand the tools used for data collection at the national level – different tools available, so they can advocate better
- understand what the tool can do and its limitation
- understand how data can be used to influence policy intervention
- build the convening power of the OPDs to demand for data
- resourcing of OPD to play their role and support the NSOs as well

## 2. Capacity building to NSOs to understand the tools (WG/WHO) that is appropriate for each data collection activity.

**Collecting data on persons with disabilities and on the barriers and enablers they face is a human rights obligation under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It is also essential to monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDG 17.18 specifically reference persons with disabilities for high quality and disaggregated data**

# OVERVIEW



1. OPD Advocacy – to date
2. OPD Capacity Building
3. Strengthening partnerships
4. Data Advocacy – gains made so far
5. Reflections
6. Key Messages

# OPD ADVOCACY

- **Acting on the Sustainable Development Goals and targets.**
- **Maximising our convening power.**
- **Strengthening our partnership.**
- **Participation of OPDs in the process.**

# OPD CAPACITY BUILDING



- 1. Understanding the different tools**
- 2. Training for OPDs was KEY**
- 3. Advocate! Advocate! And Meeting the Demand and Supply.**

# Strengthening Partnership



- **Partnership was key to build our capacity.**
- **As part of our Capacity Building**
- **Constantly engaging in this space. We were persistent and consistent.**
- **PDF is a member of the Pacific Group on Disability Statistics**
- **Supporting the NSOs directly through advocacy.**

# Data Advocacy – Gains Made

- **Uptake by NSOs in the Pacific**
- **Usage to inform policy design and intervention.**
- **Moving beyond the census into specific surveys.**
- **Data for SDG-CRPD reporting.**



# REFLECTIONS



- This year's theme of "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" is ***"United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with and by persons with disabilities"***.
- the Pacific is far from achieving its targets of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) by 2030 and similar trend globally.
- With this overall projection and the Pacific struggling to meet its SDG targets, persons with disabilities are sure to be left further behind.
- To track implementation of the SDG/CRPD, data is KEY to tell us progress and the gaps that still exist.

# KEY MESSAGES

- 1. Resourcing.**
- 2. Capacity building.**
- 3. Engaging with National Statistics Offices.**
- 4. Still lacking data on barriers and enablers for participation**
- 5. Data to show progress on disability inclusion and where gaps exists.**

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