



## **Network of African Women with Disabilities — Key Messages**

### **Our Key Messages to Governments:**

All governments have obligations to mainstream and protect the rights of women and children with disabilities in their respective countries affected by humanitarian crises. Accordingly, governments should:

1. formulate and/or review favorable policies and laws for the protection and promotion of the rights, as well as the empowerment, of women and children with disabilities in humanitarian crises;
2. establish disability focal persons/desks in ministries responsible for humanitarian crises for purposes of monitoring policies and programs targeting women and children with disabilities in humanitarian crises;
3. provide accessible, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services to women with disabilities in humanitarian crises.

### **Our Key Messages to United Nations Agencies:**

UN specialized agencies should:

1. use networks such as NAWWD to connect to DPOs in each country;
2. form strategic alliances with women's DPOs in host countries to develop training tool kits for country teams to understand disability and disability inclusion;
3. collect disaggregated data and analyze it to use for program purposes to include women and girls with disabilities in humanitarian situations;
4. support partner NGOs and host country DPOs to strengthen the capacity of women and girls with disabilities in camps and affected communities to represent themselves.

### **Our Key Messages to Civil Society Organizations (CSO):**

CSOs should:

1. women's rights organizations should build partnership with women's DPOs;
2. consider the diverse needs, skills and capacities of women and girls with different categories of disabilities (such as; intellectual disabilities, mental disabilities, albinism);
3. mainstream disability in women's economic empowerment programs to minimize risks of GBV for women and girls with disabilities;
4. advocate for access to targeted services for women and girls with disabilities (for example, inclusive education, dignified employment and comprehensive health services).

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