International Normative Frameworks on Disability Inclusion in Disaster Risk Reduction

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Older Persons above 65 = 1.5 billion in 2050

UN (2018, 2021)
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (UN, 2006)

Parties: 185 (Legally binding)


**Article 11: Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies**

States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters.
Article 1

Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Medical Model → Social Model
Social Model

- Environmental
- Institutional
- Attitudinal
Article 3 – General principles

1. Respect for inherent **dignity**, individual **autonomy** incl. **freedom to make one’s own choices**, and **independence** of persons

2. Non-discrimination

3. Full and effective **participation and inclusion in society**

4. **Respect for difference** and acceptance of persons with **disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity**

5. **Equality of opportunity**

6. **Accessibility**

7. **Equality between genders**

8. Respect for evolving capacities & **right to preserve identities of children w disabilities**

“nothing about us, without us”
Global Priorities for 2016～30：17 Goals & 169 Targets
5 Goals & 7 Targets mention disability

**Priority 1: Understanding disaster risk**
Engage with persons with disabilities who are critical in assessment

**Priority 2: Strengthening disaster risk governance**
Work with persons with disabilities in designing & implementing policies & practices
Inclusive decision-making based on disability-disaggregated data

**Priority 3: Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience**
Make physical infrastructures and information accessible

**Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to «Build Back Better» in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction**
Empower persons with disabilities to publicly lead universally accessible approaches
• Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action (World Humanitarian Summit, 2016)
  1) Non-discrimination 2) Participation 3) Inclusive policy
  4) Inclusive response & services 5) Cooperation & coordination

  Must do actions
  1) Promote meaningful participation
  2) Remove barriers
  3) Empower persons with disabilities
  4) Disaggregate data for monitoring inclusion
Regional Agreements

• Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (2012)
• The Dhaka Declaration for Disability Inclusive Sendai implementation (2015)
• The Ha Noi Recommendations for Action on Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction (2016)