Regional Consultation on Facilitating Innovative Action on Disability-inclusive and Gender-responsive Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific

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Presentation topic: Government initiative and Policy support to Disability inclusive disaster risk reduction.
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Inclusiveness is prior concern of the Government of Bangladesh

• Bangladesh as a signatory of SFDRR has taken initiatives to “Leave no one behind“

• Bangladesh initiated a task force to dispose matters for the betterment of the disable persons during disaster and also for monitoring the implementation of decisions taken in support of the people with special need.

• Bangladesh had chances to arrange two international conferences on “Disability inclusive disaster risk Management”. Dhaka declaration and Dhaka Declaration plus both put emphasis on the inclusiveness by all the signatory countries.

• Standing Order on Disaster(SOD) as a major Disaster management document ensures inclusion of the representative of disable persons in all committees down to the root level.

• Bangladesh is providing data timely in SFDRR tracer and getting ready for midterm review of SFDRR
Government initiatives continues

• National plan for disaster management (NPDM) 2021-2025 is quite inclusive and disability friendly.

• Cyclone shelter guideline is made inclusive. Now ramp is a must for any cyclone shelter, There is arrangement of a corner for laclating mother and disable and elderly people

• Multipurpose rescue boats are specially constructed for disable persons with wide ramp specially made toilate facilities,

• Government is encouraging and promoting non government organizations to work in this area.

• Promotional activities about the potentials of the people with special is always welcomed and getting media coverage to encourage them.
In GPDRR2022 Bangladesh will arrange a side event namely Successful Application: "Inclusive Local Actions towards Effective Disaster Risk Reduction and Leave No One Behind: Accelerating the implementation of Dhaka Declaration and other inspiring initiatives". From the side event will support to get a clear view about the inclusive policy and activities of other countries.
• Bangladesh is also taken initiative to relief disaster stricken people from traumatic situation after facing huge disaster.

• Juanne Byrne an renowned American counselling psychotherapist has imparted basic training to about 200 people inculding officer, Academia, non gov organizations, fire service department, police officials, project implementation officers etc.

• After any severe disaster (man made or natural) psycosocial counselling team consisting of various department officials moves to sooth the shocked persons

• There has been approved two training modiuls in this connection has been approved one for fire service and other for pios.
Inclusive development is one of the SDG's target. All policy, guideline and rules of Modmr are made inclusive. Mindset change of people towards a disable people is the most important thing. We now can say disable people are as valuable and potential as an able person in a society.
Thank you very much