The partners of Inclusive Futures are pleased to welcome you to

Bridging COVID-19 response and recovery

COSP14 side-event: what we have learnt about the inclusion of people with disabilities during COVID-19 and how we can build back better

Expert representatives from OPDs, researchers and development professionals will share learnings from Inclusive Futures’ experience of delivering a response programme which is inclusive of people with disabilities.

This side event will outline what we have learnt from the immediate response to COVID-19 and how that can support us all to ensure people with disabilities are intrinsically included in post-pandemic recovery.

Inclusive Futures is a collaboration of 16 international organisations funded by UK aid, working together with persons with disabilities, their representative organisations and the public and private sectors on disability inclusion in international development. Our programmes on health, education, work and tackling negative stereotyping and discrimination pivoted to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tuesday 15 June 2021
8:30 - 9:45 (EST)
2:30 - 3:45 (CET)

Image: Two women are given handsanitiser by a member of staff from Inclusive Futures partner Brac as part of a crisis response which was inclusive of people with disabilities in Bangladesh.

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Event summary

Reaching underrepresented people with disabilities, including women.

In the first part of the event, experts will explore the impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities, with results from qualitative research in Bangladesh and Nepal. A case will be made for diversified and specific support in crisis response, in particular focusing on our work reaching people with deafblindness in Bangladesh, and the role of women with disabilities will be highlighted in our research on the impact of COVID-19 on a women’s led OPD in Zimbabwe.

Livelihood response and economic recovery

During the second part of the session, panellists will address how immediate COVID-19 crisis responses can lead to longer term recovery, focusing on our work to support microentrepreneurs with disabilities in Kenya to continue trading during COVID-19. We will make the case for building back better by promoting disability-inclusive employment, examine what our latest labour market assessments show us about the impact of COVID-19 and opportunities for employment and inclusion in Bangladesh, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda.

Key speakers

Lorraine Wapling, Technical Director DID Programme, Sightsavers
Deborah Iyute, National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda
Mary Wickenden, Institute of Development Studies
Agness Chindimba, Zimbabwean OPD Deaf Women Included
Anika Rahman Lipy, Centre for Disability and Development Bangladesh (CDD)
Anderson Gitonga, United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK)
Jake Epelle, CEO The Albino Foundation, Nigeria
Stephen Njenga, Country Director Kenya, Light for the World

Accessibility

International sign language will be provided as well as communication access real time translation (CART, captioning).

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To register for the event visit: https://myt-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GoSmTK0hReaVQewz0WeZ4w