

## Call for submission: strong and practical examples of disability-inclusive SRHR-activities

How can we include men, women, youngsters and children with disabilities in SRHR programmes? And how can we include SRHR in disability-specific programmes? ‘Leave no one behind’ is a central principle of the SDG’s, but challenges at implementation level are still paramount.

Therefore, the Dutch Coalition of Disability and Development (DCDD) – a coalition of twelve organisations – is preparing a publication on SRHR and disability, in cooperation with Sharenet (a Dutch network on SRHR and HIV). This publication will be filled with practical information, interviews, recommendations, and most importantly: with **practical examples**. It will be spread among SRHR-, disability-, and mainstream organisations and policy makers.

This call for submission is aimed at collecting those examples or ‘good practices’. We are looking for strong practical examples, cases and personal stories on SRHR projects or methods which are inclusive for persons with disability.

(A selection of) the different collected cases will be published later this year, and will be presented during an expert meeting in the Netherlands on SRHR and Disability, with Mrs. Catalina Devandas, the UN Special Rapporteur on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as keynote speaker.

Mrs. Devandas will visit the Netherlands between November 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> to present a report on SRHR and girls with disabilities. The date of the expert meeting will probably be Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### What are we looking for?

“SRHR” stands for all activities related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, like:

1. Improving maternal health;
2. Combatting HIV-Aids;
3. Sex education and services for young people;
4. Better access to contraceptives, antiretrovirals and other medicines;
5. Sexual and reproductive health care as part of an accessible, affordable basic healthcare system;
6. Advocacy for sexual health and rights of people with disabilities;

We are looking for examples from different angles, like:

- Personal stories (from women, men, girls, boys with disabilities; but also from trainers, health workers, advocates etc);
- Analyses or stories of disability-specific SRHR projects or programs (for example focusing on empowerment of people with disabilities).
- Analyses or stories of broad, inclusive SRHR-programs (mainstream).

You might combine the different elements.

**Include in your story the following elements:**

- What was the context (in terms of region, country, culture, target groups)?;
- Who were involved (NGO's, DPO's, government, etc.)?;
- Which barriers did people with disabilities face when accessing SRHR services?

**What is your solution / good practice?**

**This is the most important aspect, please elaborate on the method/project!**

What was the meaning of the project/program/approach for people with disabilities? (This might be explained on a personal, family or community level: *'What changes did it bring about in your life/your family/your community'*). What have you learned and what would you recommend to other organisations?

**Length of text:** between 250 and 1000 words.

**Language:** preferably in English.

**Deadline:** Please send in **before the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2017** to [dcdd@dcdd.nl](mailto:dcdd@dcdd.nl)

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