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Cooperation to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in international development and humanitarian action



Our Membership

The GLAD Network is a coordination body of bilateral and multilateral donors and agencies, the private sector and foundations working to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in international development and humanitarian action. The GLAD Network members work together to take actions consistent with the goals of the Network and the GLAD Network Strategic Plan. The GLAD Network meets at least annually.

The GLAD Network welcomes, as members, international stakeholders (bilateral and multilateral donors and agencies, the private sector, foundations and others) contributing resources to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in international development and humanitarian action. Resources are primarily financial, but may also include technical expertise, provided internationally, either directly or through a partnership, to support disability inclusion in developing countries.

Our story

The (GLAD) Network was launched in London in December 2015, by a group of like-minded partners who recognise that to realise the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to leave no one behind, and to further the principles reflected in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the international community needs to work together to share expertise, coordinate actions, and raise the profile of disability across a broader range of organisations contributing to international development efforts.

Our mission

The GLAD Network's mission is to support bilateral and multilateral donors and organisations, the private sector, foundations and others contributing resources to work together, in collaboration with organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) and partner governments, to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in international development and humanitarian action.

Recognising that Network members share a common focus on disability-inclusive programming and advocacy on humanitarian action, education and social protection, the Network has three working groups to lead GLAD engagement on these priority issues.

Our goals:

The GLAD Network goals serve as a map to guide Members, consistently with Article 32 of the CRPD, to work together to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in international development and humanitarian action.

The 5 GLAD goals are:

1. Increase coordination of their disability-inclusive contributions
2. Learn from each other by sharing knowledge and resources
3. Amplify their common and united voice for maximum influence
4. Expand and diversify the community of partners contributing resources to disability-inclusive development and humanitarian action
5. Strengthen existing partnerships and disability inclusion within existing global development initiatives

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