



A movement to change one billion lives

Together, the Disability Rights Fund (DRF) and the Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRAF) are a grantmaking collaborative that empowers persons with disabilities to advocate for equal rights and full participation in society.

Through grantmaking, advocacy, and technical assistance, we support Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs) to use global rights and development frameworks, such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – ensuring no one is left behind. We support DPOs in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Caribbean.

We operate as a pooled fund, which combines the resources of multiple governmental and private donors, and in doing so, enables these donors to harmonize their efforts and efficiently reach marginalized groups of persons with disabilities.

Within our organizations, we include persons with disabilities at all levels, from advisory to staffing to governance. This structure enables our programming to be grounded in the reality of persons with disabilities and centered on learning and participation. It models how we want the world to be.

Persons with disabilities are increasingly engaging and participating in decision making in their communities and countries. In less than ten years, the Funds have contributed to significant impact: increasing DPO participation in ratification of the CRPD; developing national and local legislation, policies, and programs to achieve rights; and monitoring governments in international human rights fora.

Between 2008 and 2016, we distributed over US\$20 million in 932 grants to 290 organizations in 33 countries.

We currently provide grants to organizations in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, Uganda, Ghana, Rwanda, Malawi, Haiti, and the Pacific Island countries.

Our Vision

A world where persons with disabilities fully participate in society and enjoy equal rights and opportunities on an equal basis with others

Our Mission

We support persons with disabilities around the world to build diverse movements, ensure inclusive development agendas, and achieve equal rights and opportunity for all

Our Strategic Framework

Building Movements

A strong and inclusive disability movement is the cornerstone for rights to be recognized and achieved for all persons with disabilities

Driving the Agenda

Persons with disabilities lead the agenda for disability inclusive development

Achieving Rights

Systemic inclusion of persons with disabilities advances the vision of dignity and security of everyone