



Indonesia

Women with Disabilities Included in Sexual Violence Crime Law in Indonesia

What was happening



In 2012, Indonesia's **National Commission on Violence Against Women** wrote the first version of the **Elimination of Sexual Violence Act**.



It said that women and girls with disabilities were being forced to have contraception and be sterilized by law.

Organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) campaigned about this and women with disabilities spoke about their experiences. The law was finally passed in 2022.

Who made this happen?

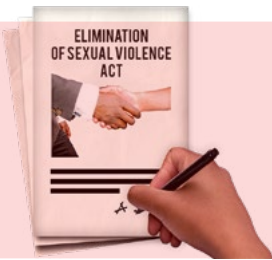


The **Indonesian Mental Health Association** and **HWDI** worked together with over 20 other organizations.



They made sure that the women's rights movement included women with disabilities. This was to make sure the **Sexual Violence Crime Bill** would protect everyone.

What was done 2018 to 2022



The **National Commission on Violence Against Women** wrote a Bill which included women and girls with disabilities.

OPDs and women's rights activists worked together to plan how to look after each other.



They also met the President's team and told them how important it was that everyone was included in the new bill. Forced sterilization is now removed from the law. It protects all women, including women with disabilities, from sexual violence.

Why is this important



Women with disabilities now have the right to make decisions about their own bodies. Persons with any disabilities have the same legal rights and capacity as everyone else.



If someone has disabilities and is a victim of sexual violence, whoever did it to them will be punished more.

How did DRF and DRAF help?



The **Disability Rights Fund** and **Disability Rights Advocacy Fund** helped people to work together. They supported women with disabilities to meet people from the Indonesian Women’s Coalition and the Government.