What makes disability rights stronger? Lessons from a world study

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Easy-to-Read Report
ABOUT THE STUDY

This report is about a study that looked at how DRF and DRAF make disability rights stronger.

The study looked at our projects with Disabled people's organisations (DPOs).

85 people were interviewed in Bangladesh, Ghana, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Uganda.

They were asked about the lessons that they have learned from working on our projects.

This report will talk about the lessons that the DPOs learned from working with DRF/DRAF.
LESSON 1: There are many ways to speak up for disability rights.

DRF and DRAF work with DPOs to help them to speak up for better laws and disability rights.

The DPOs speak up to improve laws, policies, and government programs in their country.

DPOs teach their government, the media, and other organizations about disability rights.

DPOs work closely with their government to make disability rights stronger.

DPOs also share these lessons with world organizations, like the United Nations.
LESSON 2: It's best to team up with many people, with different disabilities.

DRF and DRAF team up with new DPOs of women, people with albinism, intellectual and mental disabilities.

We support new and small DPOs to get set up. This helps many groups, with different disabilities speak up for their rights.

We bring big and small DPOs together so that they can team up and have a stronger voice.

Bigger DPOs with members with different disabilities are stronger and can impact the government.
LESSON 3: Support from DRF/DRAF helps DPOs to speak up for their rights.

DRF/DRAF shares information and teaches DPOs how to speak up for disability rights.

We also support DPOs to team up and to have a stronger voice to speak up for disability rights.

We help DPOs to build confidence and skills so that people with lots of different disabilities can speak up for their rights.

DPOs said that they had more influence on their government because of DRF/DRAF support.
LESSON 4: As DPOs grow stronger, they are having a big impact.

DPOs that have worked with DRF/DRAF are growing stronger and getting more members.

They are more visible, and because of this, some get more money from other funders.

Their government is listening and some governments ask DPOs to teach them how to make their work more disability-friendly.

DPOs are also having a voice, not just in their own country, but around the world.