**RESPONSE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF NIGERIA TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

1. Please describe how your country’s international cooperation efforts, including international development aid, are inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities; and how is funding tracked and reported.

**Response**

The passage into law of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act 2018 provides for the establishment of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities to oversee all issues bordering on disabilities. However, the Commission is yet to be set up. The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development oversees disability issues but through the various disability joint associations across the country. In the area of coordination, there are still gaps in effective coordination on the issues and activities of disability focused organisations. The various disability organizations access funds through bilateral agreement with donors (Funders) and International Non-Governmental organizations (INGOs). However, funds from bilateral donors are often times tracked and monitored by the Ministry of Budget and National Planning whereas the International Non-Governmental organizations (INGOs) do the tracking and reporting of funds they disburse. Until the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities is established not much would be done.

1. Please describe how South-South and triangular cooperation support your country’s efforts to implement the rights of persons with disabilities, including by facilitating the exchange of innovative knowledge, skills and successful initiatives.

**Response**

Nigeria has much Civil Society activism in many arears of human rights work. The Rights of persons with disability inclusive. Many of the Non- Governmental Organisations and Civil Society Organisations are supported by development partners, countries, and international organizations providing financial or technical **support** to facilitate the modest development achieved in the area so far. The UNDP and other development partners provides support to some governmental and non governmental organisations in this regard. There is still much to be done in this regard.

1. Please describe how your country coordinates, prioritizes and manages aid received from international cooperation in order to ensure that national development programmes are inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities.

**Response**

Generally speaking, there is no properly coordinated mechanism for management and coordination of aids or funds in the Country at the moment.

However Federal Government has unveiled plans to set up a multi-donor trust fund for the Donor Coordination Unit (DCU).

The trust fund, would ensure best value for all donor assisted activities in the country, while the DCU is to be chaired by the Honorable Minister for Finance and would be co-chaired by the Minister of State for Budget and National Planning. The DCU is to develop a road map toward setting up a Multi-Donor [Trust Fund](https://www.ripplesnigeria.com/senate-passes-police-trust-fund-bill/) to be managed by the World Bank, which will pool donor funds to enhance transparency and accountability. Government believes that “Aid is most effective when it is well-coordinated, with mutual accountability mechanisms for government and donors. Above all else, it must be aligned with government’s strategic development priorities.

In the area of Humanitarian funds, the Nigerian Government has made some progress in coordinating aid in specific areas such as in the North East Intervention and the Social Investment Programmes. Generally, Country-based Pooled Funds (CBPFs) are multi-donor humanitarian financing instruments established by the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) and managed by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) at the country level under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC). They receive un-earmarked funding from donors and allocate it in response to priority humanitarian needs through joint planning and an inclusive and field-driven decision-making process namely, The Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF)

Despite the foregoing, local organizations for persons with disabilities access funds through INGOs as well as some bilateral donors.

1. Please explain whether the Sustainable Development Goals resulted in increased international development aid benefitting persons with disabilities in your country and how.

**Response**

The Sustainable Development Goals has generally helped in the conceptualization of programmes in all areas of human rights and development work. SDGs requirement of living no one behind has helped actors to ensure inclusion of the interest of persons with disabilities in major development plans in the country. This has also resulted in a gradual increase in international development aid. It is hoped that before 2030, there would be a great increase.

1. Please describe to what extent and how are persons with disabilities and their organizations involved and consulted in decisions related to international cooperation in your country, and how they can access international cooperation funds and grants (including legal requirements, procedures and challenges).

**Response**

Nigeria has a very vibrant disability based civil society activism. These organisations constantly engage government and other relevant stakeholders for inclusiveness in all aspects of national life. In addition, the National Human Rights Commission led National Action Plan for the promotion and Protection of Human Rights is an integrated plan which is inclusive and provided for disability issues in the area of fund mobilization and utilization. The plan contains all policies and legal frameworks in place that are required for effective achievement of its goals.

There are however some challenges hindering effectiveness of this plan. Chief amongst the challenges is the lack of specific national body charged solely for the coordination of issues of disabilities in Nigeria.

Despite the passage of the disability rights law in Nigeria, the Commission envisaged under the law is yet to be operationalized The umbrella body of the association of persons with disabilities are expected to be involved, however, there are allegations of their not always being involved and consulted in decisions relating to international cooperation. Persons with disabilities and their organizations access funds directly through the INGOs and Bilateral donors.

1. Please provide any information and statistical data available on disability-inclusive international cooperation in your country, including information related to the challenges and limitations of the international aid system to promote the rights of persons with disabilities.

**Response**

Unfortunately, there are no available statistical data on disability-inclusive international cooperation in the country. This is a huge gap and challenge.