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Preface

1. Executive Summary

This compilation is produced by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) South-East Asia Regional Office (SEARO) in 2025. It consolidates publicly available recommendations issued to South-East Asian countries by the UN human rights mechanisms (HRMs) on the rights of persons with disabilities, covering the period 2020–2025¹. In total, the compilation includes **802 recommendations** addressed to **11 countries**, drawn from **45 official HRM sources** across three mechanisms: **Universal Periodic Review** (11 sources), **UN Treaty Bodies** (24 sources), and **UN Special Procedures** (10 sources).

Background and context

Across South-East Asia, persons with disabilities continue to face intersecting and persistent legal, attitudinal, environmental, and institutional barriers that affect the enjoyment of rights on an equal basis with others. Common patterns across the region include gaps in accessibility and reasonable accommodation; access to inclusive education and employment opportunities; access to justice and legal safeguards; and access to health, social protection, and independent living support. These challenges are compounded by discrimination, stigma, poverty, gender inequality, humanitarian situations, and constraints in data systems and service delivery.

As of 2025, all ASEAN member countries have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD); however, implementation gaps remain. In addition, the rights of persons with disabilities are addressed not only in the CRPD itself, but also through other UN HRMs which commonly address issues regarding their rights, covering extensive sectors. In this context, recommendations produced by UN HRMs provide an authoritative evidence base for policy reforms, national planning for implementation, and multi-stakeholder follow-up—particularly when consolidated in a way that supports practical use and cross-mechanism tracking.

Purpose and intended use

The primary purpose of this compilation is to support governments, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), UN Country Teams (UNCTs), UN entities, development partners/donors, and other stakeholders in strengthening the implementation of disability rights commitments and monitoring progress over time. By bringing recommendations together in one place, the compilation aims to:

¹ It exceptionally included the CRPD recommendations to Myanmar in 2019 to cover as many relevant recommendations as possible.

- enable **country-level and cross-country/regional analysis** of recurring areas and implementation gaps;
- support **national legal harmonization**, including policy design, legislative reform processes, and action planning;
- improve **traceability and evidence-based reference** for reporting, advocacy, and cooperation;
- facilitate **rights-based and coherent follow-up** across UN HRMs;
- strengthen **intersectional analysis** and alignment of disability inclusion across development and international human rights frameworks (including CRPD and SDGs).

Structure and evidence-based approach

To maximize usability, the compilation organizes recommendations through a thematic framework built for operational application. Recommendations are classified under **12 themes** and further refined through **tags**, allowing users to cluster and filter recommendations at different levels of specificity. In addition, each entry includes associated **CRPD articles** to support alignment with the CRPD framework and facilitate treaty reporting and legal/policy review. The thematic approach is intended not only to categorize content but to make recommendations more actionable for planning, programming, and monitoring.

The thematic framework is anchored in the CRPD and informed by regional instruments such as the Incheon Strategy, alongside regional areas of focus synthesized through ESCAP's review of the Third Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013–2022). Crucially, the regional themes underpinning this structure are not derived solely from institutional analysis, but draw on surveys and consultations with civil society, especially OPDs, capturing both assessed progress from 2013 to 2022 and identified needs for the period from 2023 to 2030. This midpoint and final review of the Third APDPD explicitly frames these findings as regional perspectives of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, reinforcing that lived experience and civil society expertise are integral to the evidence base used for this compilation.²³

2. Rationale of the Themes, Tags, and CRPD article(s)

How the themes and tags were developed

The themes were designed to capture both **substantive CRPD rights** and **cross-cutting implementation enablers** so that recommendations from different mechanisms (UPR, treaty bodies, and special procedures) can be organized into actionable policy domains.

² United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). (2022). *High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022: Disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific and the path to 2030: perspectives of persons with disabilities and civil society organizations* (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/INF/1).

³ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). (2017). *High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022: Disability in Asia and the Pacific: The Facts*.

In practice, the framework does three things simultaneously:

1. **Aggregation for usability:** It clusters recommendations into a manageable set of domains (12 themes) to support national planning, implementation, and reporting.
2. **Granularity for analysis:** It utilizes **tags** as a “fine index” to capture recurring issue clusters (e.g., “judicial accessibility”, “reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings”, “digital access”), allowing users to filter recommendations by specific themes and conduct more nuanced, intersectional analysis.
3. **Cross-thematic linkages:** It explicitly allows and records overlaps across themes by referencing related theme-tags where relevant (e.g., an emergency preparedness recommendation may include digital accessibility tags; employment recommendations may connect accessibility and intersectionality).

CRPD article references: mapped on a case-by-case basis

CRPD article references are included to support legal alignment, treaty reporting, and coherent rights-based follow-up.

Importantly, **CRPD article mapping is undertaken on a case-by-case basis**, meaning that **the same theme does not always correspond to the same CRPD article(s)**. For instance, recommendations categorized under Theme 2 (access to justice and legal remedies) may primarily map to CRPD Article 13 (access to justice), while some also map to Article 8 (awareness-raising) or other relevant provisions depending on content and requested measures. Likewise, certain issues, such as international cooperation, may appear as a cross-cutting dimension across themes and be reflected through tags and CRPD Article 32 mapping, rather than existing only as a standalone silo.

Theme-by-theme rationale

Theme 1: Legal Frameworks, Participation and Decision-Making

Rationale: This theme captures the foundational legal, policy, and institutional conditions that enable CRPD implementation, including ratification, harmonization of domestic law, coordination mechanisms, and independent monitoring arrangements. It also reflects the principle that persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, must be meaningfully involved in decision-making (“Nothing About Us Without Us”), ensuring that reforms translate into rights-based practice.

Tags: CRPD ratification, optional protocol ratification, disability legislation, constitutional rights, non-discrimination laws, legal harmonization, coordination mechanisms, institutional mandates, political participation, civic engagement, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, co-design, co-implementation, representation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”.

CRPD Article(s): *Core: Arts. 4, 33 / Frequently also linked: Art. 29*

Theme 2: Access to Justice and Legal Remedies

Rationale: This theme consolidates recommendations that address justice-related barriers—legal aid, procedural accommodations, accessibility of courts and justice services, remedies and redress, and recognition of legal capacity within proceedings. It recognizes that rights cannot be realized without enforceable remedies and accessible institutions.

Tags: legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, dispute resolution, remedies and redress, court accessibility, legal representation, procedural accommodations.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 13 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 12, 14

Theme 3: Accessibility and Universal Design

Rationale: Anchored in the understanding of accessibility as a cross-cutting enabler of all rights, this theme covers physical, digital, informational, and communication accessibility, alongside universal design and assistive technologies. By treating accessibility as both an immediate duty and a structural requirement, it supports systemic follow-up across sectors (education, work, health, justice, and emergencies).

Tags: physical accessibility, digital access, information and communication, transport systems, built environment, assistive technology, universal design, accessibility standards.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 9 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 20, 21

Theme 4: Inclusive Education and Lifelong Learning

Rationale: This theme reflects the right to inclusive education across the life cycle, from early childhood intervention to vocational training and adult learning. It highlights systemic reforms needed to remove exclusionary pathways and ensure accessible, supported participation in mainstream education.

Tags: inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, teacher preparation, educational access.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 24 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 7, 9

Theme 5: Employment, Livelihood and Economic Empowerment

Rationale: This theme consolidates recommendations on inclusive labour markets, non-discrimination in employment, workplace accommodations, vocational rehabilitation, and pathways to entrepreneurship and self-employment. It recognizes employment as both a rights issue and a key determinant of autonomy and poverty reduction, frequently linked to accessibility and intersectionality in practice.

Tags: decent work, employment opportunities, workplace accommodations, vocational rehabilitation, entrepreneurship, self-employment, employment discrimination protection.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 27 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 5, 8, 9

Theme 6: Health, Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology

Rationale: This theme captures recommendations on accessible healthcare, habilitation and rehabilitation, psychosocial support, and access to assistive technologies as essential components of autonomy, community participation, and equal enjoyment of rights.

Tags: accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation, mental health, psychosocial support, assistive devices, assistive technology access, habilitation services, health system accessibility, informed consent.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Arts. 25, 26 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 9, 20

Theme 7: Social Protection and Care and Support Services

Rationale: This theme brings together recommendations on disability-inclusive social protection, social security, poverty reduction, and importantly, care and support services that enable independent living and community inclusion. It reflects that income security and support systems are not merely welfare measures, but structural guarantees that determine whether people can exercise rights in practice.

Tags: disability-inclusive social protection, social security, poverty reduction, housing and shelter, financial access, basic income, personal assistance, independent living support, care systems, family-based care systems, support services, community-based support.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Arts. 19, 28 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 20, 26

Theme 8: Safety and Protection from Violence

Rationale: This theme consolidates recommendations addressing prevention of exploitation, violence and abuse, protection mechanisms, and access to redress, recognizing heightened risks for persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls and those institutionalized or otherwise isolated.

Tags: violence prevention, exploitation, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 16 / *Frequently also linked:* Art. 15

Theme 9: Intersectionality and Addressing Multiple Discrimination

Rationale: This theme reflects that discrimination is often layered (gender, age, indigeneity, sexual orientation and gender identity, migration status, etc.), requiring tailored, context-specific measures. It is treated as both a standalone theme and a cross-cutting lens, frequently referenced via theme-tags within other recommendations.

Tags: children with disabilities, indigenous persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ inclusion, intersectional approaches, women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Arts. 5, 6, 7 / *Frequently also linked:* Art. 16

Theme 10: Data, Monitoring and Accountability

Rationale: This theme captures recommendations on disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, evaluation systems, and independent oversight—enabling evidence-based policy and credible tracking of implementation. It also supports alignment with treaty reporting and SDGs monitoring.

Tags: disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks, evaluation systems, independent oversight, treaty reporting, international cooperation.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 31 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 4, 32, 33

Theme 11: Awareness-raising and Tackling Social Perceptions

Rationale: This theme addresses the transformation of attitudes and social norms that continue to limit rights realization through public messaging, community education, stigma reduction, and capacity-building for duty-bearers. As “attitudinal barriers” appear across sectors (justice, employment, services), this theme often links to other themes through cross-referenced tags.

Tags: anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes, public messaging, disability pride, raise awareness, capacity building.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 8 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 5, 9

Theme 12: Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Action

Rationale: This theme consolidates recommendations related to disaster risk reduction, inclusive early warning systems, accessible shelters, humanitarian response, and continuity of support services in crises, reflecting the disproportionate impact of disasters and emergencies on persons with disabilities.

Tags: disaster risk reduction (DRR), emergency preparedness, inclusive early warning systems, accessible shelters, humanitarian response, climate resilience, post-crisis recovery, pandemic response, crisis-related service continuity.

CRPD Article(s): *Core:* Art. 11 / *Frequently also linked:* Arts. 9, 19, 28

3. Overview of UN Human Rights Mechanisms used in this compilation

UN Human Rights Mechanisms

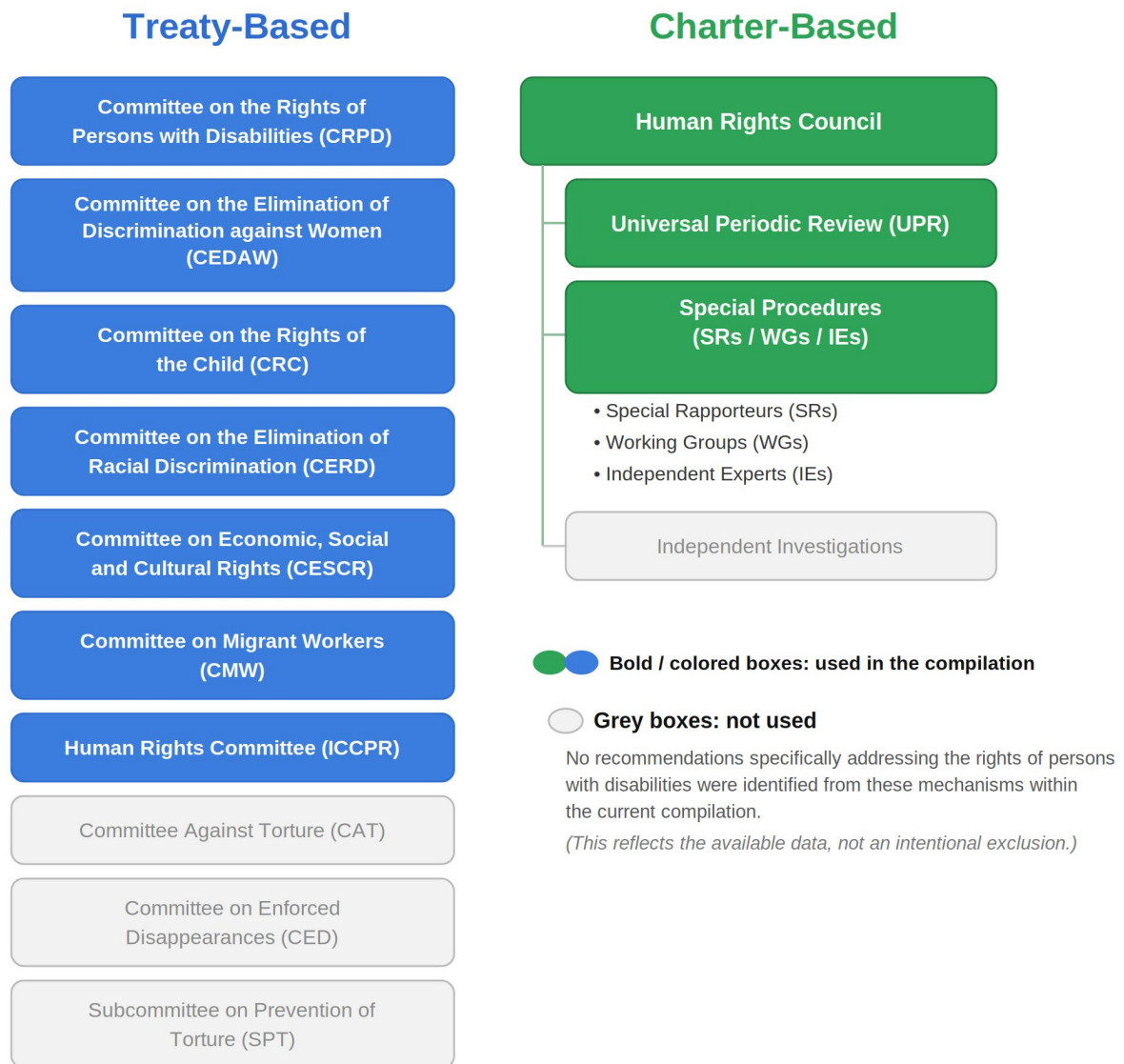


Figure 1. UN Human Rights Mechanisms used in this compilation

4. How to use this compilation (reading guide)

For each country entry under a theme, recommendations are presented with:

1. **Recommendation reference** (e.g., paragraph number);
2. **Sub-theme/Tags** to enable filtering and thematic aggregation;
3. **CRPD Article(s)** mapping to support CRPD-aligned analysis and reporting; and
4. **Source line** (UPR / Treaty Body / Special Procedure) linked via **End Notes** for quick retrieval of original.

Users may apply the compilation to:

- Support national action planning and program design;
- Inform OPD advocacy and multi-stakeholder dialogue; and
- Strengthen evidence and referencing in reporting and follow-up.

Abbreviations

ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CCPR	Human Rights Committee (ICCPR treaty body)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
CERD	Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CMW	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
HRC	Human Rights Council
ILO	International Labour Organization
LGBTIQ+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer
NHRIs	National Human Rights Institutions
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OKU	Orang Kurang Upaya (Malaysia; persons with disabilities)
OP-CRPD	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
OPDs	Organizations of Persons with Disabilities
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SEARO	OHCHR South-East Asia Regional Office
UN	United Nations
UN HRMs	United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms
UPR	Universal Periodic Review
WHO	World Health Organization



THEME 1

Legal Frameworks, Participation and Decision-Making

Tags: CRPD ratification, optional protocol ratification, disability legislation, constitutional rights, non-discrimination laws, legal harmonization, coordination mechanisms, institutional mandates, political participation, civic engagement, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, co-design, co-implementation, representation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”

Brunei Darussalam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/58/12\), 2024¹](#)

- Para 124.221 Promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities to ensure their full inclusion and participation in society, in accordance with the obligations set out in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Egypt);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 124.225 Promote the rights of persons with disabilities and ensure their better inclusion in all aspects of life (Jordan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates, civic engagement
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 124.227 Continue to work with civil society organizations and persons with disabilities or their representative organizations to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities (Japan).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** OPD capacity, meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

Cambodia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.244 Continue efforts to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities through effective implementation of the national strategic plan on disability (Lao People’s Democratic Republic);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutionalization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 139.247 Consider adopting a dedicated law on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Lithuania);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 139.248 Ensure that all legislation on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities is in compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Portugal);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law

- Para 139.250 Continue measures to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable categories of the population (Belarus);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 139.251 Continue efforts to implement the national disability strategy and consider enacting a law on rights of persons with disabilities (Bhutan).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/KHM/CO/2\), 2023³](#)

- Para 55. The Committee recommends that the State party consider ratifying the core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, namely the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD

[Human Rights Committee \(CCPR/C/KHM/CO/3\), 2022⁴](#)

- Para 15. The State party should:
 - (a) Adopt comprehensive legislation prohibiting discrimination, including multiple, direct and indirect discrimination, in all spheres, in both the public and the private sectors, on all the grounds prohibited under the Covenant, including race, colour, sex, political or other opinion, national or social origin, sexual orientation and gender identity, disability, or any other status, and ensure access to effective and appropriate remedies for victims of discrimination.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination

Indonesia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/8\), 2022⁵](#)

- Para 140.22 Work towards ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in consultation with national stakeholders and in line with national priorities (Sri Lanka);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, meaningful consultation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

- Para 140.232 Continue its efforts to develop effective legislative measures to protect and promote the rights of the elderly and persons with disabilities (Islamic Republic of Iran);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 140.233 Intensify efforts to guarantee the fulfilment of the rights of persons with disabilities (Georgia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 140.235 Continue efforts to ensure the full implementation of initiatives to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities and older persons (Brunei Darussalam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 140.237 Strengthen the role of the National Commission on Persons with Disabilities to address the challenges which people with disabilities may face (Armenia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 10: independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 140.240 Continue to strengthen the implementation of the National Action Plan on Persons with Disabilities (Singapore);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 140.241 Continue efforts to accelerate the integration of disability issues into the national development agenda (Qatar).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

UN Treaty Bodies

[Human Rights Committee \(CCPR/C/IDN/CO/2\), 2024⁶](#)

- Para 15. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation through effective, meaningful and participatory consultations with stakeholders, strengthen the monitoring and reporting of complaints of discrimination based on grounds including race, ethnicity, age, nationality, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and HIV status, and guarantee the investigation of complaints, prosecution and trial, the imposition of appropriate penalties and effective remedies for victims.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization, institutional mandates, meaningful consultation; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
- **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 29. The Committee recommends that the State party increase its efforts to ensure that conditions of detention fully comply with relevant international human rights standards. In particular, the State party should:
 - (b) Harmonize laws and policies, including local regulations and by-laws, on the detention of persons with psychosocial disabilities with international human rights standards, including with reference to the guidance on mental health, human rights and legislation issued by WHO and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2023.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 2: legal capacity support; theme 6: mental health; theme 6: informed consent
- **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 39. In accordance with article 25 of the Covenant and the Committee's general comment No. 25 (1996) on participation in public affairs and the right to vote, the State party should ensure the full enjoyment of the right to participate in public affairs, including by guaranteeing free and transparent elections that provide a level playing field for opposition parties and candidates. In particular, it should:
 - (e) Take all measures necessary to ensure that all persons entitled to vote are able to exercise that right, including by ensuring that polling stations are accessible, particularly for persons with disabilities.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, institutional mandates; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 3: assistive technology access
- **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life, 9. Accessibility

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/IDN/CO/2\), 2024⁷](#)

- Para 65. The Committee recommends that the State party consider ratifying the core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, namely the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty; the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. The Committee also recommends that the State party ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, which it signed in 2010, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which it signed in 2000.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, optional protocol ratification, institutional mandates; theme 10: treaty reporting; theme 10: international cooperation
- **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 7. The Committee:
 - (a) Recommends that the State party repeal or amend sections in legislation and policies, including Law No. 11 of 2009, concerning social welfare, and Law No. 11 of 2020, concerning job creation, that use devaluing concepts and terms for persons with disabilities, especially the term “penyandang cacat” (people with defects).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 7. (b) Recommends that the State party create an effective coordinating mechanism to ensure the implementation of the Convention and Law No. 8 of 2016 across national, provincial, city and regency, and subdistrict levels to ensure that the same human rights standards are applied throughout the country.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, disability legislation, legal harmonization, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 7. (d) Encourages the State party to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD
- Para 9. The Committee, recalling its general comment No. 7 (2018) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention, recommends that the State party strengthen and implement mechanisms at the national, provincial, city and regency, and subdistrict levels for the effective involvement of the diversity of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in public decision-making processes, including for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, OPD capacity; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 10: independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations, OP-CRPD
- Para 11. The Committee, recalling its general comment No. 6 (2018) on Equality and non-discrimination and targets 10.2 and 10.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, recommends that the State party adopt measures to harmonize legislation at the national, provincial, city and regency, and subdistrict levels to ensure comprehensive and uniform protection for all persons with disabilities from all forms of discrimination and to ensure right of action and access to a remedy.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 13. The Committee, recalling its general comment No. 3 (2016) on women and girls with disabilities, and Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, recommends that the State party:

(a) Repeal or amend legislation that discrimination against women with disabilities, including Law No. 1 of 1974, concerning marriage and article 6 (3) and (7) of Lampung Province regulation No. 17 of 2014, on exclusive breastfeeding.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 13. (b) Mainstream the rights of women and girls with disabilities in gender-related legislation and policies, and mainstream a gender perspective in disability-related legislation and policies, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of women and girls with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, legal harmonization; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 15. The Committee, recalling its joint statement with the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the rights of children with disabilities (2022), recommends that the State party establish policies, mechanisms and processes to facilitate the effective participation of children with disabilities within children’s forums and in decision-making processes to ensure that they can express their views freely on all matters affecting them on an equal basis with other children.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 31. The Committee recommends that, in line with its general comment No. 1 (2014) on equal recognition before the law, the State party review Law No. 18 of 2014, on mental health, articles 433 and 434 of the Civil Code, the Criminal Code and article 32 of Law No. 8 of 2016, with a view to harmonizing them with the Convention to guarantee the right of all persons with disabilities to equal recognition before the law and to establish supported decision-making mechanisms in all areas of life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, legal harmonization, meaningful consultation; theme 2: legal capacity support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 43. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure access to documents of citizenship, including identity documents and civil registry documents, for persons with disabilities, including indigenous peoples with disabilities, to ensure that they can obtain personal identification cards and family cards.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 18. Freedom of movement and nationality
- Para 57. (d) Repeal provisions in Law No. 36 of 2009, on health, that require prospective employees to obtain mental health certificates, and ensure that the Convention standard of non-discrimination is

applied in all recruitment processes for the public sector, institutions within the government, State-owned enterprises and private companies.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization; theme 5: employment discrimination protection; theme 6: mental health; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 61. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Implement specific measures to ensure the equality and participation of underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities, including deaf persons, persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, deafblind persons and women with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, OPD capacity, institutional mandates; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
 - (b) Ensure that polling stations, electoral and voting procedures and facilities, and online or printed election materials are accessible to all persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, civic engagement; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: physical accessibility
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 63. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt measures to ensure that persons with disabilities can participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization, institutional mandates, civic engagement
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 30. Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
- Para 67. The Committee recommends that organizations of persons with disabilities, including organizations of women with disabilities, be closely consulted and actively involved at all stages of the development and implementation of international cooperation plans, programmes and projects.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, civic engagement, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 10: international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 69. The Committee recommends that the State party provide the national commission on disability with structural and financial independence and designate an independent monitoring mechanism, which should include the National Commission on Human Rights of Indonesia, and ensure the effective involvement and participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates, meaningful consultation; theme 10: monitoring mechanisms; theme 10: independent oversight

- **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 72. The Committee strongly encourages the State party to involve civil society organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, in the preparation of its periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 10: treaty reporting
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/60/7\), 2025⁹](#)

- Para 121. 21 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Cyprus);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD
- Para 121. 24 Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Namibia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD
- Para 121.244 Continue measures aimed at effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Georgia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** coordination mechanisms, co-implementation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 121.245 Review national legislation to bring it into line with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Lebanon);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 121. 246 Take effective measures to fully abide by its obligations to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, by incorporating them in the forthcoming tenth National Socioeconomic Development Plan and amending legislation that restricts the rights of persons with disabilities to participate in political life, including their right to vote (Portugal);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization, institutional mandates, political participation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 121.247 Continue the authorities’ efforts to effectively ensure the full inclusion of persons with disabilities, including access to education, employment and healthcare (Spain);

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 4: inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 5; theme 6: accessible healthcare
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 25. Health, 27. Work and Employment
- Para 121. 248 Strengthen the implementation of policies, strategies and national action plans for persons with disabilities (Azerbaijan).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** co-implementation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

UPR, third cycle (A/HRC/44/6), 2020¹⁰

- Para 115.57 Incorporate the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and other relevant groups into its ninth national socio-economic development plan, and consider taking integrated approaches in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and human rights policies, where applicable (Thailand);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 115.222, 115.223 Allocate financial and human resources to implement the national plan of action for persons with disabilities (Syrian Arab Republic, Timor-Leste);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 115.224 Continue its actions and initiatives to implement the national plan of action for persons with disabilities (Benin).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

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Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/LAO/CO/1), 2025³⁹

- Para 61. The Committee recommends that the State Party consider acceding to the core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a Party, namely (...) the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. (...)
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10), 2024¹¹

- Para 23. (b) Take specific steps to promote a comprehensive and systematic understanding among State officials and the general public of the non-discriminatory nature and transformative value of temporary special measures and of the consequences of a failure to use such measures as a tool to advance substantive equality and national development.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, institutional mandates; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: raise awareness
- **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 23. (c) Incorporate temporary special measures into the current national action plans and legislation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 33. In line with its general recommendation No. 40 (2024) on the equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(c) Pay particular attention to the representation of disadvantaged groups of women, such as ethnic minority groups, women with disabilities and women living in poverty.

 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, political participation, civic engagement, institutional mandates; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Participation in political and public life

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\), 2022¹²](#)

- Para 7. The Committee encourages the State party to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention. In addition, recalling its general comment No. 7 (2018) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Review the existing disability-related legislation and policies and align them with the Convention, including through eliminating derogatory language regarding persons with disabilities.

 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD
- Para 7. (c) Adopt a twin-track approach by mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities across all national action plans and strategies, and by adopting targeted and monitored measures aimed specifically at supporting and empowering persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates, OPD capacity; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 7. (d) Implement mechanisms for the effective involvement of persons with disabilities, in particular of persons with intellectual disabilities, through their representative organizations, in public decision-making processes, concerning laws and policies affecting them, and strengthen the National Committee for Persons with Disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, political participation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

- Para 7. (e) Recognize the role of civil society organizations as human rights defenders, prohibit any reprisals against individuals and organizations promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and take measures to protect the civic space.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** civic engagement, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, institutional mandates, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 9. The Committee, in line with its general comment No. 6 (2018) on Equality and non-discrimination, recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Review legislation to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability (including against persons affected by leprosy), including Law No. 73 on hygiene, disease prevention and health promotion, Law No. 62 on education and Law No. 77 on gender equality.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 9. (c) Recognize within anti-discrimination law the denial of reasonable accommodation as a form of discrimination within all areas of life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 11. The Committee recommends that the State party take note of the Committee’s general comment No. 3 (2016) on women and girls with disabilities in its implementation of efforts aimed at the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5. In particular, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt effective and specific measures to mainstream the human rights model to disability into its gender equality policies, and mainstream a gender perspective into its disability-related legislation and policies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 13. (c) Establish a mechanism that respects the evolving capacities of children with disabilities to ensure that they can form their views and express them freely in all matters affecting them, and that these views are given due weight in accordance with the child’s age and maturity.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 21. Recalling its general comment No. 1 (2014) on equal recognition before the law, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Amend the Civil Code, the Penal Code, the Law on Civil Procedure and the Law on Criminal

Procedure, and repeal any laws and associated policies and practices that have the purpose or effect of denying or diminishing the recognition of any person with disabilities as a person before the law.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 2: legal capacity support
- **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 33. The Committee recommends that the State party take effective measures to remove all barriers for persons with disabilities, including those from ethnic groups and those living in remote and rural areas, to the enjoyment of their rights to a nationality, birth registration and civil documentation, to enable them to exercise all the rights enshrined in the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 18. Liberty of movement and nationality
- Para 37. (b) Remove discriminatory requirements in driving license applications that exclude persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 43. (b) Ensure that all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, may enter into marriage, exercise parental responsibilities and adopt children on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 55. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Amend constitutional and legislative provisions restricting the rights of persons with disabilities to vote and to stand in elections and hold public office.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, political participation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 55. (c) Ensure that persons with disabilities can effectively participate in political, public life and decision-making processes at all levels, including through their representative organizations, and strengthen organizational and technical capacities of these organizations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** OPD capacity, political participation, institutional mandates, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 61. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that policies and programmes for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are disability-inclusive.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
- **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 61. (b) Guarantee the close consultation and active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of international cooperation programmes, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022, and the Incheon Strategy to “ Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity; theme 10: international cooperation; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 10: independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 63. (c) Strengthen the close consultation and active involvement of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations, including those that represent women and children, persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities and persons with disabilities in rural areas, in the implementation and monitoring processes of the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, political participation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 10: independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 64. The Committee emphasizes the importance of all the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. With regard to urgent measures that must be taken, the Committee would like to draw the State party’s attention to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 7 and 63, on participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention, and paragraph 45, on inclusive education.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, CRPD ratification; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 4: educational access; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 10: independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring, 24. Education
- Para 66. The Committee strongly encourages the State party to involve civil society organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, in the preparation of its periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, CRPD ratification; theme 10: treaty reporting
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 35. Reports by states parties

Malaysia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\), 2024¹³](#)

- Para 55.66 Enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation to protect individuals at risk of discrimination and violence, including on the grounds of ethnicity, nationality, religion or belief, sexual orientation or gender identity, disability and age (Israel);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 55.69 Continue efforts to ensure the protection of the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities (Timor-Leste);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 55.70 Continue implementing national policies and programmes aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities (Egypt);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 55.71 Continue efforts towards the promotion and protection of the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons (Ethiopia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 55.277 Continue to work for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, including accessibility, particularly in the areas of employment, education and housing (Dominican Republic);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 4: educational access; theme 5: workplace accommodations, 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility, 24. Education, 27. Work and employment, 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 55.278 Work further for promotion and protection of rights of persons with disabilities, including accessibility in employment, education and housing (India).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 4: educational access; theme 5: workplace accommodations, 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility, 24. Education, 27. Work and employment, 19. Living independently and being included in the community

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\). 2024¹⁴](#)

- Para 13. (b) Expedite the consultative process with women's rights organizations on the Anti-discrimination against Women Bill and ensure the systematic and meaningful representation of women's organizations, including those representing women with disabilities, Indigenous women and other disadvantaged groups of women, in the formulation, adoption and implementation of draft laws and policies on gender equality.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, institutional mandates, civic engagement, political participation; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectionality; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 33. The Committee, recalling its previous recommendation (CEDAW/C/MYS/ CO/3-5, para. 30) and its general recommendations No. 23 (1997) on women in political and public life and No. 25 (2004) on temporary special measures, recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Take targeted measures, including temporary special measures, such as quotas, to reach parity between women and men and increase the representation of Indigenous women, women with disabilities, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women in decision-making positions in political and public life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, civic engagement, "Nothing About Us Without Us"; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches, LGBTIQ+ inclusion
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 6. The Committee recommends that the State party, with the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Ensure the full incorporation of the Convention into its national legal system to harmonize national laws with the human rights model of disability and bring them fully into line with the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 6. (b) Align the concept of disability with the human rights model of disability set out in the Convention, and eliminate the term "suffering" from the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of 2015.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations, 2. Definitions

- Para 6. (c) Eliminate from legislation, regulations and policy documents all derogatory terminology concerning persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations, 2. Definitions
- Para 6. (d) Take concrete and effective measures for the full implementation of the Convention across all policy areas, sectors and levels.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 8. The Committee recommends that the State party establish formal mechanisms to ensure the effective and meaningful participation of and consultation with persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, including their participation in the implementation of the Convention, in line with general comment No. 7 (2018) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 10. The Committee recommends that the State party consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD
- Para 12. Recalling its general comment No. 6 (2018) on Equality and non-discrimination, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Take the necessary legal measures, including reviewing the Constitution and laws to prohibit disability-based discrimination in accordance with the Convention, including multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination on the grounds of disability, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation and any other status, and the denial of reasonable accommodation, in all areas of life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 16. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt and implement a comprehensive action plan and strategy for the promotion and protection of the rights of children with disabilities, allocating sufficient human, technical and financial resources for its implementation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities

- Para 24. Recalling its general comment No. 1 (2014) on equal recognition before the law, the Committee recommends that the State party enact legislation recognizing the full legal capacity of persons with disabilities, abolishing substituted decision-making regimes, including guardianship, and introducing supported decision-making regimes that respect the autonomy, will and preferences of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, 2: legal capacity support, remedies and redress
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 28. The Committee recommends that the State party, guided by the Committee's guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities (A/72/55, annex I):
 - (a) Repeal all legislation that allows for deprivation of liberty on the grounds of actual or perceived impairment or that authorizes institutionalization or involuntary hospitalization of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 6: informed consent; theme 8: prevention of violence; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person
- Para 36. The Committee recommends that the State party take the legal and other measures necessary to guarantee the right to a nationality without discrimination, and take effective policy measures to remove all barriers for persons with disabilities, including those from ethnic minority groups, to the enjoyment of their rights to a nationality, birth registration and civil documentation, to enable them to exercise all the rights enshrined in the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 18. Liberty of movement and nationality
- Para 44. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Repeal the legislation that allows for non-consensual intervention regarding the sexual and reproductive rights of women with disabilities, and take all legal and policy measures necessary to ensure that all persons with disabilities, including those with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, may enter into marriage, exercise parental responsibilities and adopt children, on the basis of free and full consent, on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization; theme 2: legal capacity support; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: sexual and reproductive health; theme 7: care systems; theme 7: personal assistance; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 56. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Repeal or amend legislation that denies persons with disabilities, particularly persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, their right to participation in political and public life, including the rights to vote and stand for election.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, political participation
- **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 56. (c) Ensure that measures taken to assist voters with disabilities guarantee their right to cast their votes in a truly secret manner.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 56. (d) Promote the participation of persons with disabilities, including women with disabilities, in political life and public decision-making at all levels.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, civic engagement; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 58. (b) Take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 10: international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 30. Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
- Para 62. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt measures to ensure the effective participation, inclusion and consultation of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of international cooperation programmes, including the efforts aimed at the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Incheon Strategy to “ Make the Right Real ” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 10: international cooperation; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 64. (c) Take the measures necessary to strengthen consultation with and the effective and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations, including those that represent women and children, persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities and persons with disabilities in rural areas, in the implementation and monitoring processes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 66. The Committee emphasizes the importance of all recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. With regard to urgent measures that must be taken, the Committee would

like to draw the attention of the State party to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 6, on national legislation and implementation, and 12, on Equality and non-discrimination.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization
- **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 67. The Committee requests the State party to implement the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. It recommends that the State party transmit the concluding observations for consideration and action to members of the Government and Parliament, officials in relevant ministries, devolved administrations, local authorities, organizations of persons with disabilities and members of relevant professional groups, such as education, medical and legal professionals, as well as to the media, using modern social communication strategies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity; theme 11: community education; theme 11: media representation; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 68. The Committee strongly encourages the State party to involve and grant financial or other assistance to civil society organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, in the preparation of its periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, OPD capacity, institutional mandates; theme 10: treaty reporting
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 35. Reports by states parties

UN Special Procedures

[Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar \(A/HRC/46/56\). 2021¹⁶](#)

- Para 9. A comprehensive review and assessment of obstacles to the enfranchisement of persons with disabilities should be made in close consultation with persons with disabilities and organizations of persons with disabilities. This should include the right to vote, the right to seek political office, and the right to participate fully in the political process.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, political participation; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 86. The Special Rapporteur ' s recommendations after the restoration of a legitimate government include:
 - (j) Engage with persons with disabilities and organizations of persons with disabilities to fully implement the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that provides the legal framework for implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity; theme 10: treaty reporting
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law

[Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar \(A/75/150\). 2020¹⁷](#)

- Para 105. With regard to disability rights, the Special Rapporteur urges the Government to:
 - (a) Fully implement the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which provides the legal framework for implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including provisions that are designed to provide greater access to employment opportunities, vocational training and health care.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 5: employment support services; theme 6: accessible healthcare
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law

Philippines

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022](#)¹⁸

- Para 145.183 Adopt a comprehensive strategy and action plan for the promotion and protection of the rights of children with disabilities (Burkina Faso);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 145.185 Continue strengthening laws that improve the well-being of persons living with disabilities (Eswatini);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 145.186 Continue its efforts to promote the rights of persons with disabilities through policies benefiting the sector (Islamic Republic of Iran);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 145.187 Consider adopting a comprehensive strategy to prevent discrimination against persons with disabilities (Jordan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 146.5 Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Djibouti);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD
- Para 146.6 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Namibia, Nigeria);

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
- **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD
- Para 146.54 Consider incorporating into legislation disabilities, both physical and mental, as grounds for discrimination and continue to create conditions that protect the rights of persons with disabilities and enable them to exercise all their rights on an equal footing (Peru);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 146.79 Repeal legal provisions that prevent persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities from exercising their right to political participation (Paraguay).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, political participation; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/PHL/CO/7\), 2025⁴³](#)

- Para 63. The Committee recommends that the State Party consider ratifying the core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, namely the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations, OP-CRPD

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/9\), 2023¹⁹](#)

- Para 14. (b) Accelerate the adoption of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Expression Equality Bill.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination

[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families \(CMW/C/PHL/CO/3\), 2023²⁰](#)

- Para 14. The Committee recalls its previous recommendation and recommends that the State party ratify or accede to, as soon as possible, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Labour Organization (ILO) Private Employment Agencies Convention,

1997 (No. 181), the ILO Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131) and the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190).

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification
- **CRPD Article(s):** OP-CRPD

Singapore

Universal Periodic Review

UPR, third cycle (A/HRC/48/16), 2021²¹

- Para 59.54 Implement comprehensive legislation protecting people from discrimination on the basis of age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 59.62 Take further steps on strengthening the protection of the rights of children, women and persons with disabilities (Turkmenistan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 59.68 Continue promoting laws that cater for the elderly, people living with albinism and people living with disabilities (Eswatini);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 59.98 Continue its efforts to promote and protect the human rights of older persons and persons with disabilities (El Salvador);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 59.281 Strengthen efforts to promote and protect human rights for persons with disabilities (Syrian Arab Republic);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 59.285 Intensify efforts to build an inclusive society where persons with disabilities are empowered to participate fully (Cameroon);

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** civic engagement, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
- **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 59.286 Reform national legislation to fully recognize the legal capacity of persons with disabilities (Costa Rica);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 2: legal capacity support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 59.287 Continue efforts to ensure the full participation of persons with disabilities within society, in correspondence with national programmes and policies (Cuba);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, civic participation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 59.295 Take further measures to ensure the full enjoyment of rights by persons with disabilities, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Mozambique);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 59.60 Undertake further work to protect the rights of vulnerable groups, including children, women, persons with disabilities and older persons (Russian Federation).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022²²](#)

- Para 6. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Review all of its existing disability-related legislation and policies, including the third Enabling Master Plan, remove from them all vestiges of a medical model of disability, and base them throughout on the human rights model of disability.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 6. (b) Enact overarching legislation to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, ensuring the comprehensive, coherent application of the principles and rights guaranteed by the Convention in all areas in life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations

- Para 6. (c) Harmonize the legal definition of disability and the assessment and certification mechanisms across the national legal system, to protect the human rights of all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and autistic persons.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 6. (d) Ensure that persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, autistic persons and children with disabilities, and their representative organizations are closely consulted with and actively involved in the development and implementation of all legislation and policies to implement the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 10. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 6 (2018) and targets 10.2 and 10.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt a comprehensive definition of discrimination on grounds of disability, including multiple and intersectional disability encompassing age, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, language, sexual orientation, nationality and migration status, or any other status, and ensure that persons with disabilities are comprehensively protected from discrimination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 2. Definitions
- Para 10. (b) Adopt legal provisions and create practice to recognize denial of reasonable accommodation as a form of discrimination in all areas of life, and include an express definition of reasonable accommodation consistent with article 2 of the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 2: reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 2. Definitions
- Para 14. (d) Establish policies, mechanisms and processes to facilitate the effective participation of children with disabilities and ensure that they are able to express their views freely on all matters concerning them.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 16. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt a national strategy, in close consultation with and the active involvement of organizations of persons with disabilities, including organizations of women and children with disabilities, to raise awareness of and combat prejudice against persons with disabilities, in particular autistic persons,

persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and persons affected by leprosy, and monitor its effectiveness.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 11: awareness raising; theme 11: community education; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns
- **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 40. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 7 (2018), and recommends that the State party recognize the role of civil society organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, as human rights defenders, prohibit any reprisals against individuals and organizations and take effective measures to protect the free exchange of ideas in the civic space. It also recommends that the State party revise its national legislation – in particular, the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act 2019, the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Act 2021, the Administration of Justice (Protection) Act 2016 and the Public Order Act 2009 – in accordance with general comments No. 34 (2011) and No. 37 (2020) of the Human Rights Committee, and adapt accordingly the jurisprudence of all administrative bodies and courts applying it.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, civic engagement, OPD capacity, disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 46. The Committee recommends that the State party remove all obstacles preventing persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities who are deprived of their legal capacity from entering into marriage, exercising their family and parental rights and adopting children on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 56. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Promote the participation of persons with disabilities, including women with disabilities, in political and public decision-making processes at all levels and in political life in general.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, civic engagement; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 56. (c) Guarantee that all organizations of persons with disabilities and their members are able to participate in political and public life on an equal basis with others, irrespective of their views on the Government's policies regarding the implementation of the Convention, and that they do not face any intimidation, retribution or repression whatsoever from the Government or other public entities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, civic engagement, "Nothing About Us Without Us"
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 56. (d) Ensure that representatives of all organizations of persons with disabilities, irrespective of their views on the Government's policies regarding the implementation of the Convention, are able

to participate in the State party reporting procedure without fear of intimidation, retribution or repression.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
- **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 62. (b) Ensure that civil society, in particular a broad range of organizations of persons with disabilities, including organizations of persons with disabilities with sharply critical views of government policies relating to persons with disabilities, are involved and participate fully in monitoring the implementation of the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, OPD capacity, civic engagement, institutional mandates; theme 10: independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 65. The Committee strongly encourages the State party to involve civil society organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, in the preparation of its periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, civic engagement, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

Thailand

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\), 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.17 Strengthen and align its legislation with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, especially regarding access to health and education (Costa Rica);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 4: educational access; theme 6: access to health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 51.128 Further strengthen legal frameworks related to the protection of women, children, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups (Kyrgyzstan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 51.158 Take further measures on strengthening the protection of the rights of children, women and persons with disabilities (Turkmenistan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

- Para 51.166 Further implement measures to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities (Georgia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 51.167 Consider initiatives to ensure promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities (India);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 51.169 Amend legislation to prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities without exceptions (Montenegro);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 51.170 Continue its efforts towards the protection of rights of persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities (Nepal).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/THA/CO/8\). 2025⁴⁰](#)

- Para 20. (d) Revise section 6 of the Gender Equality Act (2015) to remove any limitations on the basis of disability for serving on the Committee for the Promotion of Gender Equality, and take measures to promote the participation of marginalized women in gender equality bodies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

Timor-Leste

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/50/12\). 2022²⁴](#)

- Para 116.182 Establish a national council for persons with disabilities to provide advice to and support the relevant ministries with responsibility for issues affecting persons with disabilities (Ireland);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

- Para 116.183 Continue developing a national legal framework and strategies for the promotion and protection of the rights of marginalized and vulnerable groups, including women, children and persons with disabilities (Lao People’s Democratic Republic);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 116.184 Continue its efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups have access to all areas of political and economic life and ensure their access to basic public services (Libya);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 3: universal design; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 5: decent work
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 116.185 Redouble efforts to finalize the draft law for a national council for persons with disabilities, and to strengthen the national action plan for persons with disabilities (South Sudan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 116.187 Enhance efforts, including by allocating more resources, to implement the national action plan for the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities for 2021–2030, guided by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Viet Nam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization, institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 116.188 Pursue its efforts to implement a national council for persons with disabilities in order to strengthen the national action plan for persons with disabilities (Algeria);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 116.191 Continue its efforts to enhance the effectiveness of national policies relating to persons with disabilities, including access to education, access to public services, and employment opportunities (Algeria).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates; theme 4: educational access; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 3: digital access; theme 5: employment opportunities.
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

Viet Nam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024](#)²⁵

- Para 42.266 Continue efforts to promote the rights of women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities (Belarus);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 42.294 Promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities to ensure their full inclusion and participation in society (Egypt);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 3. General Principles
- Para 42.295 Continue efforts to promote the rights of persons with disabilities (Iraq);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 42.296 Continue efforts to promote the rights of women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities (Uganda);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 42.297 Continue to strengthen its legal and policy frameworks for persons with disabilities (Singapore);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 42.298 Continue to strengthen its legal and regulatory framework related to the rights of persons with disabilities (Dominican Republic);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 42.299 Continue to develop and strengthen legislation on persons with disabilities (Barbados);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 42.301 Strengthen action related to the protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities (El Salvador).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, CRPD ratification, disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\), 2025²⁶](#)

- Para 6. Recalling its general comment No. 7 (2018) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Conduct a comprehensive review of all disability-related legislation and policies to eliminate elements of the medical model and ensure full alignment with the human rights model of disability.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 6 (b) Enact overarching legislation that guarantees the rights of persons with disabilities in a coherent and comprehensive manner, ensuring consistency with the principles and obligations under the Convention, and develop a comprehensive strategy for its implementation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 6 (c) Introduce clear legal definitions of key concepts of the Convention, including “communication”, “language”, “reasonable accommodation” and “universal design”, to strengthen their application in all relevant laws and policies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 6 (d) Establish formal and institutionalized mechanisms to ensure that persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, in particular persons with autism, Indigenous persons with disabilities, and children with disabilities, along with their representative organizations, are meaningfully consulted and actively involved in the development, implementation and monitoring of all disability-related legislation and policies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization, meaningful consultation, political participation, OPD capacity, civic engagement “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 10: treaty reporting
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 6 (f) Remove any legal or quasi-legal obstacles to the establishment of organizations of persons with disabilities, regardless of whether or not they are affiliated with the mass organizations of the State.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 8. The Committee recommends that the State Party ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention without delay.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** optional protocol ratification

- **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 10. (c) Modify legislation to explicitly include actions to eliminate discrimination and empower persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, in particular persons with autism, Indigenous persons with disabilities, and persons who acquired disabilities after the war, applying measures of access to restorative justice.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 24. Recalling its general comment No. 1 (2014) on equal recognition before the law, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Review and reform the Civil Code to align it with the Convention and ensure full recognition of the legal capacity of persons with disabilities, include relevant safeguards and access to the support necessary to exercise that capacity, and take steps to introduce provisions to provide decision-making support for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization; theme 2: legal capacity support; theme 2: reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 24 (c) Reform legislation to abolish guardianship for individuals with psychosocial, intellectual and autistic disabilities, and establish mechanisms to support their decision-making.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 2: legal capacity support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 28. Recalling its guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities, and its guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Take all legislative, administrative, policy and judicial measures necessary to ensure that the Mental Health Plan 2016–2025 aligns with article 14 of the Convention and its respective guidelines
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 6: mental health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of person
- Para 34. (b) Introduce legal provisions to replace substitute decision-making with supported decision-making frameworks, ensuring that persons with disabilities maintain control over their healthcare decisions and are supported in making informed choices.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal harmonization, disability legislation; theme 2: legal capacity support; theme 6: accessible healthcare
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person

- Para 36. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Ensure that all persons with disabilities have equal access to birth registration and official documentation, especially in remote areas and for those in institutionalized care.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 18. Liberty of movement and nationality
- Para 36. (b) Implement disability-inclusive immigration procedures, including accessible visa processing and passport applications
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 18. Liberty of movement and nationality
- Para 36. (c) Remove restrictions on international travel for persons with disabilities, particularly those with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, ensuring full autonomy over their movement and decisions.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 3: transport systems; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 18. Liberty of movement and nationality
- Para 42. (e) Introduce legislation to require official documents and public information to be available in easy-to-read formats for persons with intellectual disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 42. (f) Revise and reform the Penal Code as well as Decrees No. 15/2020/ND-CP and No. 119/2020/ND-CP to eliminate prison sentences for those who freely express their opinions, and remove the concepts of “divergent political opinions” or “reactionary ideologies” which hinder defenders of the rights of persons with disabilities from exercising their freedom of expression, including the founders and members of Christian associations supporting persons with disabilities who face persecution and expulsion.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, political participation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 44. (f) Cease the persecution and suppression of digital platforms that advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities, and refrain from modifying anti-terrorism laws to unjustly target these organizations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”, civic engagement, legal harmonization; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy

- Para 52. (b) Reform the Law on Persons with Disabilities to specifically address persons who are deafblind, ensuring the provision of appropriate financial means and means for communication, and educational, employment and social inclusion
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, civic engagement; theme 3: information and communication; theme 4: educational access; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Para 56. (d) Ensure that persons with disabilities are included in the Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development and the Work and Society Plan 2021–2025.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 58. The Committee recommends that the State Party: Para 58. (a) Ensure that all persons with disabilities, regardless of their level of support needs, are provided with the necessary assistance to exercise their right to vote and to be elected.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 58. (b) Take concrete measures to ensure the full accessibility of elections, including making polling stations, voting materials and political processes fully accessible for all persons with disabilities, and facilitate the participation of persons with disabilities in political parties, ensuring that they have the opportunity to run as candidates for elected office.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: universal design; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 60. (b) Provide training for persons with disabilities who wish to pursue activities such as acting, singing, tour guiding, cultural management, and more.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** OPD capacity, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 4: skills development
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 30. Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
- Para 64. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Adopt concrete measures to ensure close consultation with and the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in international cooperation agreements and programmes, specifically in the implementation and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals at all levels.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, political participation, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 10: international cooperation
- **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 64. (b) Take measures to strengthen its cooperation for the implementation of the Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2023–2032) and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 10: international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 64. (c) Introduce the policy marker on the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development as a tool to ensure that the disability approach is included in all international cooperation measures.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 10: international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 67. The Committee emphasizes the importance of all the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. With regard to urgent measures that must be taken, the Committee would like to draw the State Party’s attention to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 6, on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention, 24, on equal recognition before the law, and 42, on freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** political participation, meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, civic engagement, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 69. The Committee strongly encourages the State Party to involve civil society organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, in the preparation of its periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** meaningful consultation, OPD capacity, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022²⁷](#)

- Para 37. Noting with deep concern the discrimination faced by children with disabilities, and recalling its general comment No. 9 (2006) on the rights of children with disabilities, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt a human rights-based approach to disability and set up a comprehensive and inclusive strategy for children with disabilities, including by revising the Law on Persons with Disabilities to bring it into line with the Convention and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** CRPD ratification, disability legislation, legal harmonization; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations



THEME 2

Access to Justice and Legal Remedies

Tags: legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, dispute resolution, remedies and redress, court accessibility, legal representation, procedural accommodations

Indonesia

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[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\). 2022⁸](#)

- Para 33. The Committee, recalling the International Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities, and target 16.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt an action plan on access to justice for persons with disabilities, including measures to eliminate physical and attitudinal barriers to all justice facilities, and implement the legal, administrative and judicial measures necessary for the effective participation of persons with disabilities in all stages of the judicial process.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, remedies and redress; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 33. (b) Make procedural and age-sensitive adjustments, including the provision of individualized assistance, to ensure that persons with disabilities can participate effectively in the various aspects of legal proceedings.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 33. (c) Ensure access to alternative and augmentative modes of information and communication for use throughout legal proceedings, such as Braille, sign language, Easy Read and audio and video transcription.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 9. Accessibility
- Para 33. (d) Strengthen training on the Convention for justice and law enforcement officials, including in rural areas and on remote islands.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, legal capacity support; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 35. The Committee, recalling its guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities, recommends that the State party repeal all provisions that allow for the deprivation of liberty on the basis of impairment, including those contained in Law No. 8 of 2016, on persons with disabilities, and Law No. 18 of 2014, on mental health, and provisions and practices at provincial and district levels.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal capacity support; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 6: mental health; theme 6: informed consent

- **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person

Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1), 2022¹²

- Para 9. (d) Ensure access by persons with disabilities to effective legal remedies and redress, including compensation in cases of disability-based discrimination and the denial of reasonable accommodation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** remedies and redress, legal capacity support, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 13. Access to justice
- Para 21. (b) Develop and implement, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, supported decision-making mechanisms that respect the will, preferences and individual choices of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal capacity support, judicial accessibility; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 23. The Committee recalls the International Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities, prepared in 2020 by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, and target 16.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt measures to provide legal assistance and gender- and age-appropriate procedural accommodation for persons with disabilities to enable their participation in all legal procedures on an equal basis with others, including by facilitating the use of the communication method of their choice in judicial interactions, such as sign language, Braille, Easy Read, captioning, augmentative and alternative communication devices, and all other accessible means, modes and formats of communication.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, remedies and redress; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law, 13. Access to justice, 9. Accessibility
- Para 23. (b) Ensure disability inclusion in justice services, in particular village mediation units, legal aid offices and courts, and guarantee the accessibility of dissemination platforms such as the “LaoLaw” mobile phone application.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, remedies and redress; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law, 13. Access to justice, 9. Accessibility

- Para 23. (c) Ensure regular training programmes for lawyers, court staff, judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers, including police and prison officers, on the rights of persons with disabilities, and awareness-raising efforts for all persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, remedies and redress; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law, 13. Access to justice, 8. Awareness-raising

Malaysia

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\). 2024¹⁴](#)

- Para 15. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that women, in particular rural women and disadvantaged groups of women, have access to affordable and, if necessary, free legal aid services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 15. (c) Conduct follow-up studies to evaluate efforts to enhance access to justice among rural women and disadvantaged groups of women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 10: evidence-based policy; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 31. Statistics and data collection, 6. Women with disabilities

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 5: (c) Establish accessible and effective mechanisms, including judicial and administrative procedures, for victims of disability-based discrimination, and provide them with comprehensive redress, including compensation, rehabilitation and sanctions against the perpetrator.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, remedies and redress; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 26. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt measures to provide legal assistance and gender- and age-appropriate procedural accommodation for persons with disabilities to enable their participation in all legal procedures on an equal basis with others, including by facilitating the use of the communication method of their choice in judicial interactions, such as sign language, Braille, Easy Read, captioning, augmentative and

alternative communication devices, and all other accessible means, modes and formats of communication.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal settings; theme 3: information and communication
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 26. (b) Remove barriers that women and girls with disabilities who are survivors of gender-based violence face in gaining access to justice, including stigmatization of victims, fear of reprisals and difficulties in producing evidence
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, remedies and redress; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 26. (c) Ensure regular training programmes and awareness-raising campaigns for lawyers, court staff, judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers, including police and prison officers, on the rights of persons with disabilities, the diversity among persons with disabilities and individual accommodation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: community education; theme 11: cultural attitudes
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 28. (b) Provide for procedural and gender- and age-appropriate accommodation for persons with disabilities suspected of having committed a crime, at all stages of the judicial process, including interrogation, prosecution, trial and detention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, remedies and redress; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person, 13. Access to justice

Philippines

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022](#)¹⁸

- Para 145.55 Continue efforts aimed at improving access to justice for vulnerable people, such as persons with disabilities (Morocco);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, legal aid, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, remedies and redress
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 145.193 Provide training to judges and social workers on recognition of the legal capacity of persons with disabilities (Mexico).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility; theme 11: capacity building

- **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law, 8. Awareness-raising

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\). 2023²⁸](#)

- Para 16. Recalling its general recommendation No. 33 (2015) on women's access to justice and the State party's obligation to ensure that women's rights are protected against violations by all components of plural justice systems, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (b) Ensure that women have access to affordable or, if necessary, free legal aid services, particularly women in rural and remote areas and those belonging to disadvantaged and marginalized groups, and disseminate information on the mechanisms and procedures for seeking remedies for violations of the rights of women and girls.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, remedies and redress; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 11: raise awareness
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 16. (c) Enhance awareness among women and girls, in particular rural women and women and girls with disabilities, of their rights under the Convention and the remedies available to them for claiming those rights, in cooperation with civil society organizations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** remedies and redress, legal aid; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 8. Awareness-raising

UN Special Procedures

[Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material \(A/HRC/55/55/Add.1\). 2023²⁹](#)

- (w) Step up efforts to ensure equal access to justice and counter discrimination against and the exclusion of all children at risk, including those from marginalized communities, children with disabilities and children on the move
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice

Singapore

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/SGP/CO/6\). 2024³⁰](#)

- Para 10. The Committee urges the State party to uphold its commitment to women's human rights, including the right to life, the right of access to justice and the rights to freedom of expression and assembly. It calls upon the State party to strengthen the application of the Convention in legal proceedings in the State party for the benefit of all women, particularly Muslim women, women with

disabilities, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women, women in detention, women migrant domestic workers, women human rights defenders and journalists.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, remedies and redress, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 18. (b) Ensure a gender-responsive application of the law so that evidence of trauma, economic pressures, child marriage, domestic and gender-based violence, as well as intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities are adequately taken into consideration in criminal and civil proceedings.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal aid, remedies and redress; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022²²](#)

- Para 26. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 1 (2014), and recommends that the State party expedite the review of its national legislation, including the Mental Capacity Act 2008, the Vulnerable Adults Act 2018, the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act 2008, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Prisons Act 1933, and guarantee the right of all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities, to equal recognition before the law, establish supported decision-making mechanisms in all areas of life, take all appropriate measures for the provision of individualized support and train the relevant personnel accordingly.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal capacity support, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 6: mental health; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law, 13. Access to justice
- Para 28. The Committee recalls the International Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities (2020), endorsed by the Committee, and target 16.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt, in accordance with the Convention, an action plan on access to justice for persons with disabilities, and take the legal, administrative and judicial measures necessary to eliminate all restrictions on the effective participation of persons with disabilities in all stages of administrative and judicial procedures.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, legal capacity support, remedies and redress; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 28. (b) Provide age-and gender-appropriate procedural accommodation, including individualized assistance, to ensure that persons with disabilities are able to participate effectively in administrative and judicial proceedings at all stages and in all areas of the law.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 28. (c) Develop alternative means of information and communication for use throughout administrative and judicial proceedings, such as Braille, sign language, Easy Read and audio and video transcription, apply the principle of universal design and adopt an action plan to ensure physical access to all facilities in which administrative and judicial procedures take place
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, legal capacity support; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 3: universal design; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 30. The Committee recalls its guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities, and recommends that the State party: Para 30. (a) Repeal all legislative provisions allowing for the involuntary deprivation of liberty of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities on the grounds of their impairment or their perceived dangerousness to themselves or others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal capacity support, remedies and redress; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person
- Para 30. (b) Introduce legislation ensuring non-discrimination in all procedures in connection with the deprivation of liberty, guaranteeing, for example, procedural accommodation for persons with disabilities, including for the preparation of proceedings, during interrogation and for detention-related complaints.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, remedies and redress
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person, 13. Access to justice

Thailand

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\). 2021](#)²³

- Para 52.72 Undertake actions to strengthen women's access to justice, in particular for rural, indigenous women and those belonging to ethnic and religious minorities and women with disabilities (Peru).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, remedies and redress, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice

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- Para 15. The Committee notes with concern that:
 - (d) Accessibility and reasonable accommodation in access to justice for women with disabilities is limited to sign language interpretation in criminal proceedings, and there is a lack of interpretation in languages other than Thai.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 3: information and communication
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 16. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (d) Ensure that women belonging to ethnic minorities have access to interpretation in judicial proceedings, as needed, and that women with disabilities have reasonable and procedural accommodation in the judicial system.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, procedural accommodations; theme 3: information and communication
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice

UN Special Procedures

[Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice \(A/HRC/59/45/Add.2\). 2025³¹](#)

- Para 64. (...) Moreover, women and girls with disabilities are often discouraged from accessing justice due to the convoluted bureaucratic processes and lack of specialized support and reasonable accommodations available to them. The Working Group calls on the Government to adopt robust measures to train justice sector personnel on victim-centred approaches and anti-discrimination and to support the work of civil society organizations providing specialized assistance to victims.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, procedural accommodations; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: capacity building
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 103. With regard to gender-based violence, the Working Group recommends that the Government:
 - (f) Establish a comprehensive legal aid system for all survivors of gender-based violence, including migrant, stateless, refugee, ethnic minority and Indigenous women and girls, those with disabilities and sex workers, providing, where relevant, child-friendly and disability-inclusive accommodations, access to women lawyers and language interpretation.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, remedies and redress; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

Timor-Leste

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\), 2023](#)²⁸

- Para 14. Recalling its general recommendation No. 33 (2015) on women's access to justice, the Committee recalls the State party's obligation to ensure that women's rights are protected against violations by all components of plural justice systems. It recommends that the State party:
 - (c) Enhance awareness among women and girls, in particular rural women and women and girls with disabilities, of their rights under the Convention and the remedies available to them to claim those rights, in cooperation with civil society organizations.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, remedies and redress; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: capacity building
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice, 8. Awareness-raising

Viet Nam

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\), 2025](#)²⁶

- Para 10. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 6 (2018), and targets 10.2 and 10.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Strengthen the enforcement of non-discrimination laws by ensuring effective mechanisms for the reporting, investigation and redress of discrimination cases.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, remedies and redress; theme 1: legal harmonization
- **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 10. (b) Increase penalties for acts of discrimination against persons with disabilities to provide a stronger deterrent and to ensure effective remedies for victims.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** remedies and redress; theme 1: legal harmonization
- **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 24. (b) Ensure due process, procedural accommodations, and support for persons with disabilities when facing criminal charges.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings, legal capacity support, remedies and redress
- **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law
- Para 26. (d) Ensure adequate measures to provide support and procedural accommodations for persons with disabilities in their roles as witnesses, plaintiffs and defendants, and introduce accessibility in pre-career law examinations and provide reasonable accommodations, enabling persons with disabilities to pursue legal careers.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 3: universal design
- **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 26. (e) Guarantee access to adequate legal and administrative representation for persons with disabilities, taking into account gender and age considerations, to enable them to have access to justice when facing discrimination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** legal aid, judicial accessibility, remedies and redress, legal representation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 28. (c) Adopt regulations to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities held in prisons or detention centres, and ensure that women and Indigenous persons with disabilities in such facilities receive appropriate support.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** judicial accessibility, reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 1: legal harmonization theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of person



THEME 3

Accessibility and Universal Design

Tags: physical accessibility, digital access, information and communication, transport systems, built environment, assistive technology, universal design, accessibility standards

Brunei Darussalam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/58/12\), 2024¹](#)

- Para 124.223 Continue efforts to integrate persons with disabilities, build their capacities and ensure their access to all services (Tunisia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessibility standards, physical accessibility, information and communication; theme 1: civic engagement
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 9. Accessibility
- Para 124.229 Continue improving infrastructure to enable access for persons with disabilities and the elderly (United Republic of Tanzania).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessibility standards, universal design, physical accessibility
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility

Indonesia

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families \(CMW/C/IDN/CO/2\), 2025⁴¹](#)

- Para 72. (...) However, the Committee is concerned about the insufficient information on repatriation, reintegration and social reinsertion programmes for migrant workers, including those with disabilities, and their results; (...).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/IDN/CO/5-6\), 2025⁴²](#)

- Para 22. While noting the adoption of Law No. 1/2024 requiring electronic system providers to set up mechanisms to protect children who use or access electronic systems, the Committee recalls its general comment No. 25 (2021) on children's rights in relation to the digital environment and recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Continue to improve digital inclusion for children in disadvantaged situations, including children living in rural areas and children with disabilities, and promote the equitability and affordability of online services and connectivity.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 19. The Committee, recalling its general comment No. 2 (2014) on accessibility, recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt comprehensive national accessibility legislation and a comprehensive strategy, across all levels of government, that include accessibility standards, monitoring and enforcement mechanisms in all areas, including the physical and built environment, housing, transportation, information and communications technology, and facilities and services open to the public, with the necessary budget allocations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, accessibility standards, universal design, information and communication, digital access, built environment; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 19. (b) Ensure the effective implementation of regulation No. 42/2020 on accessibility to settlements, public services, and protection from disasters for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessibility standards; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 19. (c) Closely consult with and actively involve the Indonesian deaf community in order to strengthen the accessibility of public information through the use of preferred sign languages, including Indonesian Sign Language.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, accessibility standards; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 49. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Establish age-sensitive mechanisms to ensure access to information, communication, assistive devices and assistive technologies and sign language instruction for children with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access, accessibility standards; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 49. (b) Implement measures, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of the deaf community, to increase the number of sign language interpreters and to facilitate access to sign language interpreters of choice for official interactions.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, accessibility standards; theme 1: meaningful consultation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 49. (c) Establish a legal and policy framework to ensure for all persons with disabilities the accessibility of all public information, including from television and other media services, in accessible formats such as Braille, deafblind interpretation, sign language, Easy Read, plain language, audio description, captioning and subtitles, and allocate adequate funding for implementation.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access, accessibility standards; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: disability legislation
- **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information

Lao People's Democratic Republic

UN Treaty Bodies

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1), 2022¹²

- Para 15. (c) Make the Convention available in the Lao People's Democratic Republic in accessible formats, including Easy Read, Braille and Lao Sign Language.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, universal design, accessibility standards; theme 1: CRPD ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 9. Accessibility
- Para 17. Recalling its general comment No. 2 (2014) on accessibility and Sustainable Development Goal 11, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt and implement an action plan and strategy to identify existing barriers to accessibility and provide the human, technical and financial resources necessary to remove those barriers to ensure the accessibility of, inter alia, buildings, transportation, information and communication, including information and communications technologies, and other facilities and services open or provided to the public, in both urban and rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, information and communication, digital access, accessibility standards; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 17. (b) Revise relevant legislation, in particular Law No. 5 on construction, Law No. 24 on land transportation and Law No. 1 on media, to establish and mainstream accessibility standards and universal design, a system of sanctions for non-compliance, and complaint mechanisms for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, information and communication, digital access, accessibility standards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 17. (c) Officially recognize Lao Sign Language and develop training programmes and employment incentives to strengthen interpreter and trainer capacity.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 39. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that information provided to the general public is available to persons with disabilities in accessible formats, such as Braille, sign language, Easy Read, plain language, captioning, audio-

description and tactile, augmentative and alternative means of communication, and ensure that websites are accessible and comply with the standards developed by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access, accessibility standards
- **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 39. (b) Recognize Lao Sign Language as an official language, promote access to and the use of sign language in all areas of life, and ensure the availability of qualified sign language interpreters.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 39. (c) Guarantee a pool of qualified relevant professionals trained in the use of tactile, Braille and Easy Read formats, in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 55. (b) Guarantee the accessibility of electoral processes, facilities and materials, in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access, physical accessibility, accessibility standards, transport systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 57. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Take all appropriate measures to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 30. Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
 - (b) Eliminate social and environmental barriers hindering the participation of persons with disabilities, in particular women and children with disabilities belonging to ethnic groups, in cultural life and in recreational and sports activities, and encourage their participation on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, information and communication, digital access, accessibility standards, built environments; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 30. Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

Myanmar

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[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 20. Recalling its general comment No. 2 (2014) on accessibility, the Committee recommends that the State party, in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities:
 - (a) Take the necessary measures, including amending the Procurement Law and expediting the adoption of the National Building Code, to facilitate access for persons with disabilities to the physical environment, transportation, information and communications, including information and communications technology and systems, and other facilities and services, open or provided to the public, in both urban and rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, information and communication, digital access, built environment, accessibility standards, universal design; theme 1: disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 20. (b) Adopt accessibility standards and a comprehensive national action plan on their implementation, with sufficient technical and financial resources, indicators to assess improvements in accessibility, and sanctions for non-compliance.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessibility standards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 42. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Take all measures necessary to ensure that persons with disabilities are able to enjoy the right to freedom of expression and opinion, including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas, including in its efforts to achieve Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: civic engagement; theme 1: OPD capacity
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 42. (b) Adopt and implement legislative and policy measures to ensure that information provided to the general public is available to persons with disabilities in accessible formats, such as Easy Read, plain language, captioning, sign language, Braille, audio- description and tactile, augmentative and alternative means of communication.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, accessible standards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information, 9. Accessibility
- Para 42. (c) Ensure access to information and communications technology, taking into account the diversity of persons with disabilities, including by ensuring that websites are accessible and comply with the standards developed by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information, 9. Accessibility

- Para 42. (d) Develop a pool of qualified sign language interpreters and other relevant professionals trained in the use of tactile, Braille and Easy Read formats, in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access; theme 1: meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information, 9. Accessibility
- Para 56. (b) Ensure the accessibility of polling stations, electoral materials and information for the diversity among persons with disabilities, including in the Union election in 2020.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access, physical accessibility, accessibility standards; theme 1: political participation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 58. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Eliminate social and environmental barriers hindering the participation of persons with disabilities, in particular children with disabilities, in cultural life, and recreational and sports activities, and encourage their participation on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, digital access, information and communication, transport systems, built environment, assistive technology access, universal design, accessibility standards; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 30. Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

Philippines

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022](#)¹⁸

- Para 145.188 Ensure that public transport is designed to accommodate persons with disabilities and that children with disabilities are provided with adequate transportation to school, and further ensure that the Republic Act No. 7277, or the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons”, receives adequate funding (Canada).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, accessibility standards; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility

Singapore

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/48/16\), 2021](#)²¹

- Para 59.73 Continue the Government’s efforts to improve accessibility and mobility for people with disabilities (Oman);

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, digital access, information and communication, transport systems, built environment, assistive technology access, universal design, accessibility standards
- **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 59.290 Enhance efforts to build inclusive infrastructure for persons with disabilities, such as in public transport and public amenities (Islamic Republic of Iran);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, built environment, universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 59.294 Take measures to increase accessibility in television broadcasts by encouraging service providers to adopt closed-captioning and sign language interpreters across television stations (Malta).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, universal design, accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022²²](#)

- Para 42. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Recognize Singapore Sign Language as an official language and promote access to and the use of sign language in all areas of life, ensure the availability of qualified sign language interpreters, and ensure close consultation and engagement with the deaf community, especially in schools, universities and other educational settings.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 1: meaningful consultation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 42. (b) Enact legally binding information and communications standards for public and private websites and media services to ensure the accessibility of information provided to the public for all persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access, accessibility standards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 56. (b) Ensure that electoral and voting procedures, facilities, and print and online election material are accessible in all formats, such as Braille, plain language, Easy Read and sign language, or are available on accessible websites.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, digital access, universal design, accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life

Viet Nam

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024²⁵](#)

- Para 42.302 Continue its efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities have full access to public services, including education, employment and public transportation (Brazil).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, digital access, information and communication, transport systems, built environment, assistive technology access, universal design, accessibility standards; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 5: employment opportunities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility

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[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\). 2025²⁶](#)

- Para 14. (d) Ensure that children with disabilities, including Indigenous children with disabilities, have access to accessible information and communication tools that enable them to participate in decision-making at the home, school and community levels, in accordance with their evolving capacities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 16. (b) Ensure that all public awareness-raising materials are accessible to persons with disabilities, by providing sign language interpretation, Braille, Easy Read format and translation into Indigenous languages such as Khmer, and ensuring digital accessibility for all campaigns
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, assistive technology access, universal design; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns; theme 11: media representation; theme 11: community education
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 16. (f) Ensure that all disability-related publications, including those produced by the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, are available in accessible formats for persons with visual, intellectual and auditory disabilities and for Indigenous persons with disabilities, and expand the distribution of accessible resources to reach a wider audience.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, universal design; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 18. Recalling its general comment No. 2 (2014) on accessibility and Goal 9 and targets 11.2 and 11.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Take immediate steps to increase the percentage of public buildings, including healthcare facilities, educational establishments, justice service locations and supermarkets, that meet accessibility standards, with clear timelines and mechanisms for implementation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, information and communication, transport systems, built environment, assistive technology access, universal design, accessibility standards

- **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 18. (c) Expand accessibility features across the entire railway system, ensuring that all stations and train carriages are fully accessible to persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** transport systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 18. (d) Establish a clear timeline for ensuring full accessibility in all Vietnamese airports, focusing particularly on smaller local airports, to ensure equal access to air travel for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** transport systems, accessibility standards, universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 18. (e) Expand physical accessibility and support for boarding and disembarking from both transport and tourist boats.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** transport systems, physical accessibility
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 18. (f) Implement mechanisms to enforce accessibility requirements and strengthen monitoring systems to ensure that all government and public sector websites, digital services and online platforms comply with accessibility standards, including by conducting regular audits and establishing enforcement protocols.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, universal design, accessibility standards; theme 10: monitoring frameworks, independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 18. (g) Increase the number of television programmes with sign language interpretation and closed captions on national and regional channels, ensuring equal access to information for all persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 18. (h) Implement a strategy to increase the availability of accessible books and digital reading materials in libraries, including expanding Braille and alternative formats for persons with disabilities, including for Indigenous persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 18. (i) Improve the enforcement of accessibility legislation by issuing penalties for non-compliance, tracking the number of violations, and publishing annual reports on how the funds from penalties are used to support social assistance activities for persons with disabilities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessibility standards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
- **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility
- Para 40. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Implement regulations to remove obstacles from public pathways, ensuring that sidewalks and public spaces remain accessible.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, built environment, universal design, accessibility standards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 40. (b) Review Circular No. 24/2015/TTLT-BYT-BGTVT to eliminate disability-based driving restrictions, assessing applicants based on driving capability instead, and provide financial and policy incentives for persons with disabilities to acquire and adapt private vehicles for independent mobility.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** transport systems; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 40. (c) Introduce funding programmes to support research for and the development and distribution of affordable assistive technologies, ensuring wide availability for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, assistive technology access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 42. The Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Ensure that all government websites and digital platforms are accessible, for example by complying with accessibility standards, such as W3C/WCAG 2.2 or equivalent, and mandate accessible content on all television channels.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication, universal design, accessibility standards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 42. (b) Implement strategies to improve access to public information, especially in rural and remote areas and among Indigenous communities, and to increase awareness and training programmes on digital accessibility tools for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** digital access, information and communication; theme 11: community education; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 42. (c) Establish official training and professionalization of sign language interpreters to ensure their availability in any public service required by persons with hearing impairments.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication, accessibility standards; theme 11: capacity building
- **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 42. (d) Recognize Vietnamese Sign Language as an official language
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** information and communication; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information
- Para 48. (e) Adopt a national plan to ensure physical accessibility and access to information and communication in mainstream educational institutions at all levels.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, information and communication, built environment; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 4: inclusive education systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 60. The Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Establish a comprehensive programme to ensure information and communication on physical accessibility, and implement physical accessibility itself in cinemas, theatres, libraries, beaches and hotels and recreational and cultural venues.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** physical accessibility, transport systems, built environment, assistive technology access, universal design, accessibility standards; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 30. Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
- Para 18. (b) Accelerate the introduction of accessible public transport across all provinces by increasing the number of accessible buses, trains and other vehicles in line with a nationwide strategy.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** transport systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility



THEME 4

Inclusive Education and Lifelong Learning

Tags: inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, teacher preparation, educational access

Brunei Darussalam

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/58/12\), 2024¹](#)

- Para 124.135 Ensure that all children with disabilities have access to education and allocate adequate human and financial resources to schools to promote their inclusive education (Kuwait);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.136 Continue its efforts to ensure access and inclusivity of children with special needs in the education system (Singapore);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.137 Continue advancing inclusive education for children with special needs (Viet Nam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.138 Enhance efforts to improve access to and inclusivity within the education system (Timor-Leste);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.139 Strengthen and improve the capacities of children who face difficulties in accessing educational institutions (United Arab Emirates);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.211 Continue to improve the equity and inclusivity of children with special needs in the education system (India);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.212 Continue enforcing measures to ensure quality education, especially for children with special needs (United Republic of Tanzania);

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.213 Promote and improve the capacity for children who have difficulty accessing educational institutions (Morocco);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 124.230 Continue efforts to ensure that all children with disabilities have access to education, and allocate adequate human and financial resources to schools to promote inclusive education (Saudi Arabia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, teacher preparation, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

Cambodia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.203 Continue to work to make the education sector more inclusive, particularly of children with disabilities, while fighting more effectively against the phenomenon of school dropouts (Lebanon);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, educational access, skill development; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 139.204 Continue to implement measures to provide inclusive education for children with disabilities in mainstream schools with the necessary support by specialized staff (Maldives);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, teacher preparation, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 139.205 Continue its efforts to improve the quality of education at all levels, especially in rural areas, and to ensure access to inclusive education for all, including children with disabilities (Republic of Korea);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, educational access, skill development; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

- Para 139.206 Take concrete measures to eliminate specific barriers to girls enrolling and remaining in secondary and tertiary education, including poverty, negative parental attitudes, disability, child marriage and early pregnancy (Portugal).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 11: cultural attitudes
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/KHM/CO/2\), 2023³](#)

- Para 49. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (d) Develop and implement a comprehensive policy to ensure inclusive education for children with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

Indonesia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/8\), 2022⁵](#)

- Para 140.158 Develop an inclusive education strategy for children with disabilities at the national, provincial and local levels, covering all levels of education (Bulgaria);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 140.242 Take all necessary measures to ensure an inclusive learning environment for children with disabilities, including by increasing adequate school facilities and a comprehensive curriculum (Malaysia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access, teacher preparation, early childhood intervention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

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[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families \(CMW/C/IDN/CO/2\), 2025⁴¹](#)

- Para 55. In line with joint general comments No. 3 and No. 4 of the Committee No. 22 and No. 23 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2017) the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Ensure that all children of migrant workers, including children with disabilities, equal access to preschool, primary, and secondary education within the State party regardless of migration status, in compliance with article 30 of the Convention.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/IDN/CO/2\), 2024⁷](#)

- Para 63. The Committee recommends that the State party: Para 63. (b) Improve school infrastructure and learning materials, with particular attention to the needs of children with disabilities, and ensure that all schools have adequate water and sanitation facilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive-education systems, educational access; theme 3: physical access; theme 3: built environment; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 7. Children with disabilities

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 53. Recalling its general comment No. 4 (2016) on the right to inclusive education, and target 4.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party: Para 53. (a) Develop an inclusive education strategy, with specific targets and timelines and a specific budget, and coordinate responsibilities among national, provincial and city and regency levels, covering all levels of education.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 53. (b) Establish disability service units in all regions and at all educational levels to facilitate the provision of accessible learning materials, alternative communication and information methods, such as inclusive digital access, Easy Read, Braille, sign language, communication aids, and assistive and information technology, and to ensure teacher training in sign language and Braille, including in rural and remote areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access, teacher preparation; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 53. (c) Develop policies and strategies to address the stigma of and misinformation about leprosy in the education system and to ensure the participation of children affected by leprosy or children whose parents are affected by leprosy in inclusive education.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/60/7\), 2025⁹](#)

- Para 121.191 Facilitate access to quality education for all children, especially girls and children with disabilities from low-income families (Qatar).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** educational access; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\). 2024¹¹](#)

- Para 37. Recalling its general recommendation No. 36 (2017) on the right of girls and women to education, the Committee recommends that the State party promote the importance of girls' education at all levels as a basis for their empowerment, and that it:
 - (c) Allocate the necessary resources for education in native local languages, adequate school infrastructure and access to inclusive education for women and girls with disabilities, in particular in rural areas.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, educational access; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 3: universal design; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\). 2022¹²](#)

- Para 45. Recalling its general comment No. 4 (2016) on the right to inclusive education, and targets 4.5 and 4.a of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt the necessary measures to implement the national action plan on inclusive education, involving all line ministries and stakeholders, with sufficient budgetary allocations, to ensure that all students with disabilities have access to quality inclusive education in the mainstream education system at all levels.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: disability legislation
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 45. (b) Redouble its efforts to reduce illiteracy and the drop-out rate from schools among persons with disabilities, including by ensuring the availability of schools close to the communities and accessible public transportation, and by establishing a centralized mechanism to request reasonable accommodation in the educational system.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, educational access; theme 3: transport systems; theme 3: universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 45. (c) Ensure continuous training for teachers and non-teaching staff on inclusive education at all levels, including training in sign language and other accessible formats for information and communication, as well as undertake raise awareness on the importance of inclusive education at all levels, among the community.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, teacher preparation; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: community education
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 45. (d) Provide students with disabilities with individualized accommodation, including classroom support and accessible learning environments, teaching methods and learning materials in alternative and accessible formats, such as inclusive digital access, and modes and means of communication including Easy Read, communication aids, and assistive and information technology, and make sure that there are enough teachers fluent in Lao Sign Language, especially in rural and remote areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access, teacher preparation; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 45. (e) Take measures to prevent the rejection and stigmatization of children with disabilities and ensure that all students with disabilities, in particular students with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, girls with disabilities, autistic students and those affected by leprosy, receive an education in mainstream school settings.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 45. (f) Ensure the accessibility of tertiary and vocational inclusive education, through measures of universal design and reasonable accommodation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, vocational training, educational access; theme 3: universal design; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 8. Awareness-raising

Malaysia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\), 2024¹³](#)

- Para 55.205 Allocate additional resources to the Government's Special Education Needs Programme for underprivileged and disadvantaged groups (Sri Lanka);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 55.275 Redouble efforts to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly in the areas of education and employment, in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Ecuador);

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 5: decent work
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 27. Work and employment
- Para 55.281 Continue efforts aimed at improving the access of persons with disabilities to education, vocational training and health care (Somalia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, vocational training, educational access; theme 5: employment support services; theme 6: accessible healthcare
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 25. Health, 27. Work and employment

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\), 2024¹⁴](#)

- Para 37. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (b) Provide safe and inclusive educational environments free from discrimination, harassment, bullying and gender-based violence to girls and women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 6. Women with disabilities, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 37. (c) Ensure equal access to digital education for disadvantaged girls and women, such as Indigenous girls and women, women with disabilities, rural girls and women and girls and women from deprived urban areas, to narrow the digital divide, in line with the Digital Education Policy for the period 2023–2030.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: universal design; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 9. Accessibility, 6. Women with disabilities

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\), 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 46. Recalling its general comment No. 4 (2016) on the right to inclusive education, the Committee recommends that the State party, in close consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities:
 - (a) Revise its legislation to expressly recognize the right to inclusive education for all children, and address overreliance on informal education for children with disabilities, including by undertaking information campaigns to promote their enrolment in mainstream schools at all levels.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

- Para 46. (b) Adopt and implement a national action plan on inclusive education, involving all line ministries and stakeholders, with sufficient budgetary allocations, to ensure that all children with disabilities have access to quality inclusive education in the mainstream education system at all levels, including by providing individualized accommodation, including classroom support and accessible learning environments, teaching methods and materials.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access, teacher preparation; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 3: universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

Philippines

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022](#)¹⁸

- Para 145.128 Continue strengthening efforts to promote inclusive access to quality education, through the implementation of the Basic Education Development Plan 2030 (Hungary);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 145.130 Develop a national action plan for inclusive education and ensure that all children with disabilities have access to inclusive education in mainstream schools (Bulgaria);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 145.135 Continuing the efforts made in reforming and developing the education sector to include all segments of society, including persons with disabilities (Libya);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 145.137 Continue efforts to enhance access to education and training, especially for persons with disabilities and vulnerable social groups (Tunisia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access, skills development; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 145.139 Strengthen efforts to promote inclusive access to quality education, particularly greater access to higher education for persons with disabilities (Brunei Darussalam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates

- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 145.145 Continue the efforts to enhance access to education for persons with disabilities and provide reasonable accommodation for them (Syrian Arab Republic);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 145.191 Continue measures to ensure access to education for children with disabilities (India).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

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[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/PHL/CO/7\). 2025⁴³](#)

- Para 59. Recalling its general comment No. 13 (1999) on the right to education and its previous recommendation, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Develop and implement a comprehensive policy to ensure inclusive education, increase enrolment and address the relatively high rates of dropout among students with disabilities, Indigenous children and children from families living in poverty.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, teacher preparation, educational access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/9\). 2023¹⁹](#)

- Para 40. Recalling its general recommendation No. 36 (2017) on the right of girls and women to education, the Committee recommends that the State party raise awareness of the importance of the education of girls as a basis for their empowerment and also recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Address the causes of school dropout among girls, including child and forced marriages and early pregnancies, as well as discrimination on the basis of gender and/or disability; ensure that young mothers can return to school following childbirth and after the COVID-19 pandemic, with a view to completing their education, obtaining diplomas and gaining access to higher education or employment; and provide information in its next periodic report on the impact of the alternative delivery modes and the alternative learning system.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** educational access, inclusive education systems; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 6. Women with disabilities

Singapore

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/48/16\). 2021²¹](#)

- Para 59.205 Proceed with the lifelong learning support programme (Oman);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** adult learning, educational access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 59.210 Improve access to quality education for those with special needs and those from low-income households (Lebanon);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 59.284 Ensure that persons with disabilities continue to enjoy the same privileges in schools and at the workplace (Brunei Darussalam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 5: workplace accommodations
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 59.207 Improve access to quality education for vulnerable groups, including children with disabilities and children from low-income households (Azerbaijan).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

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[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\). 2022²²](#)

- Para 48. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 4 (2016) and target 4.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Develop a strategy for the implementation of quality inclusive education for all students with disabilities, including students with intellectual disabilities, students with psychosocial disabilities and autistic students, with specific targets, timelines and a budget, at all levels of education, including tertiary and vocational education.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access, vocational training, skills development, early childhood intervention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 48. (b) Remove from the school certificates of students with disabilities all information on the adaptation of curricula, and strengthen measures to provide for individualized support and reasonable accommodation in education, including by allocating financial resources, in order to attain full inclusion of all students with disabilities in mainstream schools.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access, reasonable accommodation in education, individualized support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

- Para 48. (c) Ensure continuous training for allied educators, teachers and non-teaching staff on inclusive education at all levels, including training in sign language and other accessible formats of information and communication, including Braille and Easy Read, and ensure that awareness-raising curricula are based on the human rights model of disability.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** teacher preparation, inclusive education systems, educational access, accessible formats; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

Thailand

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\), 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.172 Intensify efforts in providing quality educational opportunities for persons with disabilities of all ages, including raise awareness of the rights of children with disabilities (Azerbaijan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, educational access; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: community education
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 51.173 Ensure that persons with disabilities continue to enjoy the same privileges in schools as well as at the workplace (Brunei Darussalam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 5: employment opportunities, workplace accommodations, employment discrimination protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 51.178 Step up efforts to end discrimination against children with disabilities and ensure their full access to inclusive education (Bulgaria).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/THA/CO/8\), 2025](#)⁴⁰

- Para 37. The Committee welcomes that education is free of charge for 15 years. It is, however, concerned about:
 - (a) The limited access to education for girls facing intersecting forms of discrimination, such as women and girls from rural areas, low-income families or Indigenous and ethnic minorities; refugee, stateless and migrant women; or girls and women with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination

- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

Timor-Leste

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/50/12\), 2022²⁴](#)

- Para 116.112 Continue its efforts with regard to education, adopt policies to enhance access for children from urban and rural areas, and ensure inclusion in education for girls and children with disabilities (State of Palestine);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 116.190 Continue to promote inclusive education so that persons with special needs continue to enjoy the same privileges in schools (Brunei Darussalam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 116.192 Protect the right to education for all persons with disabilities (Mongolia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, teacher preparation, educational access.
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\), 2024¹¹](#)

- Para 36. Recalling its general recommendation No. 36 (2017) on the right of girls and women to education and its previous recommendations (CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/23, para. 27), the Committee recommends that the State party raise awareness of the importance of girls' education as a basis for their empowerment, and:
 - (a) Strengthen literacy campaigns and take other targeted measures to reduce the high illiteracy rates among women and girls, with a focus on girls living in poverty, rural girls, pregnant girls and young mothers, and girls with disabilities, such as scholarships for girls and free provision of school meals, to increase enrolment, retention and completion rates among girls in secondary education, and promote continuing education for women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, educational access; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 36. (b) Address the causes of school dropout among girls, including child and forced marriages and early pregnancies, as well as discrimination on the basis of gender and/or disability, and ensure

that young mothers can return to school following childbirth, with a view to completing their education, obtaining diplomas and gaining access to higher education or employment.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, educational access; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 36. (e) Allocate the necessary human, technical and financial resources for the education of girls with disabilities, including by increasing the number of schools offering inclusive education throughout the State party, and take measures to ensure accessibility and reasonable accommodation for girls with disabilities in schools.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, vocational training, adult learning, teacher preparation, educational access; theme 3: universal design; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 6. Women with disabilities, 9. Accessibility
- Para 36. (f) Integrate into curricula at all levels of education: (i) inclusive and accessible content on gender equality, including on women's rights and the harmful effects of gender-based violence against women and girls; (ii) age appropriate sexuality education, paying particular attention to responsible sexual behaviour and the prevention of early pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases; and (iii) human rights and peace education.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** teacher preparation, educational access; theme 6: sexual and reproductive health; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 11: community education; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

Viet Nam

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024](#)²⁵

- Para 42.213 Accelerate efforts to provide access to quality education, especially for people from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds, including by investing in facilities and teaching and learning aids for children with disabilities (Kazakhstan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, educational access; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 42.214 Ensure the provision of quality and inclusive education for all, especially for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, and children with disabilities (Qatar);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, educational access; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities

- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 42.215 Redouble efforts to expand access to quality education, especially for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, including children with disabilities (Indonesia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, educational access; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 42.216 Continue measures to enhance access to quality education, including for children from socially vulnerable groups, and enhance teaching and learning facilities for children with disabilities (Sri Lanka);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, educational access; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 42.218 Implement targeted initiatives to address the specific educational needs of vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities and children from disadvantaged backgrounds (Sierra Leone);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, educational access, adult learning; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 42.219 Accelerate improvements in access to quality education for children with disabilities, including on infrastructure and training (Israel).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, educational access; theme 3: built environment; theme 3: universal design,
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education

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[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\), 2025²⁶](#)

- Para 14. Recalling the joint statement of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the rights of children with disabilities, of 2022, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Take steps to ensure that all children with disabilities have equal access to inclusive education, early intervention programmes and individualized support services, and improve the quality of such services to address their diverse needs.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, early childhood intervention, skills development, vocational training, educational access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities

- Para 48. Recalling its general comment No. 4 (2016) on the right to inclusive education and targets 4.5 and 4.a of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of organizations of persons with disabilities, learners with disabilities and their families:
 - (a) Approve, implement and monitor policies for inclusive and quality education at all levels nationwide, eliminating segregated special education settings, and focusing especially on members of Indigenous communities and those living in remote and rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 48. (b) Adopt a strategy to render schools and other educational institutions accessible by providing accessible educational materials and utilizing relevant technology, and provide reasonable accommodations, including through classroom support.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 3: universal design; theme 3: assistive technology access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 48. (c) Ensure that teachers are trained in inclusive education techniques at all levels, including sign languages and other accessible formats of information and communication.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education system, teacher preparation, educational access; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 48. (d) Recruit teachers with disabilities in mainstream schools.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 5: workplace accommodations
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 52. (c) Distribute comprehensive information to intermediate-level students about career opportunities in occupational, recreational and speech therapy, encouraging them to consider these fields alongside physical therapy.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, skills development, vocational training, teacher preparation; theme 3: information and communication; theme 6: accessible healthcare
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022²⁷](#)

- Para 43. The Committee is deeply concerned about the poor quality of education and disparities in educational outcomes among regions and ethnic minority groups; the limited access to quality inclusive education for children with disabilities, children living in poverty, children belonging to ethnic or religious minority or indigenous groups and migrant children; the closure of satellite

schools, forcing children, particularly those belonging to ethnic or religious minority or indigenous groups, to enrol in boarding or semi-boarding schools; and violence and bullying at schools.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education systems, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 44. Recalling targets 4.1 and 4.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (c) Ensure the right of all children with disabilities to inclusive education in mainstream schools with individual support by specialized staff and reasonable accommodation for their educational needs, and replace the exemption of students with disabilities from some subjects with educational requirements adapted to their abilities, potential and preferences.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** inclusive education system, teacher preparation, skills development, educational access; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education
- Para 44. (e) Strengthen the quality of vocational training and facilitate equal access to it, particularly for children with disabilities, migrant children, children belonging to ethnic or religious minority or indigenous groups and early school-leavers.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** skills development, vocational training; theme 5: employment support services; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education



THEME 5

Employment, Livelihood and Economic Empowerment

Tags: decent work, employment opportunities, workplace accommodations, vocational rehabilitation, entrepreneurship, self-employment, employment discrimination protection

Cambodia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.150 Continue to enhance its efforts and policies to improve access to work, particularly for young persons, women, people with disabilities and people living in rural areas (Viet Nam).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, workplace accommodations, inclusive labour markets; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

Indonesia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/8\), 2022⁵](#)

- Para 140.234 Continue to increase efforts to promote employment of people with disabilities (China).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment support services
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

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[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 57. The Committee recommends that the State party, in line with target 8.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals:
 - (a) Expedite the implementation of the reservation of 2 per cent of jobs for underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities, while taking effective measures to combat discrimination, particularly in relation to recruitment processes, reasonable accommodation, retraining, promotion and other rights related to work and employment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment discrimination protection, workplace accommodations; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 57. (b) Strengthen measures to ensure that all persons with disabilities, including women with disabilities, have access to work and employment in the open labour market and to inclusive work environments, including for persons with disabilities living in rural and remote areas and persons with intellectual disabilities or psychosocial disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment discrimination protection, workplace accommodations; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

- Para 57. (c) Adopt measures to address attitudinal, physical, communication and environmental barriers, including negative attitudes held by employers, physical barriers in the workplace, the lack of alternative means of information and communication, and the lack of accessible transportation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment discrimination protection, workplace accommodations; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: built environment
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/IDN/CO/8\), 2021³²](#)

- Para 42. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (g) Enforce public and private sector awareness-raising and training activities relating to disabilities, increase support mechanisms to ensure that women with disabilities find sustainable and meaningful employment, and publish current and detailed statistics on women with disabilities in the workforce.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment support services, employment opportunities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: awareness-raising
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

Lao People's Democratic Republic

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/60/7\), 2025⁹](#)

- Para 121.250 Make more efforts to improve the conditions of persons with disabilities, especially in the work environment (Iraq).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** workplace accommodations
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

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[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/LAO/CO/1\), 2025³⁹](#)

- Para 26. While noting the various initiatives adopted by the State Party to promote access to employment, the Committee is concerned about the lack of opportunities for decent work and the predominance of informal employment, which drives many to migrate abroad in search of work. It is further concerned that these challenges disproportionately affect young persons, women, persons with disabilities and persons in rural areas (art. 6).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work, employment opportunities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 27. (b) Take the measures necessary to facilitate the transition of workers from the informal to the formal sector, paying special attention to women, young persons, persons with disabilities and persons living in rural areas, taking into consideration the Transition from the Informal to the Formal

Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204) of ILO. In this regard, the Committee recalls its general comment No. 18 (2005) on the right to work.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\). 2024¹¹](#)

- Para 49. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Make priority efforts to eliminate poverty among women, with a particular focus on disadvantaged groups of women, and promote their access to low-interest loans without collateral and their participation in entrepreneurial initiatives to empower them economically and provide them with opportunities to acquire the skills necessary to participate fully in economic life.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, entrepreneurship, employment support services; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 6. Women with disabilities

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\). 2022¹²](#)

- Para 51. The Committee recommends that, in line with target 8.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the State party:
 - (a) Take effective measures to increase employment of persons with disabilities, in particular persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, women with disabilities, persons affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities living in rural areas and in public and private sectors.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work, employment opportunities, employment discrimination protection, employment support services; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 51. (c) Guarantee non-discrimination in employment, including by the provision of reasonable accommodation when required and by raise awareness among employers, and ensure that the open labour market is inclusive and accessible and that there are decent labour conditions for all persons with disabilities, including equal pay for work of equal value.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment discrimination protection, employment support services, workplace accommodations; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 51. (d) Ensure access to inclusive and quality professional training and vocational programmes.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment support services; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 4: vocational training
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 51 (b) Consider implementing an affirmative action programme to ensure job placement and job retention for persons with disabilities in the public and private sectors.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment support services; theme 1: institutional mandates
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

Malaysia

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\). 2024¹⁴](#)

- Para 39. The Committee recommends the State party:
 - (a) Withdraw its interpretative declaration concerning article 11 of the Convention, address intersecting forms of discrimination against women, facilitate access to formal employment by women with disabilities; Indigenous women; lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women; and refugee women, as well as non-national women married to a Malaysian spouse.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, workplace accommodations; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1 legal harmonization; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 52. The Committee recommends that the State party, in close consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities:
 - (a) Adopt and implement laws and policies to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities, including the denial of reasonable accommodation in employment in the public and private sectors, to ensure the provision of individual accommodation, and provide adequate training to employers.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** workplace accommodations, employment discrimination protection, employment support services; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 11: capacity building
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 52. (b) Take effective affirmative action measures to increase the rate of employment of persons with disabilities, particularly women and young persons with disabilities, in the open labour market, and promote measures to ensure that the open labour market is inclusive and accessible.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, workplace accommodations, employment support services; theme 3: accessible standards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 5. Equality and non-discrimination

- Para 52. (c) Provide, in its next periodic report, data, disaggregated by age, sex, disability and level of employment, on the progress made in the inclusion of persons with disabilities in employment in the public and private sectors
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data; theme 10: evidence-based policy; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 31. Statistics and data collection

Philippines

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families \(CMW/C/PHL/CO/3\), 2023²⁰](#)

- Para 53. The Committee recalls its previous recommendations, and further recommends that the State party facilitate the repatriation and reintegration of all migrant workers and their families in need, including by:
 - (a) Adequately funding initiatives that facilitate livelihood assistance, access to decent and stable employment, psychosocial support and capacity - building for returning workers and their families, as well as access to essential health care, childcare facilities and income security, paying special attention to the needs of those who return with a disability;
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work, employment opportunities, workplace accommodations, entrepreneurship; theme 6: accessible healthcare; theme 6: mental health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 25. Health, 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation

Singapore

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/48/16\), 2021²¹](#)

- Para 59.280 Continue efforts to enhance the integration of persons with disabilities into society by building their capacities and ensuring their equitable access to employment opportunities (Qatar);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment support services, decent work
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 59.292 Continue to integrate persons with disabilities into society, under the enabling master plan, to ensure that they have access to education, job training and employment (Lao People's Democratic Republic).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment support services; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 4: educational access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/SGP/CO/6\), 2024³⁰](#)

- Para 44. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt workplace fairness legislation and ensure that it covers indirect discrimination, sexual harassment in the workplace, and discrimination based on disability and discrimination against lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women and Muslim women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment discrimination protection; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022²²](#)

- Para 52. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 8 (2022) and target 8.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt legislation and time-bound policies and benchmarks to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to work and employment in the open labour market and are included in private and public work environments, on an equal basis with others, and move towards eradicating sheltered workshops.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, decent work, workplace accommodations, employment discrimination protection; theme 1: disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 52. (b) Undertake a comprehensive review of the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices, including establishing a comprehensive definition of disability, prohibiting direct and indirect discrimination and recognizing the denial of reasonable accommodation as a form of prohibited discrimination, and establish an effective mechanism for implementation and monitoring to provide redress in case of non-compliance.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment discrimination protection, workplace accommodations; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 2. Definitions, 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 52. (d) Extend the jurisdiction of the employment claims tribunals to all claims about violations of the right to work and employment of persons with disabilities, and establish an accessible and confidential mechanism to report such violations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment discrimination protection; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 13. Access to justice
- Para 52. (e) Combat attitudinal barriers among private and public employers and apply universal design in all work-related environments.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** workplace accommodations, employment discrimination protection, employment support services; theme 3: universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

Thailand

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\), 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.171 Take measures to facilitate greater participation and representation of persons with disabilities in the work force (Israel).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work, employment opportunities, employment support services
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

UN Special Procedures

[Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice \(A/HRC/59/45/Add.2\), 2025](#)³¹

- Para 68. While the establishment by the Government of a 1 per cent disability hiring quota in the private sector is a positive development, the initiative falls short, as companies can easily pay their way out of this requirement. Furthermore, the subsidy provided to persons with disabilities remains inaccessible for many, especially undocumented women and girls with disabilities and those living in rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 7: support services; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 104. (b) Strengthen efforts to improve the livelihoods of women and girls with disabilities, including by expanding their access to tertiary education, enforcing the hiring quota in the public and the private sectors, and increasing social benefits and allowances for them and their caregiver.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work, employment opportunities, workplace accommodations; theme 4: educational access; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection systems; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

Timor-Leste

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\), 2023](#)²⁸

- Para 38. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (d) Improve access to employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged and marginalized groups of women, such as women belonging to ethnic minorities, migrant women and women with disabilities.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, employment discrimination protection, employment support services; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

Viet Nam

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024](#)²⁵

- Para 42.306 Continue to provide vocational training and start-up support and introduce business opportunities for persons with disabilities (Democratic People's Republic of Korea).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment opportunities, entrepreneurship, employment support services
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\), 2025](#)²⁶

- Para 12. (d) Develop programmes and policies to support the economic empowerment of women with disabilities, including through entrepreneurship, vocational training, and employment opportunities that are inclusive and accessible.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work, employment opportunities, workplace accommodations, employment discrimination protection, entrepreneurship, employment support services; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women and girls with disabilities
- Para 54. Recalling its general comment No. 8 (2022), and in line with target 8.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Ensure that persons with disabilities receive vocational guidance based on their own wishes and abilities, enabling them to compete for jobs in regular employment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** decent work, employment opportunities, employment support services; theme 1: meaningful consultation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 54. (b) Provide adequate vocational training for persons with disabilities by trained personnel at both the urban and rural levels, ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities from Indigenous communities and ethnic minorities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment support services; theme 4: vocational training; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment
- Para 54. (c) Establish a strict monitoring mechanism to prevent ministries and private companies from rejecting persons with disabilities in employment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** employment discrimination protection; theme 10: independent oversight; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment



THEME 6

Health, Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology

Tags: accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation, mental health, psychosocial support, assistive devices, assistive technology access, habilitation services, health system accessibility, informed consent

Cambodia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.175 Improve access to quality health services, in particular in rural areas and for children with disabilities, children belonging to minority groups and migrant children, and ensure that all health services have adequate water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (Poland);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation, sexual and reproductive health; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 139.177 Prioritize measures to improve access to quality health services, in particular in rural areas and for children with disabilities, children belonging to minority groups and migrant children (Ukraine);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 139.246 Continue efforts to improve the quality of life of persons living with disabilities and access to a quality health - care system (Cuba).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

Indonesia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/8\), 2022⁵](#)

- Para 140.139 Ensure that comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education is included in the national education curriculum, including for women and girls with disabilities (Botswana);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** sexual and reproductive health; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education, 25. Health
- Para 140.142 Take further steps to support persons with mental health conditions and disabilities (Portugal).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** mental health, community-based rehabilitation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 55. Taking into account the linkages between article 25 of the Convention and targets 3.7 and 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Strengthen action plans to ensure the accessibility and availability of health services and equipment for persons with disabilities, particularly in rural and remote areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, assistive technology access; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 55. (b) Provide children and adults with disabilities, in particular indigenous persons with disabilities and women and girls with disabilities, with access to sexual and reproductive health services and age-appropriate education
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, sexual and reproductive health; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 55. (c) Ensure that public health insurance guarantees full coverage of all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

Lao People's Democratic Republic

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/60/7\), 2025⁹](#)

- Para 121.178 Work on healthcare and education systems that reach its vulnerable communities, especially women, children, persons with disabilities, and those living in remote areas (Zimbabwe);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 5: inclusive education systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 24. Education
- Para 121. 249 Continue efforts to provide improved healthcare access to persons with disabilities (India).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

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[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/LAO/CO/1\), 2025³⁹](#)

- Para 57. (b) Ensure the availability and accessibility of high-quality sexual and reproductive health services, including post-abortion care, in conditions of confidentiality and without discrimination, paying particular attention to women living in rural areas, women in poverty, women with

disabilities, women belonging to Indigenous and tribal peoples and women who are members of ethnic minorities, bearing in mind the abortion care guideline of the World Health Organization, as updated in 2022.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, health system accessibility, informed consent; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 6. Women with disabilities

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\). 2022¹²](#)

- Para 37. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that persons with disabilities can acquire quality and affordable or cost-free mobility aids and assistive devices, technologies and services necessary for their personal mobility, as well as appropriate information on how to use and maintain them.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** assistive technology access, accessible healthcare; theme 3: information and communication; theme 7: independent living support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 37. (c) Guarantee training for orientation and mobility practitioners and teachers in the use of mobility aids and assistive devices and technologies for persons with physical disabilities and persons who are blind or partially sighted.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** assistive technology access, accessible healthcare; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 37. (d) Increase budget allocations for the Centre of Medical Rehabilitation, the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Factory 686 and the provincial rehabilitation centres to meet the demand for the assistive devices.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** assistive technology access, accessible healthcare; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 47. Taking into account the links between article 25 of the Convention and targets 3.7 and 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt and implement a strategy, with sufficient human, technical and financial resources, to remove the physical, communication and financial barriers faced by persons with disabilities in accessing health-care services, and guarantee their access to disability- and gender-sensitive health-care services and information, especially in rural areas, and include persons with disabilities as a priority group under the national health insurance strategy for the period 2017–2020.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, assistive technology access; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: physical access; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 9. Accessibility

- Para 47. (b) Ensure quality and inclusive health-care services in the entire State party, including in rural and remote areas, and for all the diversity of persons with disabilities, including blind or deaf persons, persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities and autistic persons.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 47. (c) Provide persons with disabilities, in particular women and girls with disabilities, with access to sexual and reproductive health care and services, and ensure supported decision-making for women with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities so that they can reaffirm their sexual and reproductive autonomy and self-determination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** sexual and reproductive health, informed consent; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 47. (d) Develop community and human rights-based mental health services and support across the State party.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, mental health, community-based rehabilitation; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 47. (e) Provide systematic training to medical personnel on the rights of persons with disabilities, including the human rights model of disability, accessible formats and alternative communication methods, and improve health-care service information packages, and community engagement with persons with disabilities and their families.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, informed consent; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 11: capacity development; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 49. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Reinforce efforts to ensure comprehensive habilitation and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, in particular in rural areas, taking into account the human rights model of disability, such as community-based inclusive development programmes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 1: disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation
 - (b) Allocate the resources necessary to implement the national medical rehabilitation strategic plan for the period 2018–2025, in particular in the northern provinces, and adopt the related action plan.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 1: institutional mandates

- **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Para 49. (c) Expand habilitation and rehabilitation systems to ensure that all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual disabilities and autism, persons with psychosocial disabilities, children with disabilities and persons who require more intensive support in rural areas, have access to habilitation and rehabilitation on the basis of their individual requirements, and expand the coverage of rehabilitation services with affordable transportation costs.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation, 25. Health, 9. Accessibility

Malaysia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\), 2024¹³](#)

- Para 55.190 Strengthen training programmes for health personnel and social workforce who are responsible for serving older persons and persons with disabilities (Tajikistan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 7: community-based care; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: community education; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 55.191 Strengthen training programmes for health workers and other workers in the social sectors concerned with serving the elderly and people with disabilities (Tunisia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 7: community-based care; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: community education; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\), 2024¹⁴](#)

- Para 41. Recalling its previous recommendation (CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/3-5, para. 40) and in line with its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (d) Legalize abortion and decriminalize it in all cases, as well as consensual extramarital sex between persons having reached the legal age of sexual maturity, to ensure that women and girls, including Muslim women, rural women and girls, unmarried women and women and girls with disabilities, have adequate access to safe abortion and post-abortion services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** informed consent, sexual and reproductive health; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 6. Women with disabilities

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 34. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen the legal and policy provisions to ensure that all medical and psychiatric treatment and interventions are done on the basis of own free and informed consent. It also recommends that the State party take all measures necessary to eliminate the forced sterilization or castration of persons with disabilities, especially persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities, and those still deprived of their legal capacity.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** informed consent; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 2: legal capacity support; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person
- Para 40. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure that persons with disabilities can acquire quality and affordable or free of charge mobility aids and assistive devices, technologies and services necessary for their personal mobility, as well as appropriate information and training on how to use and maintain them. The Committee further recommends that the State party ensure that the technology and services necessary for the repair of mobility aids and assistive devices are available locally and at an affordable cost.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** assistive technology access, assistive devices, accessible healthcare; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: assistive technology; theme 7: community-based support; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 20. Personal mobility
- Para 48. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt and implement a strategy, with sufficient human, technical and financial resources, to remove the physical, communication and financial barriers faced by persons with disabilities in accessing health-care services, and guarantee their access to disability- and gender-sensitive health-care services and information, especially in rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 3: information and communication; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 48. (b) Provide systematic training to medical personnel on the rights of persons with disabilities, including the human rights model of disability and alternative communication methods.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 50. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt and implement laws and regulations that promote comprehensive habilitation and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, particularly in rural areas, taking into account the human rights model of disability, such as community-based inclusive development programmes.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
- **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation

Philippines

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022](#)¹⁸

- Para 145.192 Take all the necessary measures to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, including their rehabilitation and inclusion, and the provision of the necessary health care for them (Libya).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation, assistive technology access; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation

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[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/PHL/CO/7\), 2025](#)⁴³

- Para 55. Recalling its general comment No. 22 (2016) on the right to sexual and reproductive health, as well as paragraph 8 of general comment No. 36 (2018) of the Human Rights Committee on the right to life, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (c) Ensure the availability and accessibility of high-quality sexual and reproductive health services, including post-abortion care in conditions of confidentiality and without discrimination, paying particular attention to women living in rural areas, women in poverty, women with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples and members of ethnic or religious minorities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, informed consent; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/9\), 2023](#)¹⁹

- Para 44. Recalling its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (b) Ensure that women and girls, including rural women and girls, unmarried women and women and girls with disabilities, have adequate access to sexual and reproductive health services and information, including family planning, modern forms of contraception and safe abortion and post-abortion services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, informed consent; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 6. Women with disabilities

Singapore

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/48/16\), 2021](#)²¹

- Para 59.291 Ensure the accessibility of health-care and support services to all persons with disabilities without discrimination (Israel).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, assistive technology access; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/SGP/CO/6\), 2024](#)³⁰

- Para 48. The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals and recommends that the State party:
 - (c) Repeal the Voluntary Sterilization Act and expressly and effectively protect women and girls with disabilities from sterilization without their free and informed personal consent, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2022 (CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1, para. 36).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** sexual and reproductive health, informed consent; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 23. Respect for home and the family, 17. Protecting the integrity of the person.

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022](#)²²

- Para 36. The Committee recommends that the State party repeal the Voluntary Sterilization Act 1974 and expressly and effectively protect women and girls with disabilities from sterilization without their free and informed personal consent.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** sexual and reproductive health, informed consent; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 50. The Committee encourages the State party to withdraw its reservation to article 25 (e) of the Convention, as planned. The Committee recalls the links between article 25 of the Convention and targets 3.7 and 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Enact legislation to ensure that all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and autistic persons, have access to health and life insurance on an equal basis with others, and that they are guaranteed equal conditions, without discrimination; and establish an effective monitoring mechanism with adequate measures to enforce this legislation, and remedies and sanctions in case of non-compliance.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 2: remedies and redress
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

- Para 50. (b) Provide access for persons with disabilities, in particular women and girls with disabilities, to sexual and reproductive health-care services, on an equal basis with others, and ensure supported decision-making for women with intellectual disabilities and women with psychosocial disabilities to enable them to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights and self-determination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** informed consent, sexual and reproductive health, accessible health, psychosocial support; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 6. Women with disabilities.
- Para 50. (c) Develop training for health-care professionals on the rights of persons with disabilities, including on their skills, support measures, and means and methods of information and communication, and provide information in accessible formats, including Braille, sign language and Easy Read, for persons with disabilities, particularly persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, and women and girls with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 3: information and communication; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 50. (d) Provide all persons with disabilities, including persons with disabilities deprived of their liberty, with access to all health-care services available to the general population during the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensure priority access to diagnostic, vaccination and recovery treatment for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 12: pandemic response
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

Thailand

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\), 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.119 Uphold the approach of prioritizing the mental health of youth and persons with disabilities, with special regard to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (Hungary).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, mental health; theme 12: pandemic response
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/THA/CO/8\), 2025](#)⁴⁰

- Para 41. The Committee welcomes the reduction in maternal mortality and early pregnancy rates in the State Party. The Committee is nevertheless concerned that:
 - (b) Reports of forced sterilization and coerced abortions of pregnancies of women with disabilities, and the systematic discrimination they suffer in gaining access to healthcare services, including access to gynecological and obstetric services.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, health system accessibility; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 41. (c) The barriers encountered by women facing intersecting forms of discrimination, such as rural women, Indigenous and ethnic minority women, including in the Southern Border Provinces, women with disabilities and women in detention, in gaining access to sexual and reproductive health services, and the exclusion of women human rights defenders from public health services, particularly in rural contexts, and of transgender women due to non-recognition of their gender identity.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, health system accessibility; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 42. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (b) Ensure that no sterilizations or abortions are performed on women with disabilities without the free, prior and informed consent of the women concerned, that practitioners performing sterilizations and abortions without such consent are prosecuted and adequately punished and that redress and adequate financial compensation are provided without delay to women with disabilities who are victims of non-consensual sterilizations or abortions.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** informed consent, accessible healthcare, health system accessibility; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 6. Women with disabilities

Timor-Leste

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[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\), 2023](#)²⁸

- Para 40. The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals and recommends that the State party:
 - (b) Ensure that women and girls, including rural women and girls, unmarried women and women and girls with disabilities, have adequate access to sexual and reproductive health services and information, including family planning, modern forms of contraception, and safe abortion and post-abortion services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, informed consent; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health and 6. Women with disabilities

Viet Nam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024](#)²⁵

- Para 42.174 Allocate sufficient resources to the programme to improve the quality of protection and health care for citizens, including older persons, children and persons with disabilities (Saudi Arabia).

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation, assistive technology access; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection
- **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

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[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\). 2025²⁶](#)

- Para 12. (c) Guarantee, through public policies, the promotion of the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls with disabilities, married or not, enabling them to exercise these rights without impediments due to cultural norms.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, sexual and reproductive health; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women and girls with disabilities
- Para 14. (e) Improve access to healthcare services for children with disabilities, particularly in rural and remote areas, by enhancing the availability of specialized healthcare, rehabilitation services and assistive devices, and making them affordable and accessible to all children with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, assistive technology access; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 34. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Strengthen safeguards to ensure that persons with disabilities, especially those under guardianship, can exercise their right to informed consent for medical treatments, including by providing accessible information and support for them to make decisions about their healthcare.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** informed consent, accessible healthcare; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person
- Para 46. (c) Accompany genetic tests offered to the general population, and particularly to persons with disabilities, with appropriate counselling, and ensure that parents have the right to make their own decisions without coercion.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, informed consent
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy
- Para 50. Recalling targets 3.7 and 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Ensure that general clinics and hospitals provide accessible information and communication formats for persons with disabilities, including in their original languages, and implement measures to ensure comprehensive health coverage for all persons with disabilities, including Indigenous persons, regardless of their employment status, and to provide accessible, affordable and culturally appropriate services.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, informed consent; theme 3: information and communication; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 50. (b) Ensure that health professionals receive training and education on the needs and treatment of persons with disabilities – particularly in maternal healthcare for women with disabilities, and for Indigenous persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** sexual and reproductive health, accessible healthcare; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 50. (c) Implement comprehensive training programmes for maternal healthcare providers to foster positive, sensitive and supportive attitudes towards women with disabilities, including Indigenous women, during their pregnancy.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** sexual and reproductive health, accessible healthcare; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 50. (d) Guarantee full access to sexual and reproductive health services, information and education for women and girls with disabilities, including Indigenous women and girls, through formats tailored to meet the needs of those with sensory and intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, informed consent; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 11, information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 50. (e) Ensure the availability of health services for persons with disabilities, especially children with disabilities, who live in rural or remote areas, and among Indigenous communities, that are physically accessible, and staffed with trained personnel.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 3: physical access; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 50. (f) Amend the Persons with Disabilities Act 2010 to ensure that all persons with disabilities receive free health insurance cards and are fully reimbursed for medical examinations and treatments.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health

- Para 50. (g) Amend the law to allow all unemployed persons with disabilities to access the voluntary health insurance scheme, subsidized by the Government, and reduce the current rates, which represent 20 per cent of the national average monthly income per capita.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 52. Recalling the link between article 26 of the Convention and target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Ensure that persons with disabilities and the organizations representing them receive clear and comprehensive information about available rehabilitation services in their communities, facilitating their registration and access to these services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 3: information and communication; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Para 52. (d) Amend legislation to include orthotics, prosthetics, hearing aids and mobility aids in the list of reimbursable items under health insurance plans.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** assistive technology access; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Para 52. (e) Conduct a census of veterans with disabilities and ensure that they receive rehabilitation services and financial support from the Government.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022²⁷](#)

- Para 37. (c) Develop an efficient system for early detection, intervention and support for children with disabilities, including children with psychosocial disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation, mental health; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health
- Para 38. The Committee welcomes the progress made in reducing the infant and under-5 mortality rates, but remains concerned about ethnic and regional disparities in mortality rates and access to health services. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Prioritize measures to improve access to quality health services, including scaling up community-based health services, in particular in rural areas and for children with disabilities and children belonging to ethnic or religious minority or indigenous groups.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** accessible healthcare, community-based rehabilitation, assistive technology access; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health



THEME 7

Social Protection and Care and Support Services

Tags: disability-inclusive social protection, social security, poverty reduction, housing and shelter, financial access, basic income, personal assistance, independent living support, care systems, family-based care systems, support services, community-based support

Brunei Darussalam

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/58/12\), 2024¹](#)

- Para 124.218 Continue efforts to improve the quality of life of vulnerable people, ensuring the inclusiveness and equality of persons with disabilities, the advancement of women, and the well-being and dignity of older persons (Senegal);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, care systems, family-based care systems, community-based support; theme 9: intersectional approaches, older persons with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 124.220 Continue to prioritize the well-being of the elderly and persons with disabilities (Oman);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: older persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 124.222 Continue the efforts towards enhancing social inclusion and accessibility, simultaneously strengthening support services for persons with disabilities and their families (Armenia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community-based support, personal assistance, disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 9. Accessibility
- Para 124.224 Consider plans and policies for an all-inclusive approach to enhance the independence of persons with disabilities (Azerbaijan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, personal support, community-based support; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 124.226 Continue to strengthen the measures to enhance the quality of life for persons with disabilities, ensuring inclusivity and equality (Maldives).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability legislation, legal harmonization, institutional mandates, civic engagement
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community

Cambodia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.245 Continue its efforts to promote inclusion of and support for persons with disabilities (Azerbaijan).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, personal assistance; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community

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[Human Rights Committee \(CCPR/C/KHM/CO/3\), 2022⁴](#)

- Para 29. The State party should:
 - (b) Put an end to the involuntary detention of persons experiencing homelessness, beggars and persons with psychosocial disabilities, who are often held in transit or rehabilitation centres, and take the measures necessary to provide alternatives to the institutionalization of children in street situations, including their placement in family-based settings.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, community-based support, care systems, family-based care systems; theme 6: informed consent; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of person, 19. Living independently and being included in the community

UN Special Procedures

[Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia \(A/HRC/57/82\), 2024³³](#)

- Para 20. With respect to the issue of disabilities, the country has improved its disability law, linking it with calls for an inclusive management system and more accessible and extensive social protection measures, reflecting the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The law should be enhanced with the inclusion of more facilities and adaptation measures on the basis of reasonable accommodation. It is vital to improve the treatment of persons with psychosocial disabilities and to ensure a humane, community-based approach, respectful of the rights of such persons on the basis of autonomy, non-discrimination and non-violence.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 6: community-based rehabilitation; theme 6: informed consent; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection, 5. Equality and non-discrimination

[Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia \(A/HRC/48/79\), 2021³⁴](#)

- Para 82. (c) The Special Rapporteur underlines the need to address effectively the vulnerabilities, heightened by the pandemic, facing various groups, including women, children and persons with disabilities, complemented by equitable resource allocation for accessible programming.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 6: accessible healthcare; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 12: pandemic response
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

Indonesia

Universal Periodic Review

UPR, fourth cycle (A/HRC/52/8), 2022⁵

- Para 140.228 Continue to strengthen the protection of vulnerable groups, especially older persons and persons with disabilities (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 140.230 Continue ensuring the protection of the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons (Kyrgyzstan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 140.236 Implement effective policies and programmes to ensure the enjoyment of human rights by older persons and persons with disabilities (Azerbaijan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 140.238 Support mechanisms and programmes aimed at accelerating the realization of human rights for vulnerable groups, especially women, children and persons with disabilities (United Arab Emirates).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, care systems, family-based care systems, community-based support; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection, 33. National implementation and monitoring

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1), 2022⁸

- Para 7. (c) Recommends that the State party ensure that human rights issues concerning social care institutions for persons with psychosocial disabilities are included as a priority area within the National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** care systems, community-based support; theme 6: mental health; theme 6: community-based rehabilitation; theme 1: institutional mandates
- **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 29. (b) Relocate persons with disabilities from institutions to community living settings with appropriate support
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, care systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 45. The Committee, recalling its general comment No. 5 (2017) on living independently and being included in the community and its guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies, adopted in 2022, recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt a strategy for the process of deinstitutionalization of adults and children with disabilities who reside in residential and social care institutions, hospitals, halfway homes and rehabilitation centres.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, disability-inclusive social protection, family-based care systems; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 45. (b) Establish a community-based support system for independent living with an allocated budget that includes social protection, employment, housing, health care, education and any other support required for persons with disabilities to choose where and with whom they live and to live independently and participate in the community.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, disability-inclusive social protection, family-based care systems, care systems; theme 4: educational access; theme 5: employment opportunities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 51. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt legislative and other measures to ensure adequate support for children with disabilities and their families, including for children with disabilities who require high levels of support in rural and remote areas, and to ensure support for parents with disabilities to raise their children, including for those in rural and remote areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, family-based care systems, community-based support, care systems; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 59. Recalling the linkages between article 28 of the Convention and target 10.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Develop social protection and poverty reduction strategies targeting persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection

- **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 59. (b) Set up a universal social protection scheme to ensure an adequate standard of living for persons with disabilities, including through systems of compensation in the form of allowances to cover disability related costs.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 59. (c) Include a disability perspective in programmes to promote an adequate standard of living, in particular programmes to increase access to public housing for persons with disabilities, including for those who want to leave institutions.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/60/7\), 2025⁹](#)

- Para 121.152 Continue strengthening social protection measures for women, children, persons with disabilities and senior citizens (Nepal);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** social security
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 121. 252 Maintain efforts to provide social services, health services and education for vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities. (Türkiye).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 5; theme 6
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/44/6\), 2020¹⁰](#)

- Para 115.144 Take further steps to enhance access to social services by vulnerable sectors, including women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities, among others (Philippines);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 115.225 Consider developing an efficient system for identifying and addressing the individual support needs of children with disabilities (Bulgaria).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, family-based care systems, community-based support; theme 9: children with disabilities

- **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities, 19. Living independently and being included in the community.

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[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/LAO/CO/1\). 2025³⁹](#)

- Para 25. (d) To consider developing and implementing a comprehensive national care policy aimed at redistributing unpaid care responsibilities, with a view to alleviating the disproportionate care burden on women; such a system should ensure adequate support for children, persons with disabilities and older persons and for self-care, in line with the principles of gender equality and social protection.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** care systems, support services, disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 41. The Committee recommends that the State Party expand social insurance to cover persons in the informal economy, and take appropriate measures to establish a social protection floor for all, with a view to guaranteeing income security and access to basic services, paying particular attention to disadvantaged and marginalized groups, including low-income households, children, older persons, persons with disabilities and informal workers. It also recommends that the State Party take all measures necessary to ensure that members of ethnic minority groups and Indigenous and tribal peoples, in particular the Hmong people, are able to obtain identification documents to have access to basic social services, including social protection schemes. The Committee draws the State Party's attention to its general comment No. 19 (2007) on the right to social security and to its statement entitled "Social protection floors: an essential element of the right to social security and of the sustainable development goals".
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, social security, poverty reduction
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\). 2024¹¹](#)

- Para 49. (b) Ensure that women, including rural women, women in the informal economy, women belonging to ethnic minority groups, women with disabilities and migrant women, have adequate access to social protection, including by facilitating their enrolment in social protection schemes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\). 2022¹²](#)

- Para 7. (b) Ensure that its disability assessment systems are based on the human rights model of disability aimed at the assessment of legal and environmental barriers to persons with disabilities and the provision of the necessary support and assistance to promote the independent living of persons with disabilities and their social inclusion.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, care systems; theme 1: institutional mandates
- **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 4. General obligations
- Para 13. (b) Ensure that all children with disabilities, including those in rural and remote areas, receive effective and appropriate protection, care and support, and are included in the community.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, family-based care systems, care systems, community-based support; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 25. (c) Prevent the confinement of persons with disabilities within their homes and provide for human rights-based support and community services for all persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, community-based support, disability-inclusive social protection; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 8: violence prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 35. (b) Ensure that support services in the community, such as personal assistance, are available, accessible, affordable and of quality across the State party, including in remote and rural areas, and enable persons with disabilities to exercise choice and control over their lives and to make decisions concerning where and with whom to live.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 35. (c) Collect disaggregated data on the number of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities and persons affected by leprosy, still living in institutions, special villages or other settings with defining elements of an institution.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community-based support, family-based care systems, care systems; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data; theme 10: evidence-based policy; theme 10: monitoring mechanisms
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 43. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Support children with disabilities and their families and prevent separation of children from their families on the basis of disability of either the child or one or both of their parents, including for those in rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, family-based care systems, community-based support; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family

- Para 53. Taking into account the links between article 28 of the Convention and target 1.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Mainstream the rights of persons with disabilities into the national social protection strategy, the ninth national socioeconomic development plan, for the period 2021–2025, and the national plan for poverty reduction, and ensure access to social protection and support for all persons with disabilities, including victims of unexploded ordnance, persons with disabilities belonging to ethnic groups, persons affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities living in rural and remote areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 53. (b) Adopt legislative and policy measures to ensure that any assessment procedures are in line with the Convention and do not lead to discriminatory treatment in gaining access to social protection schemes, and include entitlements of social protection for self-employed and informal workers.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 53. (c) Establish social protection and poverty reduction schemes with adequate budgetary allocations to guarantee an adequate standard of living for persons with disabilities, and provide them with allowances to meet disability-related expenses.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, community-based support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection,
- Para 53. (d) Increase stipends and social welfare assistance to persons with disabilities, in particular those in the poorest areas, in rural areas and in impoverished ethnic groups, and improve information packages about social protection services in plain language and accessible formats.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: community education
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection, 9. Accessibility

Malaysia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\), 2024](#)¹³

- Para 55.265 Continue efforts to improve care provided for elderly persons and persons with disabilities (Yemen);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, care systems, community-based support, family-based care systems; theme 9: older persons with disabilities

- **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 55.276 Continue improving the social security system and caring services for persons with disabilities to promote the comprehensive development of this sector (China);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, care systems, community-based support, family-based care systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 55.279, 55.280 Continue to strengthen approved social protection programmes for persons with disabilities (Libya, Russian Federation);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 55.283 Allocate more funds for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, including accessibility, in particular in the areas of employment, education, and housing (Maldives);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 3: accessibility standards; theme 4: educational access; theme 5: employment support services
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 9. Accessibility, 24. Education, 27. Work and employment, 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 55.285 Continue the fight for the strengthening and promotion of the well-being of older persons and persons with disabilities (Cameroon);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: older persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 55.286 Continue to improve the services provided to the elderly and persons with disabilities (Jordan).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: older persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 38. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 5 (2017) on living independently and being included in the community and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Introduce and implement a strategy, with a clear time frame, to ensure the transition from institutions to full independent living and being included in the community for all persons with disabilities, in close consultation with representative organizations of persons with disabilities, and ensure the allocation of the resources necessary for the implementation of that strategy.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, community-based support; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: meaningful consultation, “Nothing About Us Without Us”
- **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 38. (b) Promote the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly persons affected by leprosy and persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, to live independently and be included in the community, including by raise awareness among the general public to tackle stigmatization and attitudinal barriers.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, community-based support, personal assistance; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: community education
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 38. (c) Allocate sufficient resources to provide personal assistance and ensure that support services in the community are available, accessible, affordable and of high quality across the State party, including in remote and rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, personal assistance, independent living support, community-based support; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 44. (b) Abolish the practice of involuntary family separation on the basis of disability and provide the necessary support, including financial support, counselling, and community-based support and services for children with disabilities, their parents and families, as well as for parents with disabilities, to guarantee the enjoyment, on an equal basis with others, of their rights with respect to family life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community-based support, family-based care systems, independent living support, disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 54. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Take the measures necessary to ensure access to social protection and support for persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 54. (c) Establish social protection and poverty reduction schemes with adequate budgetary allocations to guarantee an adequate standard of living for persons with disabilities, and provide them with allowances to meet disability-related expenses.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection

- **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

Philippines

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022](#)¹⁸

- Para 145.109 Mitigate better the social and economic difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for at-risk groups, such as women, children, and persons with disabilities (Viet Nam);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 12: pandemic response
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 145.110 Continue to strengthen programmes and policies to ensure equitable access to food and safe drinking water, with special attention to people with disabilities (Vanuatu).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

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[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/PHL/CO/7\), 2025](#)⁴³

- Para 45. The Committee recommends that the State Party intensify its efforts to combat poverty, in particular extreme poverty, by, among other things, increasing the resources allocated to and undertaking a thorough evaluation of existing programmes and strategies to identify obstacles and make the changes necessary to achieve desired poverty reduction targets, including targeting Indigenous Peoples, people living in rural and deprived urban areas, women and girls, persons with disabilities and ethnic and religious minorities, paying particular attention to integrating human rights. In this regard, the Committee recalls its statement on poverty and the Covenant.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

Singapore

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/48/16\), 2021](#)²¹

- Para 59.184 Continue efforts to strengthen and protect social, economic and cultural rights for all people, including the rights of women and children and persons with disabilities (Kazakhstan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 5: decent work; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

- Para 59.282 Continue efforts to support programmes for the social and economic integration of persons with disabilities and their protection (Tunisia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, employment opportunities, employment support services
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 59.288 Encourage measures to achieve a greater social inclusion of people with disabilities (Dominican Republic);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, independent living support, personal assistance; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 59.289 Continue efforts in implementing the enabling master plans to promote the social and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities (Ethiopia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, personal assistance, independent living support; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 5: employment support services; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 27. Work and employment
- Para 59.293 Continue efforts aimed at strengthening national plans for the social and economic integration of people with disabilities (Libya).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, personal assistance, independent living support; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 5: employment support services; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 27. Work and employment

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/SGP/CO/6\). 2024³⁰](#)

- Para 50. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Address the feminization of poverty, including by mainstreaming gender into the national strategy for social protection, and ensure that women, especially those belonging to disadvantaged groups, in particular older women, women with disabilities, women heads of household, widows, women living with HIV/AIDS, women ex-prisoners and migrant women, in particular women migrant domestic workers, can meaningfully participate in the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and renewal of these strategies and have adequate access to social and economic benefits.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: civic engagement; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection, 6. Women with disabilities

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1), 2022²²

- Para 38. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 5 (2017) and its guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure the deinstitutionalization of all persons with disabilities in institutions of any kind, provide community-based services facilitating the full enjoyment by all persons with disabilities of their right to live in the community and to be fully included and participate in the community, and adopt a strategy to this end with clear goals, benchmarks and time frames.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community-based support, independent living support, care systems; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 8: violence prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 38. (b) Adopt awareness-raising programmes to broadly promote an understanding of the right of choice and self-determination of persons with disabilities concerning their living arrangements, the right not to be obliged to live in a particular living arrangement, and the crucial significance of inclusion in, as opposed to segregation from, the community for effectively guaranteeing all rights of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, community-based support; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: community education
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 52. (c) Expand the Open-Door Programme to provide longer-term support, in particular for persons with disabilities taking part in deinstitutionalization processes, autistic persons, persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, community-based support, personal assistance; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 54. The Committee recalls the links between article 28 of the Convention and target 10.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals – both of which seek to promote and guarantee the economic inclusion of all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and persons with autism – and recommends that the State party enact a comprehensive legal framework and allot financial resources to provide long-term social protection for persons with disabilities who do not have the financial means necessary to realize their right to an adequate standard of living.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, care systems, independent living support; theme 1: disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

Thailand

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UPR, third cycle (A/HRC/49/17), 2021²³

- Para 51.102 Continue to implement additional measures to promote the human rights of women, children and persons with disabilities by improving their access to social services, including health care and education, particularly in rural areas (Japan);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support; theme 4: educational access; theme 6: accessible healthcare; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 51.104 Continue implementation of social-oriented policies aimed at further improving the well-being of specific groups, including children, women, older persons, persons with disabilities and migrant workers (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, care systems; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 51.168 Simplify procedures for persons with disabilities to access the disability grant (Maldives).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/THA/CO/8\). 2025⁴⁰](#)

- Para 40. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (c) Ensure the implementation of maternity protection, including for women working in the informal economy; facilitate the return to work of young mothers, by adopting policies for breastfeeding and childcare facilities in workplaces; and promote the equal sharing of household and childcare responsibilities between women and men, including by introducing paid paternity leave and expanding the care economy and care services for children, older persons and persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** care systems, support services
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

UN Special Procedures

[Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice \(A/HRC/59/45/Add.2\), 2025³¹](#)

- Para 100. With regard to economic and social life, the Working Group recommends that the Government:
 - (c) Expand both State-run and privately-operated care and support services for children, older persons and persons with disabilities, with extended hours and flexibility.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, care systems, family-based care systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community

Viet Nam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024](#)²⁵

- Para 42.168 Continue to provide social security services and strengthen policy related to care and assistance for vulnerable groups such as older persons, persons with disabilities and children (Kuwait);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, care systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 42.173 Prioritize social security for vulnerable groups, especially older persons and people with disabilities, for socioeconomic development (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 42.307 Continue to develop models of poverty eradication and livelihood support for persons with disabilities (Democratic People's Republic of Korea).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, poverty reduction, independent living support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\), 2025](#)²⁶

- Para 14. (c) Promote family-based care and community inclusion over institutionalization by developing policies that provide adequate support for children with disabilities and their families, ensuring their rights to live and grow within their communities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, family-based care systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 32. (g) Ensure that social work centres are established nationwide, providing physical, informational and communication accessibility, including by digital means, along with personnel trained to serve persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: universal design; theme 3: digital access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 38. (b) Ensure full deinstitutionalization by adopting a clear strategy to transition from institutional care to community-based services, that includes specific goals, benchmarks and time frames

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support; theme 1: legal harmonization
- **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 38. (c) Expand the Independent Living Programme nationwide, ensure access to independent living arrangements for persons with psychosocial and/or intellectual disabilities, including supported housing and community-based mental health services, and provide sustainable funding for personal assistance services
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 6: mental health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 38. (d) Increase monthly social allowance amounts for persons with disabilities to align with the actual costs of independent living, and implement a system for regularly adjusting these allowances to account for inflation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 38. (e) Expand the number of trained social workers specializing in disability support and case management, particularly in rural areas, to ensure adequate support for persons with disabilities to live independently in the community.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 38. (f) Promote in-home and community-based care services as alternatives to institutionalization, and ensure that the new Law on Social Work guarantees the right to personal assistance tailored to the needs of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 46. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Establish a mechanism for evaluating and following up with families with children with disabilities and foster families, ensuring the inclusion of children with disabilities into family and community life and identification of their needs for financial, counselling or other support.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, family-based care systems; theme 1: coordination mechanisms; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy

- Para 46. (b) Ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the necessary support services to fulfil their roles as parents effectively, and provide systematic sexual and reproductive health and rights education to young persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support, personal assistance, community-based support, family-based care systems; theme 6: sexual and reproductive health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy
- Para 56. Recalling links between article 28 of the Convention and target 10.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, which seek to empower and to promote the economic inclusion of all persons, irrespective of disability status, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Ensure that persons with disabilities are covered by the National Programme for Sustainable Poverty Reduction and the National Plan for New Rural Development, using the indicators developed for this purpose, and that such disaggregated data are disseminated to decision makers, the general population and organizations of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 56. (b) Ensure that persons with disabilities receive accurate information, in accessible ways and means, about the possibility of exemption from or reduction of the rental or purchase price of public housing and about social housing policies, and collect disaggregated data on how many persons with disabilities have benefited from these programmes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, independent living support; theme 3: information and communication; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection
- Para 56. (c) Considering the paradigm shift of the Convention towards a human rights approach, implement programmes so that all persons with disabilities, regardless of their level of support needs, can benefit from monthly social benefits and free health insurance cards.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022²⁷](#)

- Para 34. Drawing the State party's attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, the Committee urges the State party:
 - (a) To adopt, without delay, a national strategy and action plan for deinstitutionalization, with specific timelines, budget and staff allocations, and measures, including legal reform, for: (i) supporting and prioritizing family-based care for children, including for children with disabilities; (ii) strengthening the foster-care system for children who cannot stay with their families; and (iii) strengthening support for families in vulnerable situations, through child-sensitive social protection policies and services.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, care systems, family-based care systems; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 34. (b) To guarantee coordinated and quality alternative care by developing an effective case-management process for the referral of children deprived of a family environment, ensuring periodic review of children in alternative care, and ensuring that poverty or disability are never the sole justification for family separation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, care systems, family-based care systems; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 34. (c) To ensure that alternative care facilities are used on a temporary basis only and that, when appropriate, they are transformed into small-group settings that are as close as possible to a family situation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, care systems, family-based care systems; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family
- Para 34. (d) To finalize and adopt the national guidelines on minimum standards of care and ensure the regular monitoring of all alternative care facilities, including boarding schools, social assistance centres and other community-based care facilities; provide training for all care staff; and provide accessible channels for reporting and responding to maltreatment of children.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-inclusive social protection, community-based support, care systems, family-based care systems; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 8: institutional safeguards, 11: capacity building; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse
- Para 34. (e) To increase the number of social workers in all provinces of the State party, and provide continuous capacity-building to ensure the appropriate referral of child protection cases.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** care systems; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse
- Para 49. (b) Develop programmes that facilitate the reunification of children in street situations with their families when possible, taking into account the best interests of the child, and support their long-term education and developmental needs, including through the provision of psychological support.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community-based support, care systems, family-based care systems; theme 6: mental health; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 23. Respect for home and the family



THEME 8

Safety and Protection from Violence

Tags: violence prevention, exploitation, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms

Cambodia

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.249 Adopt laws on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, and enhance protection services to prevent abuse and ensure the safety and well-being of all children, particularly those with disabilities (Gambia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse

UN Treaty Bodies

[Human Rights Committee \(CCPR/C/KHM/CO/3\), 2022⁴](#)

- Para 15. The State party should:
 - (c) Prevent discrimination and violence against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender persons, as well as against persons with disabilities, including by conducting public awareness-raising campaigns to combat their social stigmatization.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 11: anti-stigma campaigns; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse

Indonesia

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/IDN/CO/5-6\), 2025⁴²](#)

- Para 23. While noting the adoption of Law No. 12/2022 on Sexual Violence Crime and the National Strategy for the Elimination of Violence against Children (2022), among other efforts, the Committee is seriously concerned that:
 - (a) Although Law No. 12/2022 establishes a legal framework for the prevention of and response to sexual violence, particularly against women, children and persons with disabilities, its implementation remains limited, as the law requires the issuance of at least seven derivative regulations for its effective implementation, of which only four have been promulgated to date.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities, 7. Children with disabilities

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 37. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Prohibit the use of shackling, seclusion and all forms of restraints in all settings, including within family settings and in social care institutions, and develop and promote non-coercive, community-based mental health supports and services.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 6: mental health; theme 6: community-based rehabilitation; theme 7: community-based support
- **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person
- Para 37. (b) Establish an independent monitoring, safeguard and complaints mechanism that is accessible to all persons with disabilities in all settings, to receive complaints and to investigate and sanction institutions, centres and perpetrators of harmful and forced practices, violence, neglect and other cruel and degrading treatment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 10: independent oversight; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person
- Para 39. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Implement measures to prevent and punish exploitation, forced labour and trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation of persons with disabilities, including the practice of using them as beggars, drug couriers and low-paid workers.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** exploitation, violence prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
 - (b) Adopt a comprehensive strategy, in close consultation with persons with disabilities, to prevent and respond to all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse, including specific gender- and age-sensitive measures, an accessible independent complaints mechanism and appropriate remedies, and accessible victim support services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** exploitation, violence prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
 - (c) Amend the Penal Code to prohibit marital rape and to reflect broader definitions of rape that recognize the experience of women and girls with disabilities, and ensure resources and financial aid for forensic reports and DNA testing.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 41. The Committee recommends that the State party prohibit forced medical interventions, including forced psychiatric interventions, forced contraception and forced sterilization of persons with disabilities, in public and private institutions.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: mental health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/IDN/CO/8\). 2021³²](#)

- Para 44. (e) Abolish the deprivation of liberty of women and girls with disabilities based on actual or perceived intellectual or psychosocial impairment, and any examinations or treatment without their free and informed consent, and investigate, prosecute and punish cases of chaining and detention in private homes and forced placement and treatment in psychiatric facilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards, violence prevention, GBV prevention; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: mental health; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of person

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/60/7\), 2025⁹](#)

- Para 121.139 Continue implementing policies and initiatives aimed at protecting the rights of specific groups such as women, children, persons with disabilities, refugees and migrants, and combat human trafficking and other crimes (China);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 121. 251 Continue its efforts to implement measures to protect vulnerable groups, including children and persons with disabilities (Vanuatu);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 121.253 Strengthen the human rights-based and disability-sensitive approach in programmes for the recovery of agricultural lands previously contaminated by unexploded ordnance, as well as in victim assistance services, especially in remote areas (Mexico).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** redress mechanisms
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\). 2024¹¹](#)

- Para 27. The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and recommends that the State party:
 - (g) Ensure adequate funding for shelters and victim support services for women and girls who are victims of gender-based violence, and their children, with special attention to women from marginalized groups, and that shelters and services are accessible across the State party, including for women with disabilities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 7: care systems; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\), 2022¹²](#)

- Para 25. (b) Repeal all legislation and practices that allow for the deprivation of liberty of adults and children with disabilities on the basis of actual or perceived impairment or that authorizes institutionalization or involuntary hospitalization of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards, violence prevention; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 2: legal capacity support; theme 6: informed consent; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 12. Equal recognition before the law, 13. Access to justice
- Para 27. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt legal provisions and concrete administrative measures to protect persons with disabilities from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, including protocols to ensure free consent concerning medical treatment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: mental health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
 - (b) Ensure that the complaint procedure is accessible to all persons with disabilities, and investigate and sanction perpetrators of practices that may amount to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment against persons with disabilities, such as restraints, isolation, forced medication and sterilization, and electroconvulsive therapy.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 6: informed consent
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Para 29. In line with its statement issued on 24 November 2021 calling for action to be taken immediately to eliminate gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, and with targets 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that legislation and policies to prevent and combat all forms of violence include persons with disabilities, including the Law No. 56 on preventing and combating violence against women and children.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

- Para 29. (b) Adopt a comprehensive strategy to prevent exploitation, violence and abuse targeting persons with disabilities, especially women and girls with psychosocial and/or intellectual disabilities, women and girls belonging to ethnic and religious groups, persons affected by leprosy and victims of unexploded ordnance, and ensure that persons with disabilities have information about how to avoid, recognize and report cases and that victims of exploitation, violence or abuse have access to independent complaint mechanisms and appropriate remedies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, exploitation, institutional safeguards; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 6. Women with disabilities, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 29. (d) Ensure that shelters for victims of violence are accessible to persons with disabilities and provide the necessary resources to the Centre for Counselling and Protection of Women and Children
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** Violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 9. Accessibility
- Para 29. (e) Provide continuous training for the families of persons with disabilities and for their caregivers, health professionals and law enforcement officers to enable them to recognize all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse, and to better communicate and work with persons with disabilities who are victims of violence.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention, exploitation, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 9. Accessibility
- Para 31. The Committee recommends that the State party strengthen the legal and policy frameworks to ensure that all medical and psychiatric treatment and interventions are done on the basis of the individual's free and informed consent. It also recommends that the State party take all measures necessary to eliminate the forced sterilization of persons with disabilities, especially persons with psychosocial and/or intellectual disabilities, and those still deprived of their legal capacity.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: sexual and reproductive health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 41. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure the privacy of persons with disabilities, in particular persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, including the confidentiality of information and of their personal medical records, in institutions and mental health systems and services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, exploitation, institutional safeguards; theme 6: informed consent
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy

Malaysia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\), 2024](#)¹³

- Para 55.88 Take measures to eliminate caning and other forms of corporal punishment in schools, alternative care settings and prisons (Togo).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards, violence prevention, independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\), 2019](#)¹⁵

- Para 30. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Expedite the adoption of the draft law on the prevention of violence against women and ensure its full compliance with article 16 of the Convention so as to tackle gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1, legal harmonization; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 30. (b) Adopt and implement legislation, policies and programmes to protect all persons with disabilities, particularly women and children with disabilities and persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, from all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse, including gender-based violence and corporal punishment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, exploitation, institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities, 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 30. (c) Ensure that persons with disabilities who are survivors of exploitation, violence and abuse are provided with effective redress, including compensation and comprehensive protection, recovery, rehabilitation and social reintegration services, and ensure that victims have access to age- and gender-appropriate reporting channels that respect their privacy.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 6: accessible healthcare; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 25. Health

- Para 32. The Committee recommends that the State party promptly investigate and prosecute security personnel, including senior officials, for serious international crimes, crimes against humanity, war crimes and conflict-related violence, taking into consideration the findings of the independent international fact-finding mission on Myanmar (see A/HRC/39/64). The Committee further recommends that the State party cooperate with the Governments of countries in the region, United Nations entities and other international and national partners to provide the necessary specialized, inclusive, accessible and gender- and age-appropriate support and services to persons with disabilities who are survivors of conflict-related violence.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 6: institutional safeguards; theme 6: violence prevention; theme 6: GBV prevention; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 10: international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

Philippines

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[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022](#)¹⁸

- Para 145.92 Take further measures to address the issue of trafficking in women and girls with disabilities (Georgia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, exploitation, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 145.167 Develop additional policies to protect women against all forms of gender-based violence, especially women and girls with disabilities (Brazil);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 145.170 Develop a strategy to protect women and girls with disabilities from all forms of gender-based violence, having regard to the treaties ratified by the Philippine Government, in particular the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Madagascar);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 145.171 Further enhance measures to address gender-based violence against women and violence against children with disabilities (Maldives);

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approach; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 145.172 Implement the national strategy to address the high levels of gender-based violence against women and girls, particularly those with disabilities, including sexual violence and abuse (Marshall Islands);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 145.189 Develop a strategy to protect women and girls with disabilities against all forms of gender-based violence (Denmark).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/9\). 2023¹⁹](#)

- Para 28. Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (b) Adopt comprehensive legislation to ensure that all forms of gender-based violence against women are specifically criminalized and take into account the special protection needs of disadvantaged and marginalized groups of women, including rural women, women with disabilities, migrant women, older women and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities

UN Special Procedures

[Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material \(A/HRC/55/55/Add.1\). 2023²⁹](#)

- Para 4. Care, recovery and reintegration of child victims: Para 4. ii) Allocate adequate support, specialized human resources and access to services for families with children with disabilities and ensure the provision of awareness and monitoring mechanisms in education, health and other service centres to prevent the sexual abuse of children with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 7. Children with disabilities

Singapore

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/48/16\), 2021](#)²¹

- Para 59.283 Deepen efforts to protect women from abuse, neglect and self-neglect due to physical or mental disability (Barbados).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/SGP/CO/6\), 2024](#)³⁰

- Para 34. Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt legislation to ensure that all forms of gender-based violence against women, including domestic violence and online violence, are specifically criminalized, and take into account the special protection needs of disadvantaged and marginalized groups of women, including women with disabilities, migrant women, older women, and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022](#)²²

- Para 14. The Committee recalls its joint statement, with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, on the rights of children with disabilities (2022), and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt a comprehensive strategy to ensure that children with disabilities, including autistic children, children with intellectual disabilities and children with psychosocial disabilities, are adequately protected from violence, exploitation and abuse, and mainstream a disability perspective into the Children and Young Persons Act 1993 and the National Youth Council.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse
- Para 14. (b) Amend the Criminal Procedure Code and explicitly prohibit corporal punishment of children with disabilities without exception.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention; theme 1: institutional safeguards; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse

- Para 14. (c) Ensure enforcement and monitoring of the protection of children with disabilities from violence, exploitation and abuse in all settings, including in schools, and promote positive, non-violent and participatory forms of child-rearing through awareness-raising campaigns and training programmes, in accessible formats.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 11: community education; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: capacity building; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse
- Para 20. The Committee urgently recommends the State party abolish the death penalty for persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and autistic persons, including for crimes not involving intentional killing, and immediately cease imposing and carrying out the death penalty in such cases, in accordance with the limits established under international law. It encourages the State party to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Second Optional Protocol thereto, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: optional protocol ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 10. Right to life
- Para 30. (c) Explicitly prohibit the institutionalization of persons with disabilities, particularly persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities, and effectively protect their rights to liberty and security of person, on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards, community-based support, independent living support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person
- Para 32. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Abolish all legislation, policies and practices that allow torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities, such as the use of electroshock therapy, restraints or isolation, or that allow medication without their free and informed personal consent, on the basis of their impairment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 6: informed consent
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Para 32. (b) Abolish corporal punishment against persons with disabilities, without any exceptions.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Para 32. (c) Ensure effective, accessible remedies for all persons with disabilities, including persons with disabilities in institutions, whose right to freedom from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading

treatment or punishment is violated, ensure expeditious and independent investigations of such violations, provide redress and sanction the perpetrators.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** remedies and redress, judicial accessibility, violence prevention, institutional safeguards
- **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Para 34. (a) Take effective measures to raise awareness about the protection of persons with disabilities from exploitation, violence and abuse; adopt a comprehensive strategy to prevent the exploitation, violence and abuse of persons with disabilities, especially persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and persons with disabilities in institutions; ensure that persons with disabilities are provided with information about how to avoid, recognize and report cases of violence, exploitation and abuse; and ensure that persons with disabilities who are victims of exploitation, violence or abuse have access to independent complaint mechanisms and appropriate remedies, including rehabilitation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards, raise awareness, remedies and redress; theme 3: information and communication; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: capacity building; theme 1: OPD capacity
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 34. (b) Collect data on violence, exploitation and abuse against persons with disabilities to identify all instances of gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, in the private and public spheres, and ensure budget allocations for and access to support services and shelters for women and girls with disabilities who are victims of gender-based violence, exploitation and abuse.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, 6. Women with disabilities

Thailand

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[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\). 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.179 Adopt urgent actions to combat all forms of discrimination and violence against, and institutionalization and abandonment of, children with disabilities (Ecuador).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 7: family-based care systems; theme 7: community-based support; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/THA/CO/8\), 2025⁴⁰](#)

- Para 25. The Committee notes with concern:
 - (d) The detection of cases of violence against women and girls in closed disability institutions and psychiatric hospitals.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 26. Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (d) Supervise closed and segregated institutions where women reside, such as disability institutions and psychiatric hospitals, to detect and, where applicable, prosecute cases of violence against women with disabilities.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities

Timor-Leste

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/50/12\), 2022²⁴](#)

- Para 116.189 Investigate the reports of violence against women and children with disabilities, and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice (Botswana).
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, redress mechanisms; theme 2: legal aid; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 9: multiple discrimination; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities, 7. Children with disabilities

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\), 2023²⁸](#)

- Para 26. Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Amend its legislation to ensure that all forms of gender-based violence against women are specifically criminalized and take into account the special protection needs of disadvantaged and marginalized groups of women, including rural women, women with disabilities, migrant women, older women, and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities

Viet Nam

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\). 2025²⁶](#)

- Para 6 (g) Ensure that organizations of persons with disabilities, including religious organizations, are treated with respect and dignity, and ensure that persons with disabilities working in such organizations are not subjected to imprisonment or expulsion for defending the rights of their community.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, exploitation, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 20. The Committee urgently recommends that the State Party abolish the death penalty for persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and autistic persons, and immediately cease imposing and carrying out the death penalty in regard to persons with disabilities, in accordance with the limits established under international law. It encourages the State Party to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Second Optional Protocol thereto aiming at the abolition of the death penalty
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards, violence prevention; theme 1: optional protocol ratification; theme 10: treaty reporting
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 10. Right to life
- Para 28. (b) Review national standards, policies and practices to guarantee that persons with disabilities, especially those with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, as well as persons with autism, are not forcibly confined to their homes or to prisons without due process
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of person
- Para 30. Recalling its guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations:
 - (a) Ensure compliance with the recommendations of the Committee against Torture by establishing a strict evaluation mechanism to prevent all acts of torture or other ill-treatment, particularly towards individuals in prison, and implement restorative justice actions for them.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Para 32. Recalling its statement of 24 November 2021 on the elimination of gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, and targets 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Ensure that the national strategy against gender-based violence includes specific policies to prevent and combat gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, including accessible mechanisms for the submission of complaints, implementation across local and central

levels, the provision of accessible support services and shelters, and legal assistance for victims/survivors.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 2: legal aid; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 32. (b) Reform the Children's Act of 2016 to specifically include preventative measures for violence against children with disabilities, including Indigenous children with disabilities, as well as case detection, mechanisms for the submission of complaints and for follow-up, sanctions, and justice for the victims.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 32. (d) Amend article 14 of the Law on Persons with Disabilities to include supervision and monitoring mechanisms for the abuse and abandonment of persons with disabilities, hold those responsible accountable, and establish restorative actions for the victims.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 2: remedies and redress
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 32. (f) Strengthen training for local authorities to learn about and detect gender-based violence early, and strengthen local support agencies to ensure that they offer physical accessibility, and effective communication and information.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention, judicial accessibility; theme 3: physical accessibility; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 9. Accessibility
- Para 34. (c) Take comprehensive steps to prevent women with disabilities from undergoing forced sterilization and forced abortion, including awareness-raising campaigns, stronger enforcement of laws, and the establishment of effective mechanisms to monitor and report such violations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** GBV prevention, violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 6: informed consent; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 34. (d) Ensure that persons with disabilities, especially those with psychosocial and/or intellectual disabilities, are not subjected to forced medication in psychiatric facilities, and establish clear legal safeguards to protect their bodily integrity and autonomy in mental healthcare settings.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: mental health
- **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person
- Para 34. (e) Strengthen legal enforcement against medical professionals or institutions that violate the bodily integrity of persons with disabilities, including by increasing penalties for forced medical procedures and ensuring accountability for violations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 6: informed consent
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person
- Para 34. (f) Establish an independent monitoring body to investigate cases of medical coercion, forced treatment, or violation of bodily autonomy, ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to effective remedies and accountability mechanisms.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, institutional safeguards; theme 2: remedies and redress; theme 6: informed consent; theme 10: independent oversight; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 17. Protecting the integrity of the person
- Para 44. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Implement measures to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal and medical records, ensuring privacy protections in all settings.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy
 - (b) Ensure that monitoring and surveillance of persons with disabilities in institutional settings complies with legal safeguards.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional safeguards; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy
 - (c) Strengthen digital privacy protections for persons with disabilities, including measures against online exploitation and unauthorized data-sharing.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** exploitation, institutional safeguards; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy
 - (d) Prevent the unauthorized use of personal images and stories for fundraising or promotional purposes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** exploitation, institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022²⁷](#)

- Para 44. (d) Combat violence, including bullying and cyberbullying, in schools, especially of children in disadvantaged socioeconomic situations, children belonging to ethnic or religious minority or indigenous groups, children with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children, and ensure that such measures encompass prevention, early detection mechanisms, the empowerment of children and intervention protocols.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, GBV prevention, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 7. Children with disabilities



THEME 9

Intersectionality and Addressing Multiple Discrimination

Tags: children with disabilities, Indigenous persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ inclusion, intersectional approaches, women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination

Cambodia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.45 Intensify the fight against all forms of discrimination, in particular against women, persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities (Cameroon);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 139.46 Continue efforts to promote the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities and combat all forms of discrimination against them (Egypt).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches, children with disabilities, multiple discrimination; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination

Indonesia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/8\), 2022⁵](#)

- Para 140.192 Uphold the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and religion or belief, prevent discrimination on any grounds, including disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status, and enhance efforts to reduce violence against women and girls (Australia);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 8: GBV prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 140.194 Include discrimination and intersectional violence against women, children and adolescents, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples, the LGBTIQI community and people of African descent in national plans and strategies (Costa Rica);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, women and girls with disabilities, indigenous persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ inclusion, intersectional approaches; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 140.231 Strengthen measures taken to eliminate discrimination against women and girls with disabilities (Iraq).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, women and girls with disabilities, children with disabilities, older persons with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 6. Women with disabilities

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families \(CMW/C/IDN/CO/2\), 2025⁴¹](#)

- Para 17. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (b) Mainstream gender and intersectionality in all its policies and strategies related to migration and ensure that they protect women and girls, including those with disabilities, from gender-based violence, online violence, harassment, online scamming, trafficking and gender-based discrimination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: exploitation; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 29. The Committee welcomes the adoption of the Disability Law (2016) and the master plan for persons with disabilities. Nevertheless, it remains concerned about:
 - (a) The insufficient implementation of the legislation concerning children with disabilities and lack of coordination among the sectors and agencies with the mandate to implement it;
 - (b) Persistent shortcomings in the collection and availability of data and statistics on persons with disabilities, including the lack of disaggregated data, consistent methodology and uniform interpretation across all levels of government;
 - (c) Despite the ban on the practice of pasung since 1977, it continues to be used by families, communities and both government- and privately run institutions;
 - (d) Increased institutionalization of children with disabilities;
 - (e) Persistent discrimination against and stigmatization of children with disabilities;
 - (f) Disproportionately higher rates of stunting and wasting and overall poverty among children with disabilities compared to their peers without disabilities and the disproportionate economic burden on households with children with disabilities exacerbating their vulnerability.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** children with disabilities, multiple discrimination; theme 1: coordination mechanisms; theme 1: co-design; theme 1: co-implementation; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: mental health; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 30. Recalling its general comment No. 9 (2006) on the rights of children with disabilities, the Committee urges the State Party to continue its efforts to adopt a human rights-based approach to disability and:
 - (a) To ensure the effective implementation of legislation related to the rights of children with disabilities by translating its provisions into concrete policies and programmes at all levels of government, including the National Development Plan 2025–2029 and ensure inter-agency coordination;
 - (b) To strengthen data-collection systems on persons with disabilities, including children, by adopting a standardized, rights-based methodology in line with international norms, including by using the

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)/Washington Group Modules on Child Functioning to collect accurate, comparable and representative data on children with disabilities;

(c) To take urgent and comprehensive measures to fully eradicate the practice of pasung, including through strict enforcement of the existing ban, nationwide awareness-raising campaigns and appropriate rehabilitation, redress and reintegration of the victims of this practice;

(d) To provide home-based professional support and the modifications necessary to home infrastructure to enable children with disabilities to live with their families, with a view to eliminating the practice of institutionalization;

(e) To undertake awareness-raising campaigns aimed at government officials, the public and families to combat the stigmatization of and prejudice against children with disabilities and promote a positive image of children with disabilities as rights holders;

(f) To ensure that its national nutrition, poverty reduction and social protection system is disability-responsive for children with disabilities and can address the specific vulnerabilities, risks and inequalities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** children with disabilities, multiple discrimination; theme 1: coordination mechanisms; theme 1: co-design; theme 1: co-implementation; theme 6: informed consent; theme 6: mental health; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data
- **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 13. (c) Include an intersectional analysis for women and girls with disabilities, including those from indigenous groups, ethnic and religious minorities, and rural areas and remote islands, across all policy areas, including education, family, employment, justice and health.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** intersectional approaches, women and girls with disabilities; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 6: accessible health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/IDN/CO/8\), 2021³²](#)

- Para 44. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Eliminate discrimination, violence and stigma against women in rural areas, women living with HIV/AIDS, women with disabilities, women in detention and women using drugs, and ensure that they have access to adequate health services, including sexual and reproductive health services and HIV and drug treatment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 6: accessible healthcare; theme 6: sexual and reproductive health; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: GBV prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 4. Equality and non-discrimination

Lao People's Democratic Republic

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\). 2024¹¹](#)

- Para 23. (d) Pay special attention to women facing intersecting forms of discrimination, including women with disabilities, women belonging to ethnic or linguistic minority groups, rural women and women living in poverty.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 33. National implementation and monitoring

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\). 2022¹²](#)

- Para 9. (b) Prohibit multiple and intersectional discrimination on the grounds of disability and its intersection with other grounds, such as age, sex, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation and any other status, and adopt strategies to eliminate multiple and intersectional discrimination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, intersectional approaches; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 11. (b) Implement measures to prevent multiple and intersectional discrimination against women and girls with disabilities, in particular those belonging to ethnic and religious groups, women victims of unexploded ordnance and women affected by leprosy, in all aspects of life, in both urban and rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities, 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 11. (c) Take steps to empower women and girls with disabilities and support their representative organizations, including the Women with Disabilities Association, and ensure their effective participation in the design and implementation of legislation and policies on gender equality.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities, 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 13. With reference to the joint statement of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the rights of children with disabilities, issued in 2022, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that law and policy on children’s rights are inclusive of and protect all children with disabilities from all forms of discrimination, including those affected by unexploded ordinance,

children belonging to ethnic groups, children with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities and autistic children.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** children with disabilities, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
- **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities, 5. Equality and non-discrimination

Malaysia

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\). 2024¹⁴](#)

- Para 13. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Accelerate the adoption of the Anti-discrimination Against Women Bill and ensure that it includes a comprehensive definition of discrimination against women covering direct and indirect discrimination in the public and private spheres, as well as intersecting forms of discrimination, in accordance with articles 1 and 2 of the Convention, the Committee's general recommendation No. 28 (2010) on the core obligations of States parties under article 2 of the Convention and target 5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals, to end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 49. Recalling its general recommendation No. 18 (1991) on disabled women, the Committee recommends that the State party ensure that women and girls with disabilities, from all groups within society, are able to gain access to justice, inclusive education, employment and health services, including sexual and reproductive health services.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 6: accessible health; theme 6: sexual and reproductive health
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities, 13. Access to justice, 24. Education, 25. Health, 27. Work and employment

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 12. (b) Adopt and implement a comprehensive anti-discrimination policy to provide appropriate protection against disability-based discrimination, including multiple and intersectional discrimination and the denial of reasonable accommodation.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination

- Para 14. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 3 (2016) on women and girls with disabilities and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt and implement effective legislation and policy measures, including specific measures, to address exclusion of and multiple and intersectional discrimination against women and girls with disabilities, in particular against those belonging to ethnic or religious minorities, in all spheres of life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination, intersectional approaches; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 14. (b) Mainstream the rights of women and girls with disabilities in gender equality and disability policies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities, 5. Equality and non-discrimination

UN Special Procedures

[Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar \(A/HRC/49/76\), 2022³⁵](#)

- Para 96. The Special Rapporteur recommends that donors providing support to Myanmar civil society and the humanitarian and human rights response to the coup:
 - (a) Provide robust funding for research and advocacy supporting human rights and the interests of human rights defenders, journalists, lawyers, women's rights advocates, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community, the disability community and other at-risk groups in Myanmar.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** LGBTIQ+ inclusion, women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 10: international cooperation; theme 10: evidence-based policy
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

Philippines

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/13\), 2022¹⁸](#)

- Para 145.184 Adopt a global strategy to prevent the multiple forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities (Côte d'Ivoire);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, children with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ inclusion, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 10: international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 145.190 Promote public policies to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities, and prevent discrimination faced by women and girls with disabilities (Ecuador).

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates
- **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/9\). 2023¹⁹](#)

- Para 10. The Committee urges the State party to uphold its commitment to human rights, the consolidation of the rule of law, access to justice and respect for freedom of expression. It calls upon the State party to strengthen the Convention's legal weight and application across the country for the benefit of all women, particularly Indigenous and Bangsamoro women; women with disabilities; lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women; rural women; internally displaced women; refugee and migrant women; and women and girls in detention, women domestic workers, women human rights defenders and journalists.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, women and girls with disabilities, indigenous persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 2: legal aid; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 14. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Accelerate the adoption of the Comprehensive Non-Discrimination Bill and ensure that it covers direct and indirect discrimination in the public and private spheres, as well as intersecting forms of discrimination, in accordance with articles 1 and 2 of the Convention, the Committee's general recommendation No. 28 (2010) on the core obligations of States parties under article 2 of the Convention and target 5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals, which is to end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination, women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1. Purpose, 2. Definitions
- Para 24. In line with article 4 (1) of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25 (2004) on temporary special measures, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt temporary special measures and establish time-bound targets to accelerate the achievement of substantive equality of women and men in all areas covered by the Convention where women, including rural women, Indigenous and Bangsamoro women, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women and women with disabilities, are underrepresented or disadvantaged, such as in decision-making systems at all levels, education and employment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination, intersectional approaches, LGBTIQ+ inclusion
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities, 5. Equality and non-discrimination

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families \(CMW/C/PHL/CO/3\). 2023²⁰](#)

- Para 8. The Committee recalls the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and further recommends that the State party:
 - (a) With the participation of women's organizations, conduct a study on the intersection of (i) migration trends of women workers, (ii) their personal characteristics, identifying those living in poverty, those with disabilities, those who are Indigenous, those who are Muslim, those living in geographically inaccessible areas, and lesbian, bisexual and transgender women, and (iii) the nature and outcome of labour- and employment-related complaints made by migrant women workers.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination, intersectional approaches, indigenous persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ inclusion; theme 5: employment discrimination protection; theme 10: disability disaggregated data; theme 10: evidence-based policy
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities, 31. Statistics and data collection

Singapore

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/SGP/CO/6\), 2024³⁰](#)

- Para 54. In line with the Committee's general recommendation No. 18 (1991) on disabled women, and the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of 2022 (CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1), the Committee recommends that the State party ensure that women and girls with disabilities are able to access justice, inclusive education, employment and health services, including sexual and reproductive health services, and that they can exercise their family and parental rights on an equal basis with other rights holders.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** sexual and reproductive health, women and girls with disabilities; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 4: educational access; theme 5: employment opportunities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022²²](#)

- Para 12. (b) Mainstream the rights of women and girls with disabilities into all gender equality legislation, policies and programmes, particularly the Women's Charter 1961, as amended, and the Administration of Muslim Law Act 1966, as amended, and ensure close consultation with and the effective participation of women and girls with disabilities and their representative organizations in the design and implementation of all gender- and disability-related legislation, policies and programmes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 12. (c) Conduct an intersectional analysis of implementation of the Convention with respect to women and girls with disabilities across all policy areas, including education, employment, health and justice.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination, legal harmonization, institutional mandates
- **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 12. (d) Adopt legislation and take all additional measures necessary with a view to achieving empowerment and full inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in all areas of life, particularly in political life and in public decision-making processes, including in government bodies and in the judiciary.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities; theme 1: political participation; theme 1: meaningful consultation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities

Thailand

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\). 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.174 Further strengthen measures to advance the rights of children with disabilities (Sri Lanka).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/THA/CO/8\). 2025](#)⁴⁰

- Para 45. The Committee notes with concern:
 - (a) That some women continue to face intersecting forms of discrimination in the State Party, such as rural women, including those living in highland and remote areas; older women; women with disabilities; Indigenous women; women belonging to ethnic minorities; Muslim women; refugee, asylum-seeking, stateless and migrant women; women in detention; women living with HIV/AIDS; and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** intersectional approaches, women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 46. Recalling its general recommendation No. 32, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Adopt targeted measures, including temporary special measures, to ensure equal access for marginalized groups of women– such as rural women, including those living in highland and remote areas; older women; women with disabilities; Indigenous women; women belonging to ethnic minorities; Muslim women; refugee, asylum-seeking, stateless and migrant women; women in detention; women living with HIV/AIDS; and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women– to education, health, water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, justice, safety, assets, credit and decision-

making functions in politics and the private sector, taking into account their specific needs and ensuring coordination among national mechanisms and sufficient budgetary allocations.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** intersectional approaches, women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

[Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination \(CERD/C/THA/CO/4-8\), 2022³⁶](#)

- Para 14. The Committee recommends that the State party take all measures necessary to combat the intersecting and multiple forms of discrimination faced by women, children, persons with disabilities and LGBTI persons from ethnic, indigenous, or migrant backgrounds, including through disability-mainstreamed legal and policy measures to combat racial discrimination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, indigenous persons with disabilities, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination

UN Special Procedures

[Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice \(A/HRC/59/45/Add.2\), 2025³¹](#)

- Para 66. There are over one million registered women and girls with disabilities in Thailand. They face multifaceted challenges ranging from stigma, systemic neglect and underrepresentation in politics to sexual abuse and limited access to education and employment. These hardships are even more acute for those with intellectual disabilities. The lack of tailored government support perpetuates cycles of poverty and exclusion.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination; theme 1: political participation; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 8: GBV prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 67. The Working Group was told that after the age of 18, many women with disabilities are unable to continue their education, hampering their job prospects. Without jobs, women and girls with disabilities remain financially dependent on their families and are sometimes left at home alone, which heightens their risk of gender-based violence and abuse. The experts were alarmed by reports of forced sterilization of women and girls with disabilities, which reflects a broader pattern of systemic discrimination and denial of their sexual and reproductive health rights.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women with girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 6: informed consent; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: GBV prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 96. The Government should implement policies tailored to the specific needs of local communities, informed by data disaggregated by sex, gender, age, ethnicity, disability and other

relevant intersectional factors. The Working Group encourages Thailand to embrace the whole diversity of women and girls and celebrate their contributions to society.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** intersectional approaches, women and girls with disabilities; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data; theme 10: evidence-based policy
- **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 104. With regard to women and girls facing intersecting forms of discrimination, the Working Group recommends that the Government: Para 104. (a) Address structural barriers faced by women and girls with disabilities, including by increasing their representation in decision-making processes, ensuring their sexual and reproductive health rights, and developing disability-sensitive justice processes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination, intersectional approaches; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: political participation; theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 6: sexual and reproductive rights
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities

Timor-Leste

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/50/12\), 2022](#)²⁴

- Para 116.186 Integrate women's rights into legislation comprehensively and pay particular attention to the protection of the rights of women and girls living with disabilities (Vanuatu).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\), 2023](#)²⁸

- Para 22. In line with article 4 (1) of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25 (2004) on temporary special measures, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt temporary special measures and establish time-bound targets to accelerate the achievement of substantive equality of women and men in all areas covered by the Convention where women, including rural women, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women and women with disabilities, are underrepresented or disadvantaged, such as in decision-making systems at all levels, education and employment.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination, intersectional approaches; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: political participation; theme 1: civic engagement
- **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities

Viet Nam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024](#)²⁵

- Para 42.304 Intensify efforts to protect persons with disabilities from discrimination, and ensure that they have full access to public services, including education (Botswana);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** multiple discrimination; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination
- Para 42.305 Pursue efforts to support development programmes for vulnerable groups, such as women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities (Tunisia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women with disabilities, children with disabilities, older persons with disabilities; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: disability legislation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligation

UN Treaty Bodies

[Human Rights Committee \(CCPR/C/VNM/CO/4\), 2025](#)⁴⁴

- Para 13. (d) Take all measures necessary to effectively combat and eliminate discrimination faced by persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** -
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\), 2025](#)²⁶

- Para 12. The Committee, recalling its general comment No. 3 (2016) on women and girls with disabilities, and targets 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Take targeted measures to address the unique barriers faced by women and girls with disabilities in accessing education, employment, independent living, and other services, ensuring their full participation in all aspects of life on an equal basis with others.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, multiple discrimination, intersectional approaches; theme 1: civic engagement; theme 4: educational access. theme 5: employment support services; theme 7: independent living support
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women and girls with disabilities

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022](#)²⁷

- Para 17. Recalling target 10.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee reiterates its previous recommendations and urges the State party: Para 17. (a) To address disparities in access to all public services by girls, children in remote areas, children with disabilities, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children, children living in poverty, children belonging to ethnic or religious minority

or indigenous groups, including Hmong and Khmers-Krom children, and migrant children, and regularly evaluate the enjoyment by these children of their rights.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** women and girls with disabilities, children with disabilities, indigenous persons with disabilities, intersectional approaches, multiple discrimination; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
- **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities



THEME 10

Data, Monitoring and Accountability

Tags: disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks, evaluation systems, independent oversight, treaty reporting, international cooperation

Cambodia

UN Special Procedures

[Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity \(A/HRC/56/49/Add.2\), 2024](#)⁴⁵

- Para 74. Regarding data collection and management:
 - (c) Data on sexual orientation and gender identity should be disaggregated by age, gender, and relevant socioeconomic characteristics that are essential to effective public policymaking, such as economic status, disability, race, Indigenous status, and migration status, among others. It is critical to capture multidimensional and intersecting variables for proper planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection, 6. Women with disabilities

Indonesia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/52/8\), 2022](#)⁵

- Para 140.239 Continue its ongoing efforts to address various challenges in fully implementing the rights of persons with disabilities through national complaint mechanisms (Turkmenistan).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent oversight, monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families \(CMW/C/IDN/CO/2\), 2025](#)⁴¹

- Para 21. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Develop a data collection framework covering all aspects of the Convention ensuring that it includes disaggregated information by gender, nationality, ethnicity, disability, age, migration status and render such information publicly available.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 23. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Develop a national strategy to implement the 2022 recommendations of the GANHRI SCA and thus ensure the establishment of a transparent, participatory, disability inclusive and plural selection and appointment process for the Commissioners, that its national human rights institutions have the authority to effectively handle complaints of gross violations of human rights in accordance with the Paris Principles and that they have sufficient human, technical and financial resources to effectively discharge their mandates;

(b) Develop an outreach strategy to increase awareness and access to national human rights institutions for migrant workers and their families, including those abroad, and ensure that such strategy is gender-sensitive, disability inclusive and intersectional, and include in its next periodic report relevant information on results obtained, supported by statistics.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, independent oversight; theme 11: raise awareness
- **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1), 2022⁸

- Para 39. (d) Ensure that robust disaggregated data is collected on violence against persons with disabilities, including gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, in the private and public spheres.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 65. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Strengthen the data - collection system in order to comprehensively collect disaggregated data on persons with disabilities at the national, provincial, city and regency and subdistrict levels, using uniform methodology and interpretation, including the Washington Group short set of questions on functioning for the national census.
 - (b) Broaden data collection on persons with disabilities to include disaggregated fields, such as age, sex, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation and indigenous status.
 - (c) Develop a comprehensive research programme to facilitate quantitative and qualitative research on the situation of persons with disabilities and promote the use of disability-inclusive research methodologies.
 - (d) Ensure that all data - collection systems and procedures respect the confidentiality and privacy of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks, independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW/C/IDN/CO/8), 2021³²

- Para 30. The Committee recommends that the State party, in line with article 6 of the Convention and target 5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals:
 - (a) Systematically collect data, disaggregated by sex, age, disability, ethnicity, region and socioeconomic background, on trafficking in persons, the number of cases identified through inspections, the number of prosecutions and convictions and the sentences imposed on perpetrators, and compensation provided to victims of trafficking.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, independent oversight; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: institutional safeguards
- **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection

Lao People's Democratic Republic

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/LAO/CO/1\), 2025](#)³⁹

- Para 6. The Committee acknowledges the existence of various governmental bodies with mandates relating to human rights, including the National Committee on Human Rights, the National Commission for the Advancement of Women, Mothers and Children, the National Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly and the National Committee on Countering Trafficking in Persons. It is, however, concerned that the State Party has yet to establish a national human rights institution in full compliance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks, independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\), 2024](#)¹¹

- Para 17. The Committee recommends that the State party establish a systematic and comprehensive data collection framework that is disaggregated by sex, age, disability, ethnicity, location and socioeconomic status and utilize such data for evidence-based policymaking, ensuring that policies and programmes aimed at advancing gender equality respond to the specific needs of diverse groups of women.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 23. The Committee recalls its general recommendations No. 25 (2004) on temporary special measures and No. 28 (2010) on the core obligations of States parties under article 2 of the Convention, and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Develop, in consultation with women's organizations and based on disaggregated data on intersecting forms of discrimination against women, targeted temporary special measures, such as quota systems, systems that alternate male and female candidates and subsidies, to achieve substantive equality of women and men in all areas where women are traditionally underrepresented or disadvantaged, including in political and public life, education, employment, economic life, the agricultural sector and climate change adaptation policies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data; theme 1: political participation; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 4: educational access; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 12: climate resilience
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women with disabilities, 29. Participation in political and public life, 27. Work and employment

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1), 2022¹²

- Para 25. The Committee recommends that the State party take note of the Committee's guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities and that it:
 - (a) Collect data of persons with disabilities deprived of liberty and placed in institutional settings, disaggregated by age, gender and type of disability, on an annual basis.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 8: violence prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of person, 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 29. (c) Collect data on violence against persons with disabilities, identifying gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, in the private and public spheres, and ensure budget allocations and access to support services for women and girls with disabilities who are victims of gender-based violence;
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 5. Equality and non-discrimination, 6. Women with disabilities, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 45. (g) Systematically collect and disaggregate data on all students, in and out of school, and school drop-outs, by gender, age and disability.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 4: educational access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 24. Education. 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 47. (f) Systematically collect and disaggregate data on persons accessing the public health services, by gender, age and disability.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, evidence-based policy; theme 6: accessible healthcare
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 25. Health, 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 51. (e) Collect disaggregated data on the employment of persons with disabilities in the public, private and informal sectors.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 5: employment opportunities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 27. Work and employment, 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 59. Recalling Sustainable Development Goal 17, in particular target 17.18, and the Washington Group short set of questions on disability, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Collect, analyse and disseminate quality, timely and reliable data, disaggregated by disability, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, geographical location and socioeconomic status, on the fulfilment of the rights

of persons with disabilities in all areas covered by the Convention, in collaboration with representative organizations of persons with disabilities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 1: CRPD ratification; theme 1: meaningful consultation
- **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 59. (b) Improve the use of the Washington Group short set of questions on disability when collecting information about the situation of persons with disabilities, by taking into consideration the local context, training for the interpretation of data and the barriers to the exercise of the rights of persons with disabilities, including the next National Population and Housing Census.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 59. (c) Introduce the Disability Management Information System to consolidate the various sector-specific disability records, make it accessible, support the rollout of a nationwide disability identification process and increase efforts to issue disability ID cards for all persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 63. The Committee recommends that the State party take into account its guidelines on independent monitoring frameworks and their participation in the work of the Committee and that it:
 - (a) Establish a national human rights institution with a broad mandate in full compliance with the Paris Principles, including its full independence and by providing it with an explicit mandate and sufficient human, technical and financial resources to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent oversight, monitoring frameworks; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 63. (b) Clarify the distribution of duties on implementation, monitoring and reporting on the Convention between the National Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the National Committee on Human Rights.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks, treaty reporting; theme 1: CRPD ratification
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

Malaysia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\), 2024](#)¹³

- Para 55.284 Conduct an evaluation of existing programmes, such as the 2 Years Exit Programme and OKU Talent Enhancement Programme to assess their effectiveness in improving employment and accessibility for persons with disabilities (Bahamas).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks; theme 5: employment support services; theme 3: accessible standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\). 2024¹⁴](#)

- Para 13. (c) Establish a system for the collection of data on discrimination against women, disaggregated by age, nationality, ethnicity, geography, disability, socioeconomic and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex status, to inform the formulation of anti-discrimination legislation and policies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, evidence-based policy; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 21. In line with article 4 (1) of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25 (2004) on temporary special measures, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt temporary special measures and establish time-bound targets, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, to accelerate the achievement of substantive equality of women and men in all areas covered by the Convention where women, including rural women, Indigenous women, women with disabilities and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women, are underrepresented or disadvantaged, including in political and public life and employment.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination, LGBTIQ+ inclusion
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 21. (b) Systematically collect data on the impact of temporary special measures and include such data in its next periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, treaty reporting
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection

UN Special Procedures

[Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights \(A/HRC/44/40/Add.1\). 2020³⁷](#)

- Para 30. In 2018, the Government committed to “embrace transparency.” If that commitment is to be honoured, it should make available online microdata from key national surveys, such as the Household Income and Basic Amenities Survey, as well as analytical reports. It should also produce definitive estimates for vulnerable populations for which no data exists and consider incorporating a right to information in the freedom of information bill currently under consideration. It should use

the 2020 census as an opportunity to collect and publish adequate data on vulnerable groups and the Special Rapporteur is encouraged to learn that it will include a question on disabilities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, evidence-based policy
- **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 95. The Government should undertake a comprehensive study of the number and situation of persons with disabilities in Malaysia. Existing official statistics radically understate the population and existing policies are commensurately inadequate.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, evidence-based policy
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 28. (c) Put in place mandatory guidelines for admission in order to respect the dignity, integrity, will and preferences of persons with disabilities and to ensure that they are not deprived of their liberty, and provide in its next periodic report statistical data, disaggregated by age, gender and disability, on progress over time regarding the number of persons with disabilities who are still hospitalized or institutionalized without their consent.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 6: informed consent; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person, 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 30. (d) Promptly conduct investigations into cases of exploitation, violence and abuse against persons with disabilities, prosecute suspects, duly sanction perpetrators and collect disaggregated data on abuse, exploitation and violence against persons with disabilities, and on the outcomes of related complaints.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 2: remedies and redress
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 60. The Committee recommends that the State party collect, analyse and disseminate quality, timely and reliable data, disaggregated by disability, sex, age, ethnicity, nationality, religion, geographical location, socioeconomic status and employment status, on the fulfilment of the rights of persons with disabilities in all areas covered by the Convention, in collaboration with representative organizations of persons with disabilities. The Committee also recommends that the State party adhere to the Convention in its efforts to achieve Goal 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular target 17.18, and take into consideration the Washington Group short set of questions on disability when collecting information about the situation of persons with disabilities and the barriers to the exercise of their rights.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, treaty reporting; theme 1: CRPD ratification; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity
- **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 64. Recalling general comment No. 7 and the guidelines on independent monitoring frameworks and their participation in the work of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/1/Rev.1, annex), the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission fully complies with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles), including by ensuring its full independence and by providing it with an explicit mandate and sufficient human, technical and financial resources to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** institutional mandates, disability legislation theme 10: independent oversight; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
- **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 64. (b) Strengthen the capacity of the National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including by allocating sufficient human, technical and financial resources so that it can fulfil its mandate effectively.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** independent oversight, monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 70. The Committee requests the State party to submit its combined second, third and fourth reports by 7 January 2025 and to include in them information on the implementation of the recommendations made in the present concluding observations. The Committee also requests the State party to consider submitting the above-mentioned reports under the Committee’s simplified reporting procedure, according to which the Committee prepares a list of issues at least one year prior to the due date set for the report of a State party. The replies of a State party to such a list of issues constitute its report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** treaty reporting, monitoring frameworks, disability-disaggregated data; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 1: OPD capacity
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 35. Reports by states parties

Philippines

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/9\). 2023¹⁹](#)

- Para 14. (c) Establish a comprehensive system for collecting data on discrimination, disaggregated by sex, age, nationality, ethnicity, disability and socioeconomic status.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection

- Para 24. (b) Systematically collect data on the impact of temporary special measures and include such data in its next periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection

Singapore

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UPR, third cycle (A/HRC/48/16), 2021²¹

- Para 59.296 Incorporate the lessons learned from the implementation of the third enabling master plan (2017–2021) for enhancing the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities (Nepal).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks, evaluation systems, evidence-based policy; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1), 2022²²

- Para 12. The Committee recalls its general comment No. 3 (2016) and Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State party: Para 12. (a) Adopt benchmarks and indicators about the progress in achieving inclusive equality for women and girls with disabilities in all areas of life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 30. (d) Provide training to health professionals, administrative and judicial officers, law enforcement staff and prison officials on the rights of persons with disabilities and on monitoring mechanisms to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities in all facilities in which persons with disabilities are deprived of their liberty.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 11: capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 14. Liberty and security of the person, 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 44. The Committee recommends that the State party substantially strengthen its legislation on data protection for persons with disabilities, particularly in the health-care system, by ensuring that data are processed either on the basis of the free and informed personal consent of the data subject or on some other legitimate, non-discriminatory basis laid down by law, and that data are collected for explicit, specified and legitimate purposes and not processed in a way incompatible with those purposes, that they are processed without discrimination and in a lawful, fair and transparent manner, and that the data subject has a right to effective remedy for misuse of their data.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, independent oversight; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 6: informed consent

- **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy
- Para 58. The Committee recommends that the State party reinforce its use of the Washington Group short set of questions on disability and the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development policy marker on the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities in all its data-collection programmes, taking into consideration the local context, and providing training for the interpretation of data, and:
 - (a) Strengthen its system for collecting data on persons with disabilities, disaggregated by age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, race, ethnicity, income, migration status, level of education, employment situation and place of residence, in all areas of life, ensuring confidentiality and respect for the privacy of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 58. (b) Allocate funds to undertake periodic research on the rights of persons with disabilities with the aim of identifying barriers to their realization.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** evidence-based policy, independent oversight, monitoring frameworks; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 10: evaluation systems
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 58. (c) Support independent research, both quantitative and qualitative, to inform disability-related policies and measures aimed at ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities, and ensure the active involvement of and close consultation with persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, throughout the planning, design and implementation of the data-collection processes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** evidence-based policy, disability-disaggregated data, independent oversight; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 60. The Committee recommends that the State party take measures to ensure the effective participation, inclusion and consultation of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of international cooperation programmes, including efforts aimed at implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Incheon Strategy and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Enabling Master Plan 2025.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** international cooperation, monitoring frameworks, evidence-based policy; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 1: political participation; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 32. International cooperation
- Para 62. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Establish a national human rights institution and designate an independent monitoring framework, including one or more independent mechanisms, that is in compliance with the principles

relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles), and is accredited with A status by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, independent oversight; theme 1: institutional mandates
- **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

Timor-Leste

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\). 2023](#)²⁸

- Para 22. (b) Systematically collect data on the impact of temporary special measures and include such data in its next periodic report.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection.

Viet Nam

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\). 2025](#)²⁶

- Para 6 (e) Ensure that monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Convention includes the participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, that the results are made public in accessible ways and with accessible methods, and that persons with disabilities and their representative organizations are included in accountability processes.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks, treaty reporting; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing about Us Without Us”; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations
- Para 12. (b) Improve data collection on women and girls with disabilities, with a focus on their participation in leadership, their employment and their access to public services, ensuring that gender-disaggregated data feeds into policy and programme development.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 5: employment opportunities; theme 5: decent work; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 6. Women and girls with disabilities
- Para 14. (b) Enhance data collection on violence against children with disabilities and abuse and neglect of children with disabilities, ensuring that comprehensive and disaggregated data are used to strengthen protective mechanisms and to support effective intervention programmes.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** violence prevention, exploitation, institutional safeguards, redress mechanisms; theme 10: disability disaggregated data
- **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities
- Para 26. The Committee recalls the International Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities, prepared in 2020 by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility, and endorsed by the Committee, and target 16.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Establish a mechanism for collecting data disaggregated by sex, age, and type of disability for persons with disabilities who have required support during judicial processes, detailing the types of support provided and the follow-up provided.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy; theme 2: judicial accessibility
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 26. (b) Identify and provide data on the number of persons with disabilities employed in the area of access to justice, ensure that courts are physically accessible, provide access to information and communication, and train justice providers in disability rights.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** theme 2: judicial accessibility; theme 2: reasonable accommodation in legal proceedings; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 26. (c) Analyse and document cases involving persons with disabilities where gender, Indigenous and age approaches, as well as procedural adjustments, have been applied.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 13. Access to justice
- Para 30. (c) Collect disaggregated data on torture and other ill-treatment of persons with disabilities, especially women with disabilities and children with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Para 32. (c) Establish actions for the collection of data disaggregated by age, sex and type of disability on violence faced by persons with disabilities, especially women and children with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse

- Para 44. (e) Ensure that data collection practices respect privacy rights and allow persons with disabilities to control how their personal information is used.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks; theme 8: exploitation; theme 8: institutional safeguards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 22. Respect for privacy
- Para 58. (c) Collect data on persons with disabilities who hold public office and perform public functions.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 62. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) Utilize the Washington Group short set of questions on functioning, and the policy marker on the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, promote inclusivity, and improve disability data collection systems, with data disaggregated by age, sex, gender, ethnicity, urban or rural location, and migrant, refugee or asylum-seeking status.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks, international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
 - (b) Widely disseminate the results of the survey among decision makers, among the population in general and among organizations of persons with disabilities in accessible ways and means.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** evidence-based policy, treaty reporting; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 11: raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations
- Para 66. Recalling its guidelines on independent monitoring frameworks and their participation in the work of the Committee, the Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (a) - Ensure that persons with disabilities and their representative organizations are convened and receive the necessary support for their participation in the National Committee on Disability for monitoring the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks, independent oversight; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: political participation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
 - (b) - Establish an independent monitoring mechanism in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles), ensuring the participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks, independent oversight; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: political participation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”
- **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022²⁷](#)

- Para 9. Recalling its general comment No. 19 (2016) on public budgeting for the realization of children’s rights, the Committee reiterates its previous recommendations and urges the State party:
 - (c) To conduct regular assessments of the distributional impact of government investments in sectors supporting the realization of children’s rights and identifying measures to address any gender disparities, with particular attention to children with disabilities, children belonging to ethnic or religious minority or indigenous groups and children living in poverty.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 10. The Committee notes with appreciation the expansion in 2021 of the national list of indicators, but is concerned that several indicators relevant for children, including in the areas of child labour, early childhood development, access to water and sanitation and education, are not aligned with international standards. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (b) Ensure that data collected on children’s rights covers all areas of the Convention and the Optional Protocols thereto, disaggregated by age, sex, disability, nationality, geographic location, ethnic origin and socioeconomic background, in order to facilitate analysis on the situation of all children.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, evidence-based policy, monitoring frameworks; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 31. Statistics and data collection
- Para 37. (b) Establish monitoring mechanisms to enforce laws, regulations and policies that protect the rights of children with disabilities, including protection from discrimination.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data, monitoring frameworks, independent oversight; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 49. Noting with concern reports of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children, children with disabilities, child victims of trafficking and other children in disadvantaged situations who are living on the street, the Committee recalls its general comment No. 21 (2017) on children in street situations and recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Conduct a study on the number of children in street situations and on the root causes of their situations, and develop a strategy and programmes to provide protection for the rights of children in street situations.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disability-disaggregated data; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 28. Adequate standard of living and social protection, 7. Children with disabilities.



THEME 11

Awareness-raising and Tackling Social Perceptions

Tags: anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes, public messaging, disability pride, raise awareness, capacity building

Brunei Darussalam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/58/12\), 2024¹](#)

- Para 124.228 Continue efforts and measures related to promoting awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities (Mauritania).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes, capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising

Indonesia

UN Treaty Bodies

[Human Rights Committee \(CCPR/C/IDN/CO/2\), 2024⁶](#)

- Para 19. The State party should:
 - (d) Provide effective training for public officials, including judges, lawyers, prosecutors and law enforcement officers, on handling cases of violence against women, including Muslim women, ethnic minority women, lesbian and bisexual women, transgender or non-binary people, and women with psychosocial disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** raise awareness, capacity building, community education; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: LGBTIQ+ inclusion
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 8. Awareness-raising

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 17. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt a national strategy to raise awareness throughout society, particularly among persons with disabilities, their parents and other family members, professional groups and government officials at all levels, regarding the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, in order to combat stereotypes, prejudice and harmful practices in all aspects of life.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, cultural attitudes, capacity building, raise awareness; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 17. (b) Strengthen measures for close consultation with and the active participation of organizations of persons with disabilities, including organizations of persons affected by leprosy and children with disabilities, in the design, development and delivery of awareness-raising programmes about the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** raise awareness, anti-stigma campaigns, community education; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”

- **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 61. (c) Develop information and training for election officers to ensure the appropriate response to the access needs of persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** capacity building, raise awareness; theme 1: political participation; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 29. Participation in political and public life
- Para 73. The Committee requests the State party to disseminate the present concluding observations widely, including to non-governmental organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities, and to persons with disabilities themselves and members of their families, in national and minority languages, including sign language, and in accessible formats, including Easy Read, and to make them available on the government website on human rights.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** raise awareness, community education, capacity building; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/60/7\), 2025⁹](#)

- Para 121.44 Enhance the capacity of government officials in human rights promotion, and mainstream inclusive policies that support poverty eradication, healthcare access, gender equality, and protection of vulnerable groups, including women, children and persons with disabilities (Viet Nam).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** capacity building; theme 6: accessible healthcare; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\), 2022¹²](#)

- Para 15. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Adopt a national strategy, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of organizations of persons with disabilities, in urban and rural areas, to raise awareness, combat prejudices against persons with disabilities, and ensure that the media portray persons with disabilities in a positive manner in line with the Convention.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 15. (b) Reinforce actions aimed at empowering persons with disabilities, including persons affected by leprosy, and periodically evaluate the impact of awareness-raising initiatives.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, raise awareness, capacity building; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 10: monitoring frameworks
- **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 15. (d) With the close consultation and active involvement of organizations of persons with disabilities, reinforce capacity-building programmes on the Convention for public policymakers, judges, teachers, social workers, health and other professionals working with persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, raise awareness, capacity building; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 35. With reference to its general comment No. 5 (2017), and the guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies, issued by the Committee in 2022, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Promote the rights of persons with disabilities, in particular persons affected by leprosy, children with disabilities and persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, to live independently and be included in the community, including by raise awareness among the general public to tackle stigmatization and attitudinal barriers.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, cultural attitudes; theme 7: Independent living support; theme 7: community-based support; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 39. (d) Re-establish the “Friends of the Disabled” radio programme, and consider integrating broadcasting and community engagement across social media platforms, and similar initiatives led by persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** media representation, anti-stigma campaigns, community education; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 21. Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 49. (d) Enhance awareness-raising activities to disseminate information in accessible formats on the importance and availability of rehabilitation services, and strengthen the training of professionals working in rehabilitation centres.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** raise awareness, community education, capacity building; theme 6: community-based rehabilitation; theme 6: accessible healthcare
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 26. Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Para 67. The Committee requests the State party to disseminate the present concluding observations widely, including to non-governmental organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities, and to persons with disabilities themselves and members of their families, in national and ethnic

languages, including sign language, and in accessible formats, including Easy Read, and to make them available on the government website on human rights.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** raise awareness, community education; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: accessibility standards
- **CRPD Article(s):** 35. Reports by states parties, 9. Accessibility, 8. Awareness-raising

Malaysia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\), 2024](#)¹³

- Para 55.282 Bolster the National Council for Persons with Disabilities by enhancing awareness-raising programmes on the rights of persons with disabilities (South Africa).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** awareness-raising, capacity building; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/6\), 2024](#)¹⁴

- Para 15. (b) Raise awareness among women and girls, in particular rural women and women and girls with disabilities, of their rights under the Convention and the remedies available to them for claiming those rights, in cooperation with civil society organizations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, capacity building, raise awareness; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\), 2019](#)¹⁵

- Para 16. (b) Take measures to address stigma, discrimination and harmful stereotypes against children with disabilities, and ensure their access to education, health and other services without discrimination, on an equal basis with other children.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes; theme 4: educational access; theme 6: accessible healthcare; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 7. Children with disabilities, 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 18. The Committee recommends that the State party, in collaboration with organizations of persons with disabilities, develop and implement comprehensive awareness-raising programmes that address negative stereotypes, prejudices and stigma against persons with disabilities, including those based on ritual beliefs, customs and superstitions, often targeting children with disabilities. It also

recommends that the State party promote the human rights of persons with disabilities across the State party, targeting the media, public officials, judges, lawyers, the police, social workers and the general public, including ethnic and religious minorities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 69. The Committee requests the State party to disseminate the present concluding observations widely, including to non-governmental organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities, and to persons with disabilities themselves and members of their families, in national and minority languages, including sign language, and in accessible formats, including Easy Read, and to make them available on the government website on human rights.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 9. Accessibility

Singapore

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022²²](#)

- Para 16. (b) Introduce training and awareness-raising programmes about the rights of persons with disabilities and the human rights model of disability at all levels of education, in public service and for the general public, in accessible formats and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** awareness-raising, capacity building, community education; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 3: universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 28. (d) Intensify the provision of training on the Convention to administrative, judicial and law enforcement officials, including to judges.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** capacity building, raise awareness; theme 2: legal capacity support; theme 2: legal accessibility
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 13. Access to justice
- Para 66. The Committee requests the State party to disseminate the present concluding observations widely, including to non-governmental organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities, and to persons with disabilities themselves and members of their families, in national and minority languages, including sign language, and in accessible formats, including Easy Read, and to make them available on the government website on human rights.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, raise awareness; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

Thailand

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\), 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.175 Consider adopting a strategy to combat stereotypes against children with disabilities and raise awareness of the rights of children with disabilities (State of Palestine);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, raise awareness; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 51.176 Adopt a strategy to combat stereotypes against children with disabilities and to strengthen their protection (Togo);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, raise awareness; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 51.177 Develop a strategy to combat negative stereotypes about children with disabilities; raise awareness about their rights and strengthen the provision of assistance services appropriate to the age and type of disability (Argentina).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** raise awareness, anti-stigma campaigns, community education; theme 7: family-based care systems; theme 7: community-based support; theme 7: personal assistance; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/THA/CO/8\), 2025](#)⁴⁰

- Para 20. The Committee recommends that the State Party:
 - (c) Adopt an intersectional approach to gender and diversity on the basis of women's disability, Indigenous, ethnic minority, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex status and migrant status, in the definition, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public equality policies targeting disadvantaged groups.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** monitoring frameworks, evaluation systems; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 4. General obligations

UN Special Procedures

[Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice \(A/HRC/59/45/Add.2\), 2025](#)³¹

- Para 32. The Working Group welcomes the fact that the Government is partnering with several organizations to launch a campaign called "Housework is everyone's responsibility both genders can do it". The experts encourage Thailand to expand its efforts to change gendered perceptions of care

work, while increasing public investment in care and support services for children, older persons and persons with disabilities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** raise awareness, cultural attitudes; theme 7: care systems; theme 7: family-based care systems; theme 7: personal assistance; theme 7: independent living support; theme 7: community-based support; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 19. Living independently and being included in the community

Viet Nam

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/7\), 2024](#)²⁵

- Para 42.303 Strengthen measures to ensure full access to public services by persons with disabilities, particularly access to education, employment and public transport, and raise awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities, among, for example, public officials, health workers and the general population (Peru);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, capacity building; theme 3: transport systems; theme 3: universal design; theme 4: inclusive education systems; theme 5: employment opportunities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising, 9. Accessibility
- Para 42.308 Enhance capacity-building for officials working in fields related to protection of the rights of persons with disabilities (Bangladesh).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 1-4. General principles and obligations

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\), 2025](#)²⁶

- Para 16. The Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, including organizations of children with disabilities and of women and girls with disabilities:
 - (a) Establish a clear and systematic mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of public awareness-raising campaigns on disability rights, particularly in terms of their impact on reducing stigma and discrimination, and use the findings to improve future campaigns.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes, capacity building
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 16. (c) Integrate disability awareness into mainstream media and educational curricula on a year-round basis, beyond national disability days, to foster an inclusive and informed society.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes, capacity building
- **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 16. (d) Implement comprehensive measures to ensure that all persons with disabilities, particularly those in rural and remote areas and Indigenous persons with disabilities, are well informed of their rights under the Convention, including through community-based initiatives, local organizations and digital platforms.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, capacity building; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: indigenous persons with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 16. (e) Provide financial and logistical support to organizations of persons with disabilities to enhance their capacity to effectively lead public awareness-raising campaigns and outreach efforts, ensuring that they can reach all persons with disabilities and their families.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes, capacity building; theme 1: OPD capacity
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising
- Para 30. (b) Ensure the wide dissemination of laws among the general population and persons with disabilities and their organizations, raise awareness about the mandatory nature of laws against ill-treatment and torture, and about the penalties for non-compliance.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, cultural attitudes, capacity building, raise awareness; theme 8: violence prevention
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 15. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Para 32. (e) Guarantee the establishment of education and awareness-raising programmes on violence prevention for all women and girls with disabilities, in accessible formats, modes and media.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, raise awareness; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: universal design; theme 8: prevention of violence; theme 8: GBV prevention; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse
- Para 38. Recalling its general comment No. 5 (2017) on living independently and being included in the community, its guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies, and the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities on the transformation of services for persons with disabilities, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities:
 - (a) Conduct regular awareness-raising to enhance societal and public authority awareness regarding the rights of persons with disabilities to live independently, to make their own living arrangements and to be fully included in the community.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, community education, capacity building; theme 7: independent living support; theme 7: personal assistance
- **CRPD Article(s):** 19. Living independently and being included in the community
- Para 68. The Committee requests the State Party to implement the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations. It recommends that the State Party transmit the concluding observations for consideration and action to members of the Government and Parliament, officials in relevant ministries, local authorities, and members of relevant professional groups, such as education, medical and legal professionals, as well as to the media, using modern social communication strategies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, cultural attitudes, capacity building, raise awareness
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring
- Para 70. The Committee requests the State Party to disseminate the present concluding observations widely, including to non-governmental organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities, and to persons with disabilities themselves and members of their families, in national and minority languages, including sign language, and in accessible formats, including Easy Read, and to make them available on the government website on human rights.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** community education, cultural attitudes, raise awareness; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: information and communication
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 33. National implementation and monitoring

[Committee on the Rights of the Child \(CRC/C/VNM/CO/5-6\), 2022²⁷](#)

- Para 37. (d) Strengthen awareness-raising campaigns targeted at government officials, families and the general public in order to combat stigmatization and discrimination against children, including girls, with disabilities, and to promote a positive image of children with disabilities as rights holders.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** anti-stigma campaigns, media representation, community education, cultural attitudes, raise awareness; theme 9: children with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 8. Awareness-raising



THEME 12

Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Action

Tags: disaster risk reduction (DRR), emergency preparedness, inclusive early warning systems, accessible shelters, humanitarian response, climate resilience, post-crisis recovery, pandemic response, crisis-related service continuity

Cambodia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/57/17\), 2024²](#)

- Para 139.209 Strengthen its internal efforts to ensure the reduction of the negative impact of climate change on the enjoyment of human rights, especially by older persons and persons with disabilities (Islamic Republic of Iran).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** climate resilience, disaster risk reduction; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Indonesia

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(E/C.12/IDN/CO/2\), 2024⁷](#)

- Para 51. The Committee recommends that the State party intensify its efforts to achieve its nationally determined contributions plan under the Paris Agreement and to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, in particular by effectively reducing its reliance on coal and promoting alternative and renewable energy sources while upholding human rights obligations, including the right of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior and informed consent. The Committee refers the State party to its statement on climate change and the Covenant and to its statement with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on human rights and climate change.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** climate resilience; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/IDN/CO/1\), 2022⁸](#)

- Para 23. The Committee recommends that the State party end the conflict in West Papua, take steps to pass the pending bill on indigenous peoples, conduct an independent investigation into the situation in West Papua, including in relation to persons with disabilities, ensure that unrestricted humanitarian aid and relief reaches West Papuans with disabilities, including internally displaced people with disabilities, and implement protection measures to safeguard West Papuans with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 10: independent oversight
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 27. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt, in close consultation with persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, a comprehensive disaster risk reduction framework, including prevention and response plans, and specific protection and assistance for

persons with disabilities in accordance with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals 11 and 13.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, early warning systems, climate resilience; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 29. The Committee, recalling the guidance on COVID-19 and the rights of persons with disabilities issued by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the United Nations policy brief on a disability-inclusive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Mainstream disability in its COVID-19 response and recovery plans, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, including in relation to gender-sensitive accessible emergency information, equal access to vaccines, and other economic and social programmes to address the negative impact of the pandemic.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** pandemic response, emergency preparedness; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 3: information and communication; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, 9. Accessibility

Lao People's Democratic Republic

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/LAO/CO/10\), 2024¹¹](#)

- Para 53. The Committee, recalling its general recommendation No. 37 (2018) on the gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change, recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure parity, with particular attention to disadvantaged groups of women, including rural women, ethnic minority women and women with disabilities, in the design, development and implementation of climate change and disaster risk reduction strategies.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, climate resilience; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/LAO/CO/1\), 2022¹²](#)

- Para 19. Recalling the guidance issued by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on COVID-19 and the rights of persons with disabilities, the Secretary-General's policy brief on a disability-inclusive response to COVID-19, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, and the Paris Agreement on climate change, and with the active participation of representative organizations of persons with disabilities, the Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Ensure that national legislation, policies and programmes that address situations of risk and

humanitarian emergencies are disability-inclusive, and take into account the requirements of persons with disabilities, including those belonging to ethnic and religious groups and victims of unexploded ordnance.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: legal harmonization; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 19. (b) Develop protocols for evacuation in situations of risk, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters, providing clarity of the specific requirements of persons with disabilities, and ensure that reasonable accommodation and accessibility to information, evacuation centres, emergency relief assistance, early warning systems, community needs assessments and assistive devices are made accessible to persons with disabilities in urban and rural areas.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, inclusive early warning systems, emergency preparedness; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: accessibility standards
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, 9. Accessibility
- Para 19. (c) Ensure the effective involvement of organizations of persons with disabilities with a gender-balanced participation in the design and implementation of legislation and policies relating to climate change and disaster risk reduction and management, including the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, climate resilience, emergency preparedness; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 19. (d) Mainstream disability in its COVID-19 response and recovery plans, including in respect of ensuring equal access to vaccines, and other economic and social programmes to tackle the negative impact of the pandemic.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** pandemic response; theme 3: information and communication; theme 7: disability-inclusive social protection; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Malaysia

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, fourth cycle \(A/HRC/56/11\). 2024¹³](#)

- Para 55.207 Take into consideration the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities in climate change strategies (Timor-Leste);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, climate resilience; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

- Para 55.208, 55.209 Take into account the rights of women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities in climate change adaptation strategies (Viet Nam, United Arab Emirates);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, climate resilience; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 55.210 Incorporate the rights of women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities into climate change strategies (Russian Federation).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, climate resilience; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: older persons with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Myanmar

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/MMR/CO/1\). 2019¹⁵](#)

- Para 22. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Design and adopt specific legislation, protocols, plans and measures for the protection and safety of all persons with disabilities in situations of risk and in humanitarian emergencies, which take into account the specific requirements of all persons with disabilities.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 1: disability legislation; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 22. (b) Strengthen the humanitarian protection for persons with disabilities affected by conflict and humanitarian emergencies, including those belonging to ethnic and religious minorities, particularly in northern Rakhine, Shan and Kachin States.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 9: multiple discrimination
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Philippines

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/PHL/CO/9\). 2023¹⁹](#)

- Para 52. The Committee recommends that, in line with its general recommendation No. 37 (2018) on the gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change, the State party review its climate change and disaster response strategies, taking into account the negative effects of climate change on the livelihoods of women, especially rural women, and ensure that women are meaningfully involved in the development, adoption and implementation of legislation,

policies and programmes on climate change, disaster response and disaster risk reduction by, in particular:

(c) Increasing climate change and disaster risk management literacy and awareness among communities, women and girls, including rural women and women with disabilities, to empower them with the knowledge needed to demand their rights and effectively participate in climate change-related decision-making and the development of adaptation and loss and damage strategies and actions which build the resilience of women and girls with respect to the impacts of climate change.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, climate resilience; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 11: capacity building; theme 11: raise awareness
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, 6. Women with disabilities

UN Special Procedures

[Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change \(A/HRC/56/46/Add.2\), 2024](#)³⁸

- Para 64. The Special Rapporteur believes that the Government should implement the following recommendations to address some of his concerns:
 - (a) The Government should rapidly develop a strategic plan of implementation for all the climate change policies that it has developed. It needs to identify gaps in implementation and ways of addressing these and to develop gender-, age-, disability- and Indigenous-sensitive actions.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** climate resilience; theme 1: institutional mandates; theme 10: monitoring frameworks; theme 10: disability-disaggregated data
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Singapore

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/48/16\), 2021](#)²¹

- Para 59.116 Ensure that women, children, persons with disabilities, minority groups and local communities are meaningfully engaged in the development and implementation of climate change and disaster risk reduction frameworks (Fiji).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, climate resilience; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: civic engagement; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/SGP/CO/1\), 2022](#)²²

- Para 22. The Committee recommends that the State party:
 - (a) Accelerate the adoption of inclusive and accessible disaster risk reduction plans for all persons with disabilities, particularly women and children with disabilities, persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, inclusive early warning systems; theme 9: children with disabilities; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 22. (b) Closely consult and actively involve persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in designing and implementing all disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation plans at the national and district levels and at all stages of the process, and adopt a comprehensive strategy, in accordance with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, Sustainable Development Goals 11 and 13 and the Incheon Strategy.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, inclusive early warning systems; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 24. The Committee recommends that the State party, instructed by the guidance prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the policy brief prepared by the United Nations Sustainable Development Group on a disability-inclusive response to COVID-19:
 - (a) Mainstream disability into its COVID-19 response and recovery plans and other economic and social programmes to tackle the negative impact of the pandemic, and protect persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls with disabilities, from sexual violence and abuse.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** pandemic response; theme 8: violence prevention; theme 8: institutional safeguards; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, 16. Freedom from exploitation, violence, and abuse, 6. Women with disabilities
- Para 24. (b) Take measures to deinstitutionalize persons with disabilities in times of emergency and to provide them with appropriate support to live in the community, in accordance with the Committee’s guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** emergency preparedness; theme 7: community-based support; theme 7: independent living support; theme 7: personal assistance; theme 7: care system; theme 1: institutional mandates
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 24. (c) Closely involve persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, including organizations of women with disabilities, at all stages of the development and implementation of COVID-19 response and recovery plans.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** pandemic response; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: OPD capacity; theme 1: “Nothing About Us Without Us”; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 24. (d) Ensure that in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, all persons with disabilities are able to receive the necessary information in accessible formats and on the appropriate electronic devices.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** emergency preparedness; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, 9. Accessibility

Thailand

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/49/17\), 2021](#)²³

- Para 51.60 Ensure the meaningful participation of women, children, persons with disabilities, and local communities in the development and implementation of climate change and disaster risk reduction frameworks (Fiji);
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: political participation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 51.122 Continue to uphold human rights in the design and provision of COVID-19 pandemic counter measures, particularly the rights of children and persons with disabilities (Indonesia).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** pandemic response; theme 9 children with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Timor-Leste

Universal Periodic Review

[UPR, third cycle \(A/HRC/50/12\), 2022](#)²⁴

- Para 116.59 Strengthen efforts to guarantee the participation of women, children, persons with disabilities and local communities when developing and implementing climate change and disaster risk reduction policies (Fiji).
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, climate resilience; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 9: intersectional approaches
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4\), 2023](#)²⁸

- Para 46. The Committee recommends that, in line with its general recommendation No. 37 (2018) on the gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change, the State party review its climate change and disaster response strategies, taking into account the negative effects of climate change on the livelihoods of women, especially rural women, and ensure that women are meaningfully involved in the development, adoption and implementation of legislation, policies and programmes on climate change, disaster response and disaster risk reduction, by in particular:
 - (c) Increasing climate change and disaster risk management literacy and awareness among

communities, women and girls, including rural women and women with disabilities to empower them with knowledge to demand their rights, and effectively participate in climate change-related decision-making and the development of adaptation and loss and damage strategies and actions that build women's and girls' resilience to impacts of climate change.

- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, inclusive early warning systems; theme 9: women and girls with disabilities; theme 9: intersectional approaches; theme 11: raise awareness; theme 11: building capacity
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

Viet Nam

UN Treaty Bodies

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD/C/VNM/CO/1\). 2025²⁶](#)

- Para 22. Recalling the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, and its guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies, the Committee recommends that the State Party, in close consultation with and with the active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including by:
 - (a) Implementing measures to ensure that persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, collaborate closely with provincial steering committees to identify and address the specific support needs of persons with disabilities during risk situations and humanitarian emergencies, tailored to each type of disability, and to ensure their active and adequate inclusion in these discussions.
- **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 1: “nothing about us without us”
- **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 22. (b) Defining and implementing clear communication and information protocols for risk situations, ensuring that targeted groups, including individuals with hearing and visual disabilities, receive adequate information and warnings.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 3: information and communication; theme 3: digital access; theme 3: universal design
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
- Para 22. (c) Establishing cooperation with international organizations to ensure that, in close collaboration with persons with disabilities, awareness-raising on disaster risk reduction is conducted and documents on the prevention and management of risk situations and humanitarian emergencies for persons with disabilities are improved.
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 1: meaningful consultation; theme 10: international cooperation
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

- Para 22. (d) Developing statistics disaggregated by age, sex and type of disability for individuals most vulnerable to harm during situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies
 - **Sub-theme/Tags:** disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness; theme 10: disaggregated data
 - **CRPD Article(s):** 11. Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

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