

# Information about people with disabilities and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)



**Easy read booklet Issue**



# Who we are



We are Social Development Direct.



We give advice to people working on **International Development** on how to include all people, such as women and people with disabilities



## **International Development**

supports people around the world who do not have enough access to the things they need.



We work with other groups to run the Disability Inclusion Helpdesk.

This booklet is part of the **16<sup>th</sup> Helpdesk Evidence Digest**. It focuses on **organisations of people with disabilities** (OPDs).



Please look at the full report for links to documents or for more information.



Sometimes we need to use new or difficult words. These words are in **bold**. There is a list of what they mean at the end of the document

# Discussion about people with disabilities and OPDs



We spoke to Diane Kingston, who works for Sightsavers.



Sightsavers is a charity that works on wellbeing for people with disabilities.



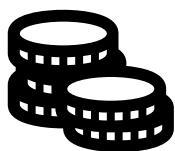
Sightsavers made a list of lots of OPDs across the world.



It is hard to make a list of OPDs because:



- There are lots of new OPDs.



- Sometimes OPDs have to close because they don't have enough money.



- Sometimes it is hard to find information on OPDs on the internet.



In some countries, not many people with disabilities are part of an OPD.

Some groups of people feel left out of larger OPDs.



Diane said organisations who want to work more with OPDs should:

- Work with different types of OPDs, including OPDs led by women.
- Invite OPDs to give advice on how to create new programmes.

# Evidence and guidance on people with disabilities and OPDs

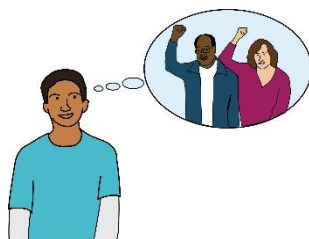


**Research** found that OPDs are being spoken to in government **decision-making processes** sometimes but not enough.

Organisations can work with OPDs in different ways, including:



- Helping organisations to make decisions



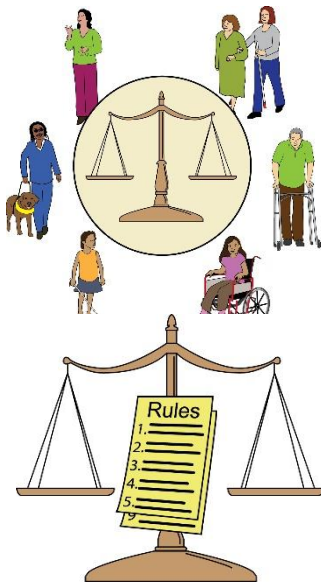
- Asking businesses and governments to include people with disabilities



- Helping organisations to work better.

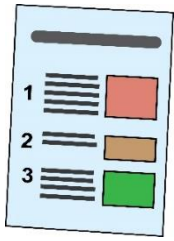


Some organisations have made lists of OPDs to help people find them more easily.



A guide has been made to help build successful partnerships between **International Non-governmental Organisations (INGOs)** and OPDs.

**UNICEF** have made a tip sheet on how to work with OPDs after disasters or fighting.



# What do these words mean?

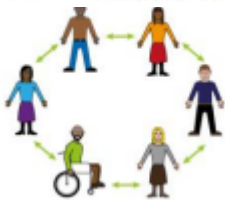


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**International Non-governmental Organisations (INGOs)** are organisations that help people.



**Organisations of people with disabilities** have staff and members who are people with disabilities, who work on projects to help include everyone.

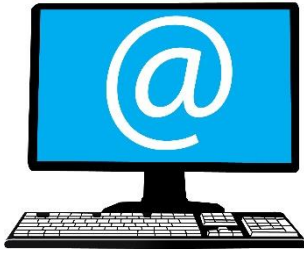


**Research** is about finding lots of information about a specific thing and bringing it all together.



**UNICEF** are an international organisation who focus on improving lives for children across the world.

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