



Light for the World's commitments to the GDS 2022

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INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMITS

The [Global Disability Summits](#) result in new, ambitious, and widespread commitments that are critical to achieving real change for persons with disabilities in the world's poorest countries.

The [first Global Disability held in 2018 \(GDS18\)](#) was a historic event for disability inclusion, co-hosted by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Government of Kenya, and the [International Disability Alliance \(IDA\)](#). The GDS18 inspired unprecedented engagement and generated commitments to action that will help deliver Agenda 2030's vision to 'Leave No One Behind' (LNOB) as well as existing obligations under the [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD\)](#).

The International Disability Alliance, the Government of Norway, and the Government of Ghana will host the [second Global Disability Summit on 16 and 17 February 2022 \(GDS22\)](#). The Summit will be mainly virtual.

MENU OF COMMITMENTS - GDS 2022

The GDS22 is expected to lead to concrete political commitments that will bring about genuine change for persons with disabilities, tackle inequalities, and foster inclusive development, and humanitarian action, guided by a human-rights approach. A [menu of commitments](#) was prepared by IDA and in consultation with the [Global Action on Disability Network \(GLAD\)](#) and disability experts including Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs).

The themes for the GDS22 commitments are:

- 1) Overarching Commitments
- 2) Meaningful engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)
- 3) Situations of Conflict and Crisis, including a focus on Climate Change
- 4) Inclusive Education
- 5) Inclusive Livelihoods and Social Protection
- 6) Inclusive Health

Gender is considered a cross-cutting theme.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD'S ROLE

Just like in 2018, Light for the World submitted a set of commitments to the Global Disability Summit to further strengthen our role in achieving real change for persons with disabilities. Light for the World submitted a set of 22 commitments, ranging from overarching to specific thematic commitments. On the following pages, you will be able to read through Light for the World's commitments. 'Our' commitments follow the official themes-structure of the GDS22. Given sub-themes are highlighted in [blue](#). Light for the World's commitments have been prepared and submitted in line with the published GDS menu of commitments. They are highlighted in [yellow](#). Please contact advocacy@light-for-the-world.org in case of any questions.

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD'S COMMITMENTS

1. OVERARCHING COMMITMENTS

GDS22: Reduce discrimination and stigmatisation by promoting attitudinal change in communities and across all development cooperation, and addressing intersectionalities.

Commitment: Light for the World takes an intersectional approach that integrates gender and disability perspectives in complementary and inclusive ways. In the next four years (2022-2025), a) we aim to develop tools to measure competence on gender equality in the organisation, invest in structured capacity development on gender equality, and monitor and improve gender balance and disability percentage of staff and the board, b) we aim to ensure a gender responsive communication strategy and to share best practices of gender and disability inclusion with various audiences and partners, c) we aim to address, involve and empower women and girls, men and boys with disabilities in all their diversity equally in both our programmes and advocacy, apply Gender markers to our programmes and track progress to more Gender Marker II programmes and document best practices on gender equality in programmes.

Region: Global

Country: n/a

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Preparation of an Annual Work Plan of our Gender Focal Group
- Ensure that our strategic documents sufficiently underline our commitment to gender, disability and intersectionality
- Annual revision and extension of internal gender-sensitive language guidelines
- Capacity development on Gender Marker II and gender analysis
- Ensure gender equality in our programmes by increasing our direct eye care services amongst women and girls by 26% (against +14% for males and females overall); increasing our direct inclusive education activities amongst girls with disabilities by 38% (compared to +24% for boys and girls with disabilities); and increasing the direct economic empowerment work amongst women with disabilities by 41% (vis-à-vis 33% in general).

GDS22: Disaggregate data by disability, gender and age in data collection and statistics.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025) Light for the World is committed to fully disaggregate by disability, gender and age all data we generate, collect and analyse. We furthermore commit to promoting and applying the Washington Group Set of Questions as well as the Child Functioning Module. As part of our country programmes, together with OPDs, we will influence governments to collect disability disaggregated data on inclusive education, economic empowerment and eye health in-country.

Region: Africa

Country: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Develop position paper and guidance on the use of Washington Group Questions and Child Functioning Module in the context of Light for the World and partner's programmes
- Systematically monitor and evaluate progress of governments in moving towards collection and use of disability disaggregated data as part of Light for the World's global M&E system

Community Inclusion

GDS22: Develop cross sectoral policies and design action plans in partnership with the full range of stakeholders and communities to facilitate the meaningful inclusion of all children and adults with disabilities, with a special focus on gender equality.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025) Light for the World will focus its work with local governments and mainstream organisations to make sure inclusion of persons with disabilities is happening on a community level. Meaningful collaboration with OPDs is the basis for this commitment.

Region: Africa

Country: Ethiopia, Mozambique, Burkina and South Sudan

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Ethiopia: Implementation of the DRIVE project - lead by ECDD (Ethiopian Center for Disability & Development)
- Mozambique: Implementation of 'Inclusive Sofala'; supporting community-based rehabilitation projects, and supporting

GDS22: Invest in transforming, developing, or scaling up person-centric and gender responsive community support and care systems that foster choice and autonomy for the diversity of persons with disabilities across the life cycle.

Commitment: Light for the World will keep its commitment to reaching the unreached through a strong programme of Disability Inclusion in Community Development. In the coming three years we will share our expertise and field level experiences to build up a better knowledge base for community inclusion and community support systems.

Region: Global

Country: Sub-Saharan Africa: Ethiopia, Mozambique, Burkina and South Sudan; and International

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Applications for research grants to build up a solid evidence base; Active exchange and collaboration with relevant networks, such as IDDC (International Disability and Development Consortia), the CBR Global Network, and engagement in national networks

2. MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT OF ORGANISATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (OPDS)

Advance the disability rights movement by building a stronger and more diverse collective voice, including diversity and intersectionality

GDS22: Promote underrepresented groups and address intersectionality.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025), Light for the World is committed to promote underrepresented groups by campaigning for the election of deaf members to the UN CRPD Committee. We further aim to consider aspects of intersectionality in all our advocacy activities by following public discussions, preparing publications and participating in and hosting relevant trainings.

Region: International

Country: n/a

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Support and launch international campaigns to support the nomination and election of deaf members to the UN CRPD Committee
- Publish and regularly extend a Fact Sheet on Intersectionality
- Consider aspects of intersecting discrimination when hosting webinars, meetings and events

GDS22: Support partnerships with other social movements.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025), Light for the World is committed to financially and technically support OPDs to engage in the preparation of Civil Society reports ("parallel/ shadow reports") to national UN Treaty reviews, such as Universal Periodic Reviews and Voluntary National Reviews. OPDs will be particularly encouraged to building coalitions and strategic partnerships with other (mainstream) organisations.

Region: Africa

Country: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Regularly revise supporting document on UPRs and VNRs
- Offer support to OPDs in the preparation and dissemination of Civil Society Reports
- Listen into and evaluate official review sessions of our partner countries
- Financial and technical support to the African Disability Forum (ADF) to further strengthen rights of and empower women with disabilities

Increase and monitor funding that goes to OPDs

GDS22: Mainstream OPD engagement across funding.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025) Light for the World is committed to strengthen consultation and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities and organisation of persons with disabilities in relevant political processes from the community to the international level, including international human rights monitoring and internal processes.

Region: Africa

Country: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 - 2025
- Offering organisational development support to OPD, where needed and requested
- Revising, together with OPDs, partner capacity assessments sheets
- Involve OPDs and umbrellas in the development, monitoring, and evaluation of our strategies
- Continue the dialogue with global and regional umbrella OPDs

Support OPD technical and organisational capacity development

GDS22: Support the building of a diverse disability rights movement and OPDs, including underrepresented groups.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025) Light for the World is committed to develop the technical expertise and leadership skills of young persons with disabilities and enable them to engage in local, national and international programme planning and policy definition.

Region: Africa

Country: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda

Timeframe and/or implementation plan: 2022-2025

3. SITUATIONS OF CONFLICT AND CRISIS, INCLUDING A FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

GDS22: Make humanitarian action inclusive of persons with disabilities throughout the humanitarian programme cycle.

Commitment: Within the next 4 years (2022-2025) Light for the World is committed to scale up its humanitarian action programme portfolio in 5 out of 6 focus countries, with as main intervention strategy to support mainstream humanitarian actors to make their interventions inclusive for persons with disabilities, using in-house technical capacity as well as key guidance materials that have been curated by the Disability Reference Group to which Light for the World is and remains a member.

Region: Africa

Country: South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Mozambique

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Support the DRG working group 1 on systematizing and disseminating training materials.
- Publish a research on disability inclusive disaster preparedness requirements for humanitarian actors, using a human-centred design methodology.
- Accompany more than 50 humanitarian actors in their disability inclusion journey in South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burkina Faso and Mozambique.
- Train and deploy more than 20 young persons with disabilities as Disability Inclusion Facilitators to support humanitarian actors.

GDS22: Build strong partnerships with organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs).

Commitment: Within the next 4 years (2022-2025) Light for the World will continue to build on existing OPD partnerships and add new ones where needed and possible, and include the OPDs in humanitarian response programmes, coordination meetings and amplifying their advocacy work.

Region: Africa

Country: South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Mozambique

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Support SSUPWD in South Sudan and FAMOD in Mozambique to scale up their presence and visibility towards humanitarian donors.
- Include national umbrellas in new programme and funding proposals.
- Promote strong collaboration between Disability Inclusion Facilitators and OPDs.
- Explore partnerships with women led OPDs.

GDS22: Include persons with disabilities in climate action.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025) we strive to reduce the footprint of our activities to a reasonable minimum and follow the do-no-harm approach. We will ensure that OPDs are included in climate action and we reach out to environmental experts and work hand in hand with experienced partners, to apply an integrated and sustainable approach in our activities. In addition, jointly with IAPB, we will work on the environmental sustainability of eye health services.

Region: International

Country: n/a

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- yearly Environmental/Climate Action Plan
- yearly report on implementation of the overall plan
- engagement in IDDC climate work group, linking to the GLAD Climate Action Group
- comprehensive plan for Light for the World engagement in Mozambique
- Light for the World will be an active member of the IAPB Climate Action Working Group

GDS22: Protect persons with disabilities from violence, exploitation and abuse.

Commitment: Within the next 4 years (2022-2025) Light for the World will take an active role in protecting persons with disabilities from violence, exploitation and abuse in its focus countries, through targeted activities and partnerships.

Region: Africa

Country: South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Mozambique

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 - 2025
- Contribute to the protection clusters at country level (or their equivalent), and using this as an entry point to influence the humanitarian coordination system.
- Actively promote components such as sports & peace, psycho-social first aid, sexual and gender-based violence protection and safeguarding into programme implementation.
- Document good practices.
- Engage human rights organisations to address violations of rights of persons with disabilities in humanitarian settings.

4. INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

GDS22: Build capacity on inclusive education in the education work force.

Commitment: Within the next two years (2022 - 2023) Light for the World will develop/co-design a pedagogical training package for teachers who are supporting deaf students in inclusive education settings.

Region: Africa

Country: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda

Timeframe and/or implementation plan: 2022-2023

GDS22: Strengthen targeted support for learners with disabilities.

Commitment: In the years 2022 - 2025 we will increase the access for students with disabilities to assistive technology in education. We will focus on open access tools and also invest more in devices specially designed to increase the literacy of children with disabilities with a focus on children with low vision and Deaf children.

Region: Africa

Country: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Sudan

Timeframe and/or implementation plan: 2022-2025

GDS22: Increase sustainable long-term funding for inclusive education.

Commitment: Within the next four years (2022-2025) Light for the World will develop a toolkit on budgeting on gender and inclusive education sector planning; and will disseminate and train key stakeholders in utilizing the toolkit.

Region: Africa

Country: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Uganda

Timeframe and/or implementation plan: 2022-2025

5. INCLUSIVE LIVELIHOODS AND SOCIAL PROTECTIONS

Inclusive Livelihoods

GDS22: Provide support to promote the employment of persons with disabilities in the public and private sectors.

Commitment: In the coming four years (2022 - 2025), we will directly reach 9,000 young people and adults with disabilities with economic empowerment, 53% of which women. We will determine our indirect reach through system change using validated evaluation techniques.

Region: Africa

Country: Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique, Burkina Faso, South Sudan and Ethiopia

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 - 2025
- Disability Awareness Training for companies with a focus on how to make workplaces more inclusive of persons with disabilities for companies
- Business Development Training and job preparedness training for young people and adults with disabilities
- Disability Awareness Training, Disability Inclusion Assessments and Action Planning with Financial Institutions to support them to become more inclusive in their financial services
- Disability Awareness Training, Training on Disability Inclusive Programming, Disability Inclusion Assessment and Action Planning with mainstream organisations active in the field of economic empowerment

GDS22: Develop open, inclusive, and accessible work environments.

Commitment: As of 2022, Light for the World employs a 'Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator' to further promote an inclusive, accessible, diverse and open work environment. An annual report on the highlights and developments will be prepared and shared with the Board.

Region: Global

Country: n/a

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- Currently (first quarter of 2022), the Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator is developing plans and activities for the realization of objective 6 of the Strategy 2023 on 'increasing our diversity, especially within our leadership, in the dimensions of disability, Global South and gender' as well as the Diversity and Inclusion roadmap/strategy.

- Concluded is the Diagnostics of diversity and inclusion within the organization. Major activities to follow include dissemination and feedback of the diagnostics; supporting dialogue, advice, support to teams and departments to ensure that strategies, work plans and budgets increasingly reflect and support diversity & inclusion; internal assessment with Diversity Inclusion Score Card for all Country Offices and National Offices in Europe; taking stock of resources and good practice examples at Light for the World; and creation of open space for dialogue and reflection where people with lived experience play leading role.

GDS22: Provide opportunities for life-long learning, reskilling, and advancement for persons with disabilities.

Commitment: In the coming four years (2022-2025) we will work with vocational training institutes, higher education institutions, and apprenticeship providers to make their services inclusive of persons with disabilities, work on accessibility of their institutions and facilitate successful labour market transitions.

Region: Africa

Country: South Sudan, Mozambique, Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- Disability Awareness Training for all staff
- Disability Inclusion Assessment including accessibility audit, followed by a Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Support a selected group of young persons with disabilities with scholarships to attend vocational training institutes

Social Protection

GDS22: Provide social protection that supports and encourages economic participation of persons with disabilities.

Commitment: In the coming four years (2022 - 2025) we will work with responsible ministries to support them to make social protection schemes/ youth employment schemes inclusive of young persons and adults with disabilities. We will ensure that no groups of persons with disabilities are left behind by providing responsible actors with tools and methods that enables them to effectively leave no one behind.

Region: Africa

Country: Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique, Burkina Faso, South Sudan and Ethiopia

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 – 2025
- conducting barrier analysis and come up with innovative solutions to address those barriers through co-creation sessions
- develop policy briefs and learning briefs to support implementation and scaling up of disability inclusive practices
- support OPDs in their advocacy activities and provide technical support to responsible ministries

Other**GDS22: Other**

Commitment: Light for the World will continue to support the empowerment and capacity of a pool of at least 150 young women and men with disabilities to be trainers and facilitators on disability inclusion, being resource persons for their representative OPDs, as well as mainstream private sector and public sector actors. They (DIFs) will be change makers and support system actors striving for a more inclusive society. We will bring DIFs in different countries together virtually and if funds and conditions allow also face to face for peer learning; we will also support them to be professionally exposed to different networks and opportunities.

Region: Africa

Country: South Sudan, Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- Organise training and mentoring program for young women and men with disabilities who are selected in close partnership with local OPDs (Disability Inclusion Academy)
- Certification of qualified trainees to become Disability Inclusion Facilitators
- The DIFs will be resource persons to their respective OPDs, and contracted by different actors to provide services in the field of Disability Inclusion

6. INCLUSIVE HEALTH

GDS22: Ensure a fully inclusive health sector through Universal Health Coverage.

Commitment: Light for the World will continue to work towards universal access to integrated, people-centred eye health for those who need it most, by strengthening health care systems. We will work with OPDs to ensure and advocate for inclusive eye health services. Our focus will be on Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, and Uganda. Between 2021 and 2023, we will have directly reached 2.5 million people in need of eye care services, 55% of which women and girls and 30% children.

Region: Africa

Country: Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Uganda

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 - 2025
- Ensure eye health services in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique are more inclusive, comprehensive and qualitative with a focus on cataract, glaucoma and uncorrected refractive errors
- Strengthen L's interventions at community and primary levels and improve referral structures, shortening time from detection to care
- Address eye health in children and provide sustainable solutions in Mozambique, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, and Uganda
- Advocacy for people centered eye health; and integration into the general health systems in ETH, BF, MOZ
- Support development of human resource for eye health
- FENAPD (Ethiopian umbrella OPD) will work hand in hand with Light for the World advocating for spectacle provision

GDS22: Other

Commitment: Light for the World is committed to support the Ministry of Health of Mozambique and Burkina Faso and the Regional Health Bureau of Amhara in Ethiopia to integrate rehabilitation into their health care systems through the development of strategic plans and support in the implementation of those plans.

Region: Africa

Country: Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

- 2022 - 2025
- A focus will be put on community access: Supporting persons with disabilities in accessing the rehabilitation services they need in the communities where they live in.