



"Building Bridge towards Intersectional Activism"

Eight Key Recommendations by a Coalition of Organizations of Diverse Women and Girls with Disabilities on Nepal's Seventh Report to CEDAW

In Nepal, a coalition of seven organizations founded and led by diverse women and girls with disabilities representing from the most marginalized and underrepresented groups come together to implement a two-year long project '*Building Bridge towards Intersectional Activism*' with the support of grant by Disability Rights Fund and Disability Rights Advocacy Fund. The project has been instrumental to build the movement bridging with mainstream disability rights and feminist movements through cross-movement collaboration.

As part of the project activities for second year – 2025, the coalition set a high priority

to prepare and submit the shadow report on Nepal's seventh report to CEDAW. Hence, aligning with the spirit of the slogan of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) - "Nothing About Us, Without Us" and respecting the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals—"Leave No One Behind", we came together from across the country, read and analyze the Government of Nepal periodic reports, identify, and prioritize our concerns. Thus, we suggest following 8 key recommendations on Nepal Seven report to CEDAW -



Recommendation 1

Inquire and update the implementation status of CEDAW and CRPD Concluding Observations 2018, particularly of the provisions related to diverse women and girls with disabilities.

Recommendation 2

Ensure the full and effective participation and representation of diverse women and girls with disabilities in the laws and policy formulation process so that their voice is taken into consideration in the decision-making process and their representation is ensured in various state mechanism and structures.

Recommendation 3

Ensure diverse women and girls with disabilities access to public services, facilities, and resources by making the built environment accessible to all, such as arranging sign language, mother tongue, and local language interpreters, easy-to-read versions, braille and digitally accessible information.

Recommendation 4

Ensure access to justice for diverse women and girls with disabilities particularly to Dalit, Madheshi, Muslims, Indigenous and other underrepresented groups by removing systemic, structural and complex procedural barriers.

Recommendation 5

Invest in research, evidence generation, and data collection on diverse women and girls with disabilities to produce more disaggregated data based on disability, age, sex, caste, ethnicity, geography, and economic status to inform government bodies and policymakers.

Recommendation 6

Create massive awareness among the healthcare workers on the rights of diverse women and girls with disabilities, particularly on access to health services and facilities, government's existing laws, policies, and programs provisioned for all persons with disabilities and against the prevailing stigma and stereotypes against diverse women and girls with disabilities.

Recommendation 7

Revise electoral laws, policies and provisions to ensure the proportionate representation of diverse women with disabilities in elected bodies. Make electoral process fully accessible for all diverse women and girls with disabilities.

Recommendation 8

Make school education safe, accessible, conducive, and resilient to all diverse girls with disabilities investing in accessible built environment including accessible formats, increasing the amount of scholarship, and education in accessible languages and mediums particularly mother tongue and local languages.



Coalition Organizations

- Access Planet Organization
- Dalit with Disabilities Association Nepal
- Feminist Dalit Organization
- Pahichan Nepal
- Blind Women Association Nepal
- Federation of Women with Disability Nepal
- National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal

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