Learnings from the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women’s funding window to address violence against women and girls with disabilities

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Methodology

Synthesis review
To identify common learnings and emerging lessons

Qualitative meta-synthesis approaches and methods
Two stages of analysis, FGDs, rapid review of key literature

UN Trust Fund GWWD portfolio
22 projects
1. Participation

• Institutional level
  ○ E.g. Disabled peoples organisations, women’s disability networks, etc.

• Programmatic level
  ○ E.g. GWWD as trainers and trainees, accountability consultants, programme designers, activists, etc.
2. Mindset shifts on social norms and power

Changing attitudes and assumptions about GWWD

Working on the complex intersection between gender and disability

Mindset shifts of GWWD, family members, community members, CSO staff & volunteers

Using existing EVAWG social norms methodologies, adapting them comprehensively to address gender & disability
3. Working at systems levels

• Capacitating, catalyzing and collaborating with wider institutional systems and with formal duty bearers

• Capitalising on wider political energy and momentum in country, in order to change laws and policies in ways that recognize and benefit GWWD long term and guarantee their rights

• This level is crucial for sustainability
4. Partnership

- Formal collaboration in implementation
  - Between larger INGO and number of smaller disability-focused organisations/movements
- Multi-sectoral partnering within programme design
  - To ensure sustainability across multiple institutional partners
5. Basic primary prevention approaches

• Violence and discrimination against GWWD still remains normalised
  ○ By family members, caregivers, service providers and wider society

• Internalised by GWWD
  ○ Violence and discrimination is often seen as deserved and is internalized by the victims.

• Even basic awareness-raising can therefore have considerable preventative impact
  ○ Many people simply do not see GWWD as people with value, dignity and rights, including to participate and make decisions about their life
6. Covid-19

• Same challenges as other EVAWG programming, but often further exacerbated for GWWD

• Yet positive consequences of COVID-19, with wider social innovations that can benefit GWWD

• Many grantees were able to pivot successfully, partly due to their expertise in needing to adapt and be flexible in their work with GWWD
Thank you!