

## MAKING A SUBMISSION – STRATEGY

I am making this submission to realities on situational Challenges faces in my province when dealing with Disabilities and in that line considering Geographical structure, Administration Policies, Structure, Funding Frame works, Stake Holders and Partners and How best we can have a system in-placed to have positive impact on Disabilities in North Fly District & Province as a whole Basing our objectives on the three pillars strategies and priorities. [PNG NPD]

**1. Strategy 1.**

- Advocacy rights and Responsibilities

**2. Strategy 2.**

- Improve access to quality service and support programs for Persons with Disability.

**3. Strategy 3.**

- Develop and effective situational, legal Financial Frame work for disability sector.

This prepared and presented not only considering those disable people living in the cities and towns but that are in the remote areas focusing on Western Province

## **DISABILITY IN WESTERN PROVINCE**

Disability is a complex and a cross cutting issue that affects individuals on a Global, Regional, National, Provincial, Districts, Ward, and Village levels. Governments play a crucial role in addressing disabilities by implementing inclusive policies, ensuring equal access to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. They [Government] should also develop infrastructure and transportation systems that are accessible for people with disabilities, in the North Fly District and Western Province

At the global level, Governments and International Organizations must work together to promote disability rights and inclusion. They should collaborate with regional bodies to share expertise, resources, and best practices.

On a National Level, We want the Governments to formulate and implement Disability Policies and Legislation. They should establish comprehensive rehabilitation programs, provide assistive technologies, and support inclusive education, employment, and many other social services.

Provincial and District Governments [Com-Dev] should ensure that disability-related services and programs are accessible and available to all citizens within their jurisdiction. They should allocate resources for building inclusive infrastructure and provide training for healthcare professionals and educators.

At the ward and village level, local authorities in collaboration with OPD should raise awareness about disability rights and advocate for the needs and concerns of people with disabilities. We OPD and Stakeholders should collaborate with community-based organizations and encourage community engagement to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities.

We want to see Developers and Partner Organizations to play a vital role in assisting the rehabilitation process. They should help to assist in designing and create inclusive technologies, tools, and infrastructure that address the specific needs of people with disabilities.

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By working closely with Governments and local communities we will be able build an inclusive society that supports and empowers individuals with disabilities.

Moreover, addressing disability requires a collaborative effort between governments, international organizations, developers, and partner organizations. We urge the Governments to implement inclusive policies and provide necessary resources, while developers and partner organizations should assist in the rehabilitation process by creating accessible technologies and infrastructure should it be required. Together, we can foster a more inclusive society for people with disabilities.

Western Province currently faces significant challenges in addressing disabilities, with only a small percentage, approximately 10 % of individuals with disabilities being known. We are aware disabled individuals residing in remote villages that are difficult to reach. Unfortunately, disabled people in the province receive little or no attention and support, leaving many marginalized and neglected.

To rectify this situation, we suggest that, by utilizing the principles outlined in relevant United Nations Charters [UNCRPD] related to persons with disabilities. Additionally, alongside Policies for persons with disabilities in Papua New Guinea (PNG) will help solidify and protect the rights of individuals with disabilities. These frameworks will serve as a guiding force to advocate for the right of individuals with disabilities in the province to access essential services, moreover, considering the unique challenges and impact faced by the disabled in under developed rural like situations.

By implementing these measures, our ultimate goal is to ensure that individuals with disabilities in the District, LLGs and wards the Province have equal access to necessary services and support. Additionally, we aim to raise more awareness about the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities and create a more inclusive and supportive environment for them and that is have a common establishment [Capacity Building] so that all coordinating dealing with Disability is conducted through this establishment. Through this approach, we hope to bring about positive change and improve the lives of those affected by disabilities in the Western Province.

This Plan is alone capture by Western Provincial OPD – on the strategic Planning

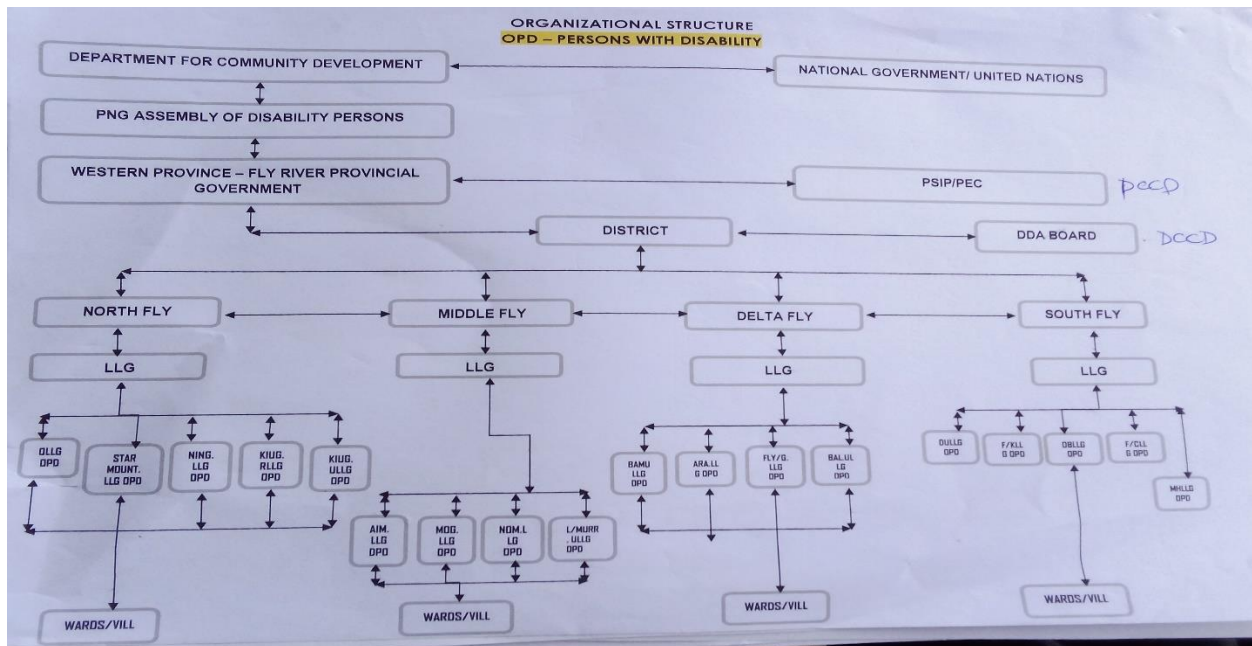
**Question 1.**

**What are the most important things we should work on for Persons with disability equity and rights?**

1. Through our planning and evaluation and critical analysis we have come to observing the above mentioned situation highlighting the situation come up with the following strategies. [This is primary our Plan we want strategically use.

**1. At the Provincial Level**

- **Provincial and District Governance Policies [UNCRPD & PNG National Policy on Disabilities.**
  - Frequent Consultations and Meetings [Supported by National, Provincial & Districts level Governments and stake holders towards in-placing policies that speaks highly the rights of Disable people, collaboratively working with stake-holders and Partners
- **Western Province Organizational Structure.**
  - Organizational Structure




- **Constitution** [Adapted from PNGADP] to be used at all District Levels
- **Compliance** [IPA Registration and IRC]
- Establishment OPD at the Provincial level for Person with Disabilities [OPDs]
- Provincial OPD Profile
- Establishment & Formation\of Provincial Coordinating Committee For with Persons Disability [PCCD] [Comprises of OPD & Provincial Leaders PA as a Chairman]
- MOU/ MOA towards collaboratively Stakeholders & partnering
- **Funding** – This is a crucial part of the planning, Monitoring and Evaluating OPD need funds to operate [Non-funding has weakness the processes] Funding should be access through under Medium Term Development Plans [MTDP] Under community Development of through DFAT and other funding agencies.

## **2. District Levels**

- Creation and Formation of OPD Committees at District levels
- Establishment and Formation of District Coordinating Committee for Persons with Disability [DCCD] [Comprise of OPDs & District Leaders as a Chairman]
- Compliances [IPA Registration & IRC]
- Profile of OPDs all District Level has to Drafted Recognized sent to be withheld by Provincial & District Com/Dev/stake holders.
- Meeting MOU/MOA be signed with stakeholders & Partners

## **3. LLG Levels**

-  Self-help Organisation& Groups
  - This is where Disable persons come together to do projects and raise Income to pay themselves it has to be Manage and coordinated by the group themselves or assisted by Services providers.

**When working towards disability equity and rights, some of the most important areas we intend to focus on are:**

- **Accessibility:** Ensuring that physical infrastructure, public transportation, and digital platforms are accessible to people with disabilities.
- **Education and Employment:** Promoting inclusive education and employment opportunities for people with disabilities, as well as fostering an inclusive and accessible work environment.
- **Healthcare and Rehabilitation:** Ensuring access to quality healthcare services and rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities.
- **Awareness and Social Inclusion:** Promoting awareness and understanding of disabilities, combating stigmas, and fostering social inclusion.
- **Lively hood Program.** Where individual disables are taught livelihood skills on starting small Business [SME]

*Funding Made Available through Financial Frame Work enable funds empowerment to the above need or setback.*

**2. To achieve disability equality and rights, it is crucial to take a multi-faceted approach. Some strategies that can be implemented include:**

- **Legislation and Policy:** Enact and enforce laws and policies that protect the rights of people with disabilities and promote their inclusion.
- **Advocacy and Awareness:** Raise awareness about disability issues, educate the public, and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Foster collaboration among government agencies, NGOs, community organizations, and disability advocates to ensure coordinated efforts.
- **Capacity Building:** Provide training and support to individuals and organizations working with disabilities, enabling them to effectively address the needs and rights of people with disabilities.

*The Provincial & District Coordinators need to work collaboratively to enable the above points adequately attended. [See Structure]*

**3. All levels of government, stakeholders, and partner organizations can support people with disabilities by:**

- **Allocating Adequate Resources:** Ensure sufficient funding is allocated to disability programs, projects, and services.
- **Collaboration:** Work together to develop inclusive policies and initiatives that promote disability rights and inclusion.
- **Capacity Building:** Provide training to government officials, stakeholders, and organizations on disability inclusion and rights.
- **Engaging with Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs):** Involve OPDs in decision-making processes to ensure their voices are heard and their perspectives are considered.

*Ensure there is funding to enable and support the disabilities*

**4. Organizations can be supported to improve their work with disabilities through:**

- **Funding and Resources:** Provide financial support and resources to organizations working with disabilities to enhance their capacity and reach
- **Training and Expertise:** Offer specialized training, workshops, and access to experts in disability-related fields to help organizations improve their knowledge and skills.
- **Sharing Best Practices:** Facilitate the sharing of best practices among organizations working with disabilities, allowing them to learn from each other's successes and challenges.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** Encourage organizations to collaborate and share resources to strengthen their collective impact and create synergies.

**By prioritizing disability equity and rights and implementing these measures, we can strive towards a more inclusive and accessible society for people with disabilities, both in the Western Province. PNG and around the world**

In addition to the points mentioned, it is important to emphasize the need for inclusive and accessible communication. We the OPDs hope to see our service providers providing accessibility options such as sign language interpretation, captioning, and accessible formats for materials like braille or large print for those who are visual impaired or at learning centres to ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to information and can fully participate in society.

Another crucial aspect is to involve people with disabilities in decision-making processes. Many of Disabled can express ones perspectives and experiences when developing policies, programs, and services that directly affect them. We intend to have a meaningful inclusion of Organisation for Person with Disability [OPD] in discussions and decision-making processes can help shape more effective and inclusive policies.

Furthermore, it is important to address intersectionality and recognize that disabilities intersect with other identities such as gender, race, and sexuality. This requires considering the unique challenges faced by individuals with multiple marginalized identities and implementing targeted strategies to address their specific needs.

**By considering these additional aspects, we can further enhance disability equality and rights, creating a more inclusive and empowering society for all individuals, regardless of their abilities.**

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