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**Questionnaire: Sexual and reproductive health and rights of**

**girls with disabilities**

1. **Context**

For her next report to the General Assembly, 72nd session, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar, intends to focus on the sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls with disabilities.

The Special Rapporteur is currently carrying out the research work and invites Governments, National Human Rights Institutions, independent monitoring mechanisms, civil society organizations and networks, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and other relevant stakeholders, to contribute by submitting replies to the questionnaire below.

Due to limited capacity for translation, we kindly request that you submit your answers, if possible, in English or Spanish and, no later than 20 May 2017. Please keep your responses concise.

We would be grateful if your submissions, in accessible formats (Word), could be sent electronically to [sr.disability@ohchr.org](mailto:sr.disability@ohchr.org).

For further information, please contact Ms. Alina Grigoras, Associate Human Rights Officer (e-mail: agrigoras@ohchr.org, tel.: +41 22 917 92 89).

1. **Questionnaire**
2. Please provide any information and statistics (including surveys, censuses, administrative data, literature, legal and policy documents, reports, and studies) related to the exercise of sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls with disabilities, with particular focus in the following areas:

* Harmful stereotypes, norms, values, taboos, attitudes and behaviours related to the sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls with disabilities;

***In Rwanda Girls with Disabilities are still facing stigma even the current situation is reduced compared to the earlier time***

* Sex education (in formal and non-formal settings) and access to sexual and reproductive health information;

***In Rwanda YWDs in special schools are receiving general knowledge but some initiative was done like the one made by UPHLS and Rwanda National union of deaf under finance support of UNFPA Rwanda on*** ***Capacity building on HIV and Sexual Reproductive health in inclusive and special schools through sign language”. (Report attached)***

* Access to child and youth friendly quality sexual and reproductive health services;

***In Rwanda we have Youth Friendly centers but are not inclusive for PWDs***

* Prevention, care and treatment of sexually transmitted infections;

***The Umbrella of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities in fighting against HIV/AIDS and for health promotion (UPHLS) in GF/RBF Project trained youth with Disabilities and among the package it included also sexually transmitted infections and the outreach campaigns in the village by YWDs who are pre-trained as ToTs to PWDs who are Pair Educators (Last year report attached )***

* Violence against girls with disabilities impacting their enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health rights; and
* Harmful practices, such as forced sterilization and child, early and forced marriage.

***In Rwanda this is not allowed, no relevant information we can get on forced sterilization and child, early and forced marriage and some cases of Violence against girls with disabilities impacting their enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health rights were observed but non documents published***

1. Please provide information in relation to any innovative initiatives that have been taken at the local, regional or national level to promote and ensure the exercise of sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls with disabilities, and identify lessons learned from these.

***In Rwanda , the UNAIDS Rwanda program support a good initiative to make Sign language initiative to improve access to sexual and reproductive health and accelerate efforts in AIDS response amongst deaf people in Rwanda***

(Good practice report attached)