

**RESPONSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA
ON THE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING
OF THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SUPPORT
OF THE NATIONAL EFFORTS FOR THE REALIZATION
OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

GENERAL

Indonesia is among the first States which signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), conducted by the Minister of Social Affairs in March 30, 2007. At this point, Ministry of Social Affairs, as the focal point on the issue of disabilities, has coordinated necessary efforts with all related ministries and stakeholders, including academics and civil society, with the view to the ratification of the Convention. As part of the process, the discussion on the ratification is scheduled to take place in the Parliament in 2011.

**KEY MEASURES ADOPTED AT NATIONAL LEVEL TO IMPLEMENT THE CRPD AND
RELATIVE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

1. The Government of Indonesia has conducted series of awareness raising and dissemination of information programmes regarding the Convention at the national dan provincial level. These efforts are, among others, aimed at disseminating new terminology of "persons with disabilities" or *penyandang disabilitas* in bahasa Indonesia, compared to the old terminology of "difable" or *penyandang cacat*, which has a narrow notion compared to the concept stipulated in the Convention.
2. The Government of Indonesia has also conducted the review process regarding the National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2004 -2013, reflecting the spirit contained in the Convention. The review process has included non-discriminatory aspects in the legislations; mainstreaming of disabilities issue in all related national legislations, including environment and physical; accesibility and inclusive educational programs at all level for persons with disabilities; enhanced advocacy to the Provincial government regarding the formulation of provincial regulations adhering the rights of the persons with disabilities.
3. A National Coordination Team for the Advancement of the Social Welfare of Persons with Disabilities has been established by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Indonesia. This has increased national coordination with all related ministries, particularly in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of plan and policies related to issues of persons with disabilities.

**CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CRPD
AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

1. Systematic and continuous efforts are needed in order to change the mindset and behaviour of all stakeholders in dealing with this issue, especially by altering the charity-based or individual approach, to a more focused orientation on the fulfillment of the basic rights of persons with disabilities at all levels.
2. A long transitional period is required to conduct social construction which incorporates human rights based and social development approach in addressing the issue of disabilities.
3. Limited human resources, managerial and technical skills needed in handling the issue related to persons with disabilities based on the full enjoyment of human rights in all development sectors, have hampered the preferred progress. Moreover, limited financial resource from the Government in providing infrastructure, accessibility and facilities for persons with disabilities constitutes further to the challenges faced in this regard.

THE EXISTENCE, SCOPE AND CONTENT OF POLICIES AND/OR GUIDELINES ADOPTED AT NATIONAL LEVEL TO GUIDE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONVENTION

The Government of Indonesia has formulated mid-term National Development Plan of 2010 – 2014, focusing on just and fair development for all. This Plan has been supported by several relevant regulations and policies, including Presidential Instruction/Decree no.3/2010 on Just Development Programme, which also emphasizes the attention to the marginalized group, in the context of MDGs fulfillment. These provisions have provided guidance to the international cooperation on the issue of disabilities.

FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AT BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL LEVEL THAT, AS A COMPLEMENT TO NATIONAL EFFORTS, CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ASSISTING THE REALIZATION OF THE CONVENTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The Government of Indonesia has continuously enhanced the international cooperation on the issue of disabilities, including by discussing the rights of the disabled people on human rights dialogue between Indonesia – Sweden, as well as capacity building programme for disabled people and personnels working in the relevant area under the framework of disability – inclusive gender and development programme with Australia.

Indonesia has also co-sponsored the UNGA resolution on realizing MDGs for people with disabilities. Moreover, Indonesia continues to open up and invites interested countries, such as Timor Leste and Suriname, to join the training programme provided at the vocational rehabilitation center for the people with disabilities in Cibinong, Indonesia.

At the regional level, Indonesia consistently put forward the discourse of disabilities-related issues in ASEAN after the adoption of the ASEAN Charter. Indonesia has been a strong supporter for the implementation of ASEAN Socio-cultural Community, which stipulates 340 action lines in 17 development areas, including on the issue of disabilities. As Indonesia will hold the chairmanship of ASEAN in 2011, the Government of Indonesia in cooperation with civil society organizations will hold some events, aiming at raising awareness on the issues of disabilities at ASEAN level, in Jakarta at the end of 2010. Indonesia will also become the host country for ASEAN Paragames, a sport event specifically participated by people with disabilities in ASEAN, in 2011.

In addition, the Government of Indonesia continues to develop the capacity of government officers as well as other personnels working in this area, through the cooperation with UN-ESCAP and other international as well as regional organizations handling the issues of disabilities. In order to maximize the benefit of the international cooperation in this regard, the UN and its related organs is recommended to provide open and updated information regarding various capacity building programmes and cooperation offered by Member States as well as the UN organs/offices at all levels, particularly the regional offices.

The vibrant role and important contribution of Indonesian civil society in the context of disability issues is also noteworthy. Their active interaction and collaboration with relevant international stakeholders and partners has been important for ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities are addressed at both the national and provincial level. In addition, the ongoing preparations for the eventual ratification of the Convention is a reflection of close working partnerships with the government agencies, particularly the Ministry of Social Affairs.

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