



FORMAT FOR GOOD PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

Title of the good practice	Passage of the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act 2018
Name of organization or coalition that implemented the good practice	Centre for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)
When is/was the good practice implemented?	2014 – 2019
Where is/was the good practice implemented?	Abuja FCT, Nigeria
Total budget of the good practice	USD 160,000
Central theme of the good practice	Breaking Barriers against Nigerians with Disabilities (BBAND)
Target group of the good practice	Young, old, male and females with disabilities

A. General description

Why did you initiate the project?

Describe the context in which the good practice takes/took place. What problem does it address? (75 words) It was in response to discriminatory practices against female, male, young and old persons with disabilities, estimated to be more than 25 million persons. Recognizing that the Federal Republic of Nigeria Constitution is silence on prohibition of discrimination on the grounds of disability, the need to protect citizens with disabilities using legal framework becomes imperative. CCD had to intervene following the failure of other civil society organisations to secure the passage of the Act

Goal and Objective?

What is/was the goal, and what are/were the objectives of the good practice ? What change did you aim to see? (50 words) To secure a legislation that would protect citizens with disabilities from discrimination and other harmful practices was our goal. To collaborate with line Ministries, Departments and Agencies, line Committees of the National Assembly and the media to push disability issue

What were the activities?

What did you really do? With whom? (100 words)

Capacity building for persons with disabilities on advocacy and lobbying for the passage of the bill

Organize stakeholders forum on the disability bill

Media briefing on the State of the bill

Newspaper advertorial

Production of Policy Brief to support the campaign

Advocacy visits to the Senate President, line Committees of the National Assembly

Advocacy visits to the Minister of Justice; Woman Affairs and Social Development,

Feature on live TV/Radio talkshows

3 Protest marches to demand passage of the disability bill by relevant state institutions

Meeting and engagement with the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for his assent on



the disability bill
Interfaith prayer session for the passage of the disability bill

What were the results?

Describe the main results of the good practice ? (100 words)

- Buy-in of the mainstream civil society organization
- Secured the support of the media
- The National Assembly passed the bill
- Relevant line Ministries advised the President to sign the bill
- The President signed the bill

B. Detailed description

This section is to be completed after the exchange visits. During those visits you will have discussed and enriched your understanding of the good practice.

B.1 LOBBY AND ADVOCACY (MAX. 100 WORDS)

Describe per question below what you did relating to L&A.

- To whom did you lobby?*
- What did you lobby and advocate for?*
- Did you change your plan/activities during the process?*
- Any unexpected L&A results?*

Validate	Whom
Describe the main outcomes of the project related to advocacy , resulting from your project? <i>Specify who did what, when and where.</i>	<i>Max 50 words</i> CCD paid advocacy visits to the National Assembly, and the passed the bill CCD paid advocacy visits to the Ministries of Justices and Women Affairs and Social Development and advised the President to sign the bill CCD engaged the President at a townhall meeting on the bill, the following day he signed the bill
Describe how your organisation contributed to this change, as described above.	<i>What did your organisation do, what was your INPUT.</i> CCD contributed to the change above by providing leadership in the campaign (all the meetings were organized by CCD, media engagement was led by CCD Resource mobilization, designing of engagement strategies, and communication of outcomes
Which organisation or persons could validate the change described above?	<i>Max 100 words</i> Sr. Fidelia Unigwe, National Coordinator, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent – they are charity organization working for marginalized population. We partner in the area of capacity building for PWDs on advocacy and lobbying



	<p>Prof. Chidi Odinkalu – He is the former Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission. We engaged his office during the campaign</p> <p>Mrs. Nkechi Onwukwe, Deputy Director, Rehabilitation, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. We also engaged her office during the struggle for the passage of the bill</p>
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B.2 INTERSECTIONALITY (MAX. 50 WORDS)

Describe per question below what you did relating to intersectionality.

To what extent did you pay attention to intersectionality?

Give one concrete example?

Validate	Whom
Describe the main outcomes related to intersectionality , resulting from your project? <i>Specify who did what, when and where.</i>	<i>Max 50 words</i> With the passage of the disability rights bill, the burden of being a female, male, young and old person with a disability based on discriminatory practices, inaccessible environments, participation in society on equal bases with others have been reduced
Describe how your organisation contributed to this change, as described above.	<i>Max 50 words</i> We were able to provide leadership, technicalities, resource mobilization, conscription of a female, male, young and old person with a disability in the campaign and citizens engagement
Which organisation or persons could validate the change described above?	<i>Max 100 words</i> Dr. Toyin Aderemi, former Country Rep. CBM Nigeria, Irene Ogbogu, ED, DRAC Toyosi Giwa, ROLAC Programme, Abuja <i>Who could be validating (organisations or persons)¹</i> <i>What is their function?</i> <i>What is their relation with your organisation and the project?</i>

¹ The organisation or individual here might be selected to be consulted during the exchange visits.



C. Learning

What did your organisation learn from this good practice? (50 words)

Describe what your organisation learned especially regarding L&A and intersectionality.

For an advocacy and or intersectionality to succeed, the need to identify and build strong supporters from key government institution is critical. We succeeded by reason of our ability to recruit members of staff in position of influence in government relevant institution made it possible to secure government buy-in in the campaign.

Another, factor was our ability to develop policy brief as a material for engagement of relevant institutions. The policy brief made our presentation to relevant line government institutions appealing.

Another learning for us was our ability to remain consistent in our messaging and public presentations devoid of political motivated talks.

What are 3 tips you would give to other organisations?

Tip 1: Technics for developing campaign messages

Tip 2: Approach to lobbying for results

Tip 3: Building alliance for successful campaign

What makes this project a good practice? (max. 50 words)

Please describe what made this project special and more successful than other projects you have done before? This is a good practice case in the sense that the project created an intersectionality platform, broke a 58 years jinx by securing a legislation that protects more than 25 million female, male, young and old persons with disabilities from discrimination and other harmful practices

D. Award

If your organisation would win the award of €5.000,-, how would you use this prize? (100 words). We shall use the award of 5000 Euro to create awareness on the intersectionality of the disability act to ensure that the message circulates to the four corners of Nigeria using social media

Are we allowed to use this good practice in a publication on good advocacy practices?

- Yes, we give permission to include **both** the name of the organisation and the good practice
- Yes, we give permission, but **ONLY** for including the good practice (organisation will be anonymous)
- No, we **do not** give permission to use this good practice in any publication