

## Community Based Inclusive development (CBID) Network



# CBID National Conference 2016

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## “CRPD Decade in Pakistan”



The Community Based Inclusive Development Network Pakistan has organized 5<sup>th</sup> CBID National Conference titled ““CRPD Decade in Pakistan”” on 20 December 2016]

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

KPK	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
PWTD	Punjab Welfare Trust for Disabled
STEP	Special Talent Exchange Program
DWA	Disabled Welfare Association
CBR	Community Based Rehabilitation
CBID	Community Based Inclusive Development
INGO	International Non- Government Organization
NGO	Non-Government Organization
DPO	Disabled Persons Organization
FUU	Federal Urdu University
PCRDP	Provincial Council For Rehabilitation Of Disabled Persons
RCPH	Rehabilitation Centre for Physically Handicapped
AJK	Azad Jammu Kashmir
UNCRPD	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
UMT	University of Management and Technology
MNA	Member National Assembly
LCCDP	Livelihood Center Disability and Development Programme
PWTD	Punjab Welfare Trust for Disabled
EVA	Empowerment Voice and Accountability (DFID funded Project)
DGSE	Directorate General of Special Education
AWAM	Association of Women for Awareness and Motivation Social and
SEDA	Economic Development Associates
LABARD	Lahore Businessmen Association for Rehabilitation of the Disabled Health
HANDS	And Nutrition Development Society
DIFD UK	Department for International Development United Kingdom

# Executive Summary

Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Network Pakistan organized successfully its 5<sup>th</sup> CBID National Conference on 20 December 2016 at Margala Hotel Islamabad. The series of the CBID National Conference held in the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 without any break with different themes each year since its establishment in 2011. This year theme of the conference was “CRPD Decade in Pakistan”.

The UN CRPD is a powerful tool and the opportunity to make an enormous difference in the lives of persons with disabilities around the world. However, it will only have its intended impact if implemented and monitored effectively at the national level. . It is nevertheless true that many persons with disabilities, Government and even mainstream INGOs and NGOs lack the experience and resources for advocating government of Pakistan, implementing the CRPD in Pakistan. Ten years after the adoption of a landmark disability treaty at UN level, 5 years after ratification of CRPD by Pakistan and in the era of SDGs the conference set agendas for future we want.

The conference was attended by 150 delegates from all provinces/ areas of Pakistan with representation of Government, INGOs, NGO, DPOs, and institutions. The conference was designed on five sessions including opening and closing sessions. Each session had a sub-theme with a topic for each speaker and panelist.

CBID Network is thankful to CBM for its support and making it possible to hold the conference on such an important topic, CBID is thankful to Civil Society Human and Institutional Development Programme (CHIP) for supporting the participation of participants (mainly PWDs) from Gilgit-Skurdu region. CBID is also thankful to Sightsavers in finalization of programs, inviting panelists and sponsoring conference Folders, CBID is thankful to Members of national Assembly joined the 5<sup>th</sup> CBID National Conference prior to leaving for National Assembly session scheduled the same day. The key challenges and issues of Persons with Disabilities were discussed with them including allocation of seats for Persons with Disabilities Quota in Parliament like other minority Groups and

Signing of Disability Bill to make it as a law. The network is thankful to High Commissioner of Pakistan in New Delhi India for his participation in the conference.

A declaration was developed in consultation with the speakers, panelists and stakeholders, same presented and adopted at the end of the conference.

## **Community Based Inclusive Development Network**

Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) is a network with a motto to make communities and society inclusive regardless of any discrimination. CBID Network believes, no one should marginalize and ignore anyone because of gender, disability, ethnicity, refugee status, sexuality or any other stigma. CBR is the tool or strategy to achieve the goal of Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) for persons with disability, just as other interest groups in the community (gender etc.), use their own strategies to make development inclusive of their constituents.

CBID Network is disability focused approach and believes in the leadership of persons with disabilities who have tacit knowledge of barriers and discrimination they face in daily life in the community. The Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Network is a national network in the country that has established in 2011, now its provincial chapters are well established too. The network has members from many well-reputed International and national organizations including organization of Persons with Disabilities serving in development and disability field all over the country. The provincial chapters of the network are organizing their activities under the flagship of CBID Network and promoting inclusive development for all. The network has earned good will among stakeholders for achieving the targeted goals. The network serves in democratic manners and recently elected the new body of CBID Network to serve in the best possible manners and continuously working to include diverse groups.

# Conference Proceedings

## Opening Session:

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamnai (International Coordinator CBIDN) as Master of Ceremony (MC) and Mr. Ali Shabbar (STEP) as Co-MC of opening session. The conference begun officially in traditional way with the recitation of the Holy Quran and followed by the national anthem



Dr. Shahnawaz Munami National Coordinator CBID Network Pakistan welcomed the honorable guests and the participants. He presented the profile and mandate of CBID Network for the participants. He highlighted the integration of the network at Provincial level and the achievements of the provincial coordinators. He thanked CBM for their financial and technical support to the CBID-network over the past few years.



Ms. Farah Naz (Country Representative – CBM Pakistan) appreciated the CBID Network for its efforts and achievements, she highlighted that still a lot needs to be done. She introduced the profile of CBM to the participants. She said Pakistan lacks behind in the achievement of targets set by the CPRD. She said, the biggest hurdle in the way of progress is missing of authentic data and statistics of the person with disabilities. She recommended channelizing the efforts and incorporating the Washington group



of questions in the upcoming national census of Pakistan planned to be carried out in 2017. She also said that one of the challenges of CBID Network is to work on the implementation of universal design in built environment and infrastructure for persons with cross disabilities.

Ms. Munazza Gillani (Country Director – Sightsavers Pakistan) the next speaker appreciated the CBID Network achieved targets since its establishment and said that we really cherished the progress of CBID Network in such short span of time. She said we can testimony the progress by seeing the weightage of CBID Network's opinion at the forums where



people from NGOs and INGOs are taking part in decision making process. She also appreciated the work of National Forum of Women with disabilities, which is an integral part of CBID Network. She second Ms. Farah Naz by saying that CBID should form a task force for enforcing the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on incorporating the Washington group of questions in the national census going to be held in March 2017. She suggested

that CBIDN should form a joined up advocacy group for lobbying regarding the inclusion of disability friendly WG questions in the census that is planned to held on March 2017. She also emphasized the importance of advocacy through CBID for allocation and practical implementation of job quota for Persons with Disabilities within the parliament.

Mr. Naveed Aziz participated from DFID Pakistan and he thanked CBIDN for providing the opportunity to witness the remarkable work of CBID Network. He introduced the DFID disability framework. He said since DFID has launched Disability Framework, it's been a new learning journey for everyone at DFID. Our review has shown us that we are doing more as



an organization to reach people with disabilities than ever before. He said Pakistan is the largest recipient of funding from DFID in the world. DFID funds government, NGOs, DPOs and community level organizations. He told the participants that in 2014 the disability framework was incorporated in the DFID. He highlighted the key areas where DFID is working in collaboration with government and other institutions. He once again thanked the CBID network for the invitation and he said that now we would like to explore and see the possibilities and suitability where DFID and CBIDN can work together.

The opening session was concluded by Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani and a group photo was taken on the occasion followed by the tea break.



## Session I: Understanding of CRPD and SDGs in Pakistan

Mr. Nizamani invited Chair Mr. Imran Nazir (Executive Director LCDDP), Co-Chair Mr. Riaz Baloch (Provincial Coordinator – Baluchistan Chapter CBIDN) and panelists. Chair of the session started preceding of the session by inviting each panelist.



Ms. Saima Aslam (National Coordinator – NFWWD) speak about the gender equality

through effective implementation of SDGs and CRPD. She mentioned the importance of these clauses in perspective of SDGs and CRPD. She said that socio economic condition of the country cannot be better unless we take on board the women in the process. She highlighted the importance of equality



and equity in the society for the empowerment of women in general and women with disabilities in specific who are discriminated on multiple reasons. She said that one of the solutions to the problem is legislative reforms in the country which ensures the rights for persons with disabilities specially women with disabilities.



Mr. Shafiq ur Rehman (Provincial Coordinator – Punjab Chapter CBIDN) was invited to speak about adaptation

of different approaches (IL, CBR, DET etc. for CBID). He said that we should see the

broader perspective by incorporating the other side of the picture when it comes to stand for the rights of persons with disabilities. He said that Persons with Disabilities want to be the effective members of the society by contributing in GDP of the country rather than being the cause of the loss. He said we want to be able to equip ourselves with such opportunities which anyone can avail. He said no philosophy or policy can work effectively unless we incorporate persons with disabilities in decision making.

Dr. Fayaz Ahmad (Empowerment, Voice and Accountability-EVA) DFID was the last speaker of the session. He appreciated the work of CBIDN and presented the work of EVA in perspective of the topic of the event. He indicated that the citizens are at the center of the every project of EVA. He said our philosophy is to integrate at provincial, districts and community level. He said that EVA engages the community and make sure their participation in the decision making.

## **Session II: CRPD implementation and Reporting in Pakistan**

The session was chaired by Mr. Jawad Afzal (Deputy Director DGSE)) and co-chaired by Mr. Jawed Rais (Provincial Coordinator – Sindh Chapter CBIDN) president of Disabled Welfare Association (DWA).

Mr. Khalid Naeem (SEDA) talked about Shadow reporting on CRPD. He introduced the SEDA and mentioned that SEDA in collaboration with Sightsavers and STEP has compiled a questionnaire regarding the implementation of CRPD data collection in Pakistan. He appreciates the work of CBIDN and aim to continue working with the team to achieve the bigger goal.



Mr. Naseem Anthony from AWAM, Faisalabad expressed his views regarding the Role of CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) in CRPD reporting. He said that CRPD report submission is an obligation on the government to submit when it has ratified the convention. He said that without the submission of an open and transparent shadow report by CSOs submission, credibility of government's report is highly questionable. He said that generation of shadow report needs technical and financial support. He said it is an immediate need of the hour. He also mentioned that the situation of Persons with Disabilities in perspective of CRPD is very poor in rural versus settings and as we move away from the main cities and privileged areas, the situation of PWDs is devastating.



Mr. Muzammal Islam (DET Forum Pakistan) was the next speaker on the occasion he highlighted the Importance of Reporting on UN conventions and CRPD by a presentation. He asked the participants that how many of them really know about the UNCRPD and how many have actually read the document, and the response was not very encouraging. He said that we need to understand the essence of this convention by keeping Persons with Disabilities in the decision making process.



Mr. Jawad Afzal concluded the session and opened the house for the discussion. After the Q/A session the session was concluded and suspended for lunch break of an hour.

### **Session III: Legislation in Pakistan after CRPD Ratification**

Ms. Farah Naz (Country Representative – CBM) chaired the session and it was co-chaired by Amir Sohail Saduzai of SAHARA, Dera Ismail Khan. The session began with the remarks of Mr. Muhammad Haider Imtiaz (Advocate) on Benefits of legislations. He said that it is an obligation not a choice of government to submit the report on CRPD and make sure the clauses are in implementation process. He said despite the difficulties in the legislative process it is need of the hour to flex the ways. He said that certain clauses are being added in the existing laws to make access to the rights for everyone and Persons with Disabilities in particular. Mr. Rana Yasir (BEACON) has expressed his views and emphasized the importance of the legislation for the rights of Persons with Disabilities. He also highlighted the problems faced by Persons with Disabilities in present scenario.

Mr. Abid Qayyum from (C&RM Executive LABARD)) expressed his views. He thanked CBIDN particularly Mr. Shafiq ur Rehman for inviting . He introduced his organization and its services to the audience so that they can get maximum benefit. He also assured that LABARD will fully support any such conference of CBID Network in future if they want to hold it at Lahore.

Mr. Muhammad Bilal (Sight Savers Pakistan) was invited to talk on development of synergies between SDGs and UNCRPD. He shared his views regarding the mandate of SDGs and UNCRPD. He also emphasized the importance if data collection for allocation of resources and channelization of energies. He also said that without the sincere efforts of all the stakeholders long term results cannot be achieved. Later the forum was opened for Q/A session.

Respected Member of National Assembly (MNA) Ms. Khalida Mansoor from ruling Party PML N and Ms. Nighat Shakeel from MQM assured to delegates of conference, that both of them will coordinate for achieving rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Parliament. They not only answered the questions of the participants but also noted down the suggestions and demands of the Persons with Disabilities.

### **Closing Session**

Mr. Asim Zafar conducted the closing session by inviting Dr. Sarwat Mirza (HANDS Pakistan). He acknowledged the CBID Network Pakistan and presented the work of HANDS for the rights of persons with disabilities. He ensured CBID Network of his long term collaboration for the bigger cause.

Mr. Sardar Peerzada (Media representative) expressed his views regarding the responsibilities of Media on UN Treaties and Agreements. He emphasized the importance of scientific nature of the media and its presence in today's world. He suggested all the stakeholders to gear up the efforts and take on board the media houses, radio and columnist to advocate for the rights of Persons with Disabilities.



Ms. Zahida Hameed concluded the conference by presenting the adoption of the Declaration of the conference.



Mr. Abdul Basit, the Honorable High Commissioner of Pakistan at Delhi office participated as the guest of honor towards the closing of the session and applauded the efforts of the CBID network and its associates. He distributed the shields and souvenir to the organizers of the conference. The conference was concluded with the aim to work for the rights of persons with disabilities in even more efficient, coordinated and channelized ways. The conference concluded with a group photo and the slogan of 'Pakistan Zindabad', evening tea was served.

