

## Community Based Inclusive development (CBID) Network



# CBID-N National Conference 2021

## “Inclusive National Census 2022”



The Community Based Inclusive Development Network Pakistan has organized CBID-N National Conference titled ““Inclusive National Census 2022”” on 22 November 2021 at Hotel Hill View, Islamabad.

# Executive Summary

Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Network Pakistan organized successfully CBID-N National Conference 2021 on 22 November 2021 at Hotel Hill View, Islamabad. The series of the CBID National Conference held in the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 with different themes each year since its establishment in 2011. This year theme of the conference was "Inclusive National Census 2022".

The goal of the CBIDN National Conference was to influence policy decision and actions in disability sector. Furthermore, the conference was a good opportunity to strengthen the linkage between government and Network on inclusive development. The conference will have specific aims to generate debate and seek policy decision on the following theme of: "Inclusive National Population Census 2022 --- National & Provincial Perspective".

The conference was attended by 100 delegates from all provinces/ areas of Pakistan with representation of Government, INGOs, NGO, DPOs, and institutions. The conference was designed on group work and including opening and closing sessions.

CBID Network is thankful to HANDS and Sightsavers International for its support and making it possible to hold the conference on such an important topic, CBID-N is also thankful to Sightsavers in finalization of programs, group work and sponsoring conference Folders.

## Community Based Inclusive Development Network

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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.

## **Conference Proceedings**

## Opening Session:

The conference was inaugurated by Itfaq Khaliq, Programme Manager Sightsavers as Master of Ceremony (MC) of opening session. The conference begun officially in traditional way with the recitation of the Holy Quran

**Dr. Tanveer Ahmad Chief Executive HANDS Pakistan** welcomed the honorable guests and the participants. He presented the profile of HANDS for the participants. He highlighted the integration of the network at Provincial level and the achievements of the provincial coordinators. He thanked Sightsavers for their financial and technical support to the CBID-network over the past few years.

**Mr. Asim Zafar Secretariat Coordinator CBID-N** shared Background and Objectives of the conference to the participants. Further he also shared struggle and efforts made by Secretariat in past few years to ensure the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities through legislation at federal and provincial level. He said that the advisory committee for Disability inclusion in National survey, the CBIDN members and partners such as Sight Saver, HANDS, Handicap International, CBM, and NIPS representatives were included. PBS team developed the questionnaire and training module on functional limitation & disability with technical support of the committee. CBIDN lead members was also a part of training of surveyors on the disability questionnaire at PBS regional offices across Pakistan. He highlighted that



training of trainers for 700 Surveyors were also planned for 700 Surveyors in different cities of Pakistan. The PSB has organized the sessions on disability, sensitivity related to disability data and significance of disability data in all trainings. CBIDN representatives participated in all regional trainings and conducted sessions on disability and its data sensitivity.

**Dr. Sarwat Mirza National Coordinator CBID-N** shared regarding National Disability Data in PSLM in his presentation. He shared that Community Based Inclusive Development Network (CBIDN) Pakistan has filed a petition in the Supreme Court of Pakistan for the enforcement of fundamental rights in Pakistan of the persons with disabilities. As a follow up, the Honorable Supreme Court was pleased to direct Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, by order dated 16.03.2017, to follow the directions issued by the Lahore High Court through order dated 15.03.2017 passed in Writ Petition No. 7122 of 2017 regarding collection of data in relation to the persons with disabilities in the National Census of 2017. Regrettably, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has failed to count persons with disabilities in a proper manner in census 2017. In follow up petition hearing, PBS presented option of inclusion of disability data collection in another national level survey known as Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement (PSLM) survey. This survey is conducted after every two years. It is population based and includes all districts of Pakistan. To follow the process, the Supreme Court of Pakistan formed an Advisory committee.



He also shared PSLM survey report with Data on Functional limitation and Disability that is First national data on disability prevalence and functional limitation is announced in the latest report of PSLM district level survey 2019-20. This survey depicts disability of an individual in terms of six domains as given in Washington Group of Short Questionnaire as sight, capability to hear, difficulty in self-care, difficult to move, memory problems and speaking issues. Further it is divided in age groups, rural and urban locations, and functional limitation scale. The Key findings of the report are:

- Total Persons with severe disabilities are 3.4%

- Total Persons with varying degree of functional limitations are 10.7%.
- In Punjab, data showed highest proportion of persons with disabilities as 11.47% and in Baluchistan lowest rate as 9.0%, in comparison to other provinces
- National data showed that the functional limitation and disability is found more among the age group of 40 and above i.e. ranges from 14.9 % to 55% in each specific age group. The adolescents and youth with disabilities are 4.2 %.
- It is estimated, according to this data that in Pakistan there are more than 37.0 million persons with disabilities.

**Ms. Rabia Awan Director PSLM & Sample Design Section Pakistan Federal Bureau of Statistics** shared PBS perspective on inclusion of questions on disability in National Census 2022. She explained about procedure, which is adopted in PSLM including trainings of Surveyors in different cities of Pakistan. She also shared about questionnaire for upcoming National census 2022. She appreciated all the efforts and contribution of CBID-N.



**Munazza Gillani, Country Director Sightsavers** shared current status regarding data and Case studies of disability inclusive national census of different countries. She also explain few Suggestions for effective inclusion of people with disabilities in the National census Network's opinion at the forums where people from NGOs and INGOs are taking part in decision making process. She also appreciated the work CBID Network.



**Mr. Iftaq Khaliq, Programme Manager Sightsavers** facilitated for group work regarding key questions for Census2022. Three questions on disability for national census were formulation of three questions and role of OPDs for effective inclusion of people with disabilities, awareness raising, accurate count of people with disabilities. The all participants were divided in to three group for discussion and recommendations on three different questions. After group work key recommendations were shared by the all groups.



#### **Recommendations by Group:**

- It is advised to not use "any other" as a disability type as a learning from census 1998.
- Multiple selection of disability should be used instead of more than 1.
- Level of disability and time span should be considered as some of the problems are short term. Moreover, some issues are misunderstood to be curable which creates confusion as to count it as disability or not.
- Prevalence of aging increases every year; however, census is done after 10-15 years so the gap arises which should be addressed.
- In the question developed by sightsavers ہاتھ سے کام کرنا، بولنا is missing.
- Intellectual disability should be highlighted.
- Some PWDs who use assistive aids such as spectacles, hearing aids or wheelchairs might say no to the first question.
- Along with these questions if use of assistive devices can also be made a part to map out the availability and need for future use.

**Dr. G.M Arif Member National Censes Committee** shared his closing remarks, he said this important conference very timely organized. He explained in details about questionnaire, which committee is working on it, he also acknowledge the work done by PBS and CBID Network along with its partner.

## **Closing Session**

**Mr. Iffaq Khaliq, Programme Manager Sightsavers** conducted the closing session. He shared Recommendations and Way forward for participants. He acknowledged the work and contribution of CBID Network Pakistan, Sightsavers, and HANDS for the rights of persons with disabilities. He ensured CBID Network of his long term collaboration for the bigger cause.

### **Recommendations:**

- Census figures should be closely compared with WHO figures and UN model to comment on the accuracy.
- Services mapping can be done to identify the services which are not inclusive so they can be worked upon.
- A campaign should be organized for the basic understanding of disability for community. Interpretation of disability can be communicated through media.
- Adding or highlighting the benefits received from the govt for the PWDs can encourage individuals to answer. This should be done through media campaigns before the census.
- Disability identification, eligibility determination. 2 disabilities that are not highlighted in Washington set of questionnaire is Upper body functional limitation and Social disability so this should be looked at.
- Kids with no B-forms and paralysis is usually not considered as disability, so these issues need to be addressed.



## **Way forward**

### **National Disability Data in PSLM**

- In PSLM 2019-20, it was observed that the disability prevalence level is increased by age. So, we should consider the level of difficulty faced by different age groups.
- Development organizations should be asked to make disability inclusion a part of their operations and systems, such as braille system and sign language.

### **PBS perspective on Inclusion of questions on disability in National Census 2022**

- Census 2022 will be done digitally; every house will have a geo tag. Questions will be asked to each individual.
- Incorporating Washington set of short questionnaire isn't practical at all so we can add 2 to 3 questions into the census indication the number of PWDs and their types.

### **Census 2022**

- Assuring the questions are simple, understandable and enumerators can be trained upon.
- quality of data depends on these major factors: Pretesting of questionnaire, diverse sample location, translated in local languages, cognitive testing and interpretation
- Disability activists were engaged in US and UK during the census, we will try to replicate by making them a part of the team
- Mass awareness of the significance of inclusive census, benefits and uses should be communicated through different platforms as seen in different models.
- Enumerator's training kit can be developed and shared with PBS.