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“Disability Rights Are Human Rights”

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PRESS RELEASE: Commemoration of International Day of Disabled Persons

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It has been observed with varying degrees of success around the planet. It is a global observance day celebrated every year on December 3 with a motive to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society. Nearly one billion people out of the total population i.e, 7 billion or approximately 15 per cent of the world’s population, live with some form of disability. 80 per cent of the total disabled population live in developing countries. More than 100 million disabled persons are kids. People with Disabilities (PwDs) have been affected “disproportionately” by the health, social and economic consequences of the global issues. Hence, the day is observed to raise the participation of disabled people in the sustainable development of the world. Know about the date theme history and significance of this day. The theme for International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is “Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.”

The annual observance of this day was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3 with an aim to increase awareness of the issues faced by persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. After working in the field of disability or decades, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in 2006. The CRPD advanced the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international development frameworks. The main purpose was to increase the participation of disabled people in society, end discrimination towards them, and create equal opportunities for them.

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Currently, more than 80% of the country is experiencing severe drought conditions following a third consecutive failed rainfall season. This has led to serious human suffering. Persons with disabilities in Somalia suffer more than other persons. Therefore, Somali Disability Empowerment Network (SODEN) is appealing to UN, International and National Organizations to Human Centered Design to ensure inclusiveness and participation of persons with disabilities in humanitarian aid services delivery and the Federal Government of Somalia, International Partners, and all Somali stakeholders to recognize that persons with disabilities have equal rights with other citizens and realize their participation to the humanitarian responses.

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