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Bridging the Gap II (BtG-II)

Learning Spaces (LS) 2018-2019

Webinar N.9 – Access to Health

18 April, 2019 at 3:30 pm CET Brussels Time (English session)

1 – TOPIC

Access to Health: inclusion of persons with disabilities in health services according to CRPD article 25.

2 – TARGET AUDIENCES

The webinar cycle is addressed to the three target groups of the project, namely:

1. Development practitioners (for instance: agencies, EU delegations)
2. National institutions of the partner countries of Bridging the Gap II (Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan)
3. National organisations of persons with disabilities

3 – SESSION'S CONTENT, SEQUENCE AND DURATION

Persons with disabilities (approximately 1/7 of the global population – 19% amongst female population and 12% amongst male population) are vulnerable to exclusion in accessing their right to health. They commonly face stigma and discrimination, violation of rights, lack of adequately targeted and accessible health services, exclusion in access to water and sanitation and other health determinants, and have lower income levels which can all increase their vulnerability to diseases¹.

The 2030 Agenda considers disability in five goals and seven targets, including commitments in relation to disaggregating data on disability. The emphasis on ensuring no one is excluded is crucial to the **Health Goal** “Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages” and this centrality is also evident in the inclusion of the universal health coverage target². To attain health related targets, the priority must be given to strengthening and making more equitable health systems and addressing gaps in geographical and key population groups' coverage.

¹ [IDDC contribution for the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights report on the right to health and the health related SDGs.](#)

² [Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.](#)



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The right to health is recognised in various international and regional human rights instruments. It includes both freedoms and prerogatives. Freedoms include the right to non-discrimination, the right to make decisions affecting one's health and bodily integrity, the right to free and informed consent, the right to be free from non-consensual medical treatment and experimentation and the right to be free from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Prerogatives include the right to essential primary health care and the right to access essential medicines. The right to health extends to the underlying determinants of health, such as access to safe drinking water; adequate sanitation; adequate food, nutrition and housing; healthy occupational and environmental conditions; and access to health-related education and information.

States are obliged to respect, protect and fulfil the right to health. Persons with disabilities are protected by the same general framework of the right to health as everybody else. However, the international human rights system paid little attention to their health needs until the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities shifts from medical and paternalistic approaches to disability towards a human rights-based approach, which considers persons with disabilities as rights-holders, rather than as mere recipients of protection, rehabilitation or welfare. The AAAQ framework (Availability, Accessibility, Acceptability and Quality) provides a useful framework for identifying obstacles to inclusive health care for persons with disabilities. States must ensure that health-care goods, services and facilities are available in adequate quantity (availability); are financially, geographically and physically accessible, including accessible information and communication, without discrimination (accessibility); are respectful of medical ethics, culturally appropriate and sensitive to gender and life-cycle requirements (acceptability); and scientifically and medically appropriate and of good quality (quality).

Frequently, even well-intentioned policies treat persons with disabilities as a 'target', as a passive recipient of health and personal social services. Consultation with persons with disabilities and OPDs is crucial to guarantee that policies and plans meet needs effectively. Persons with disabilities can lead active, productive, long and healthy lives. Health is a dynamic state of well-being resulting from a combination of an individual's potentials, life's demands and social and environmental determinants. Regardless of the impairment or health condition, persons with disabilities can enjoy healthy lives by identifying



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and realising their aspirations, satisfying their needs and changing or coping with the environment.

This session will provide a general overview of the health status of persons with disabilities and of different topics related to the health of persons with disabilities, including:

- Access to health according to the CRPD;
- Health care needs of persons with disabilities;
- Unmet health care needs of persons with disabilities;
- Barriers in accessing to free or affordable general and disability-specific health care services;
- Barriers in accessing to free or affordable health-related services and products;
- Human rights violations in the context of health care services;
- How the AAAQ framework can improve the health care systems.

Sequence of the session

- **Introduction to the session** 5/10 mins
- **Presentation** 40/50 mins
- **Questions & answers** 30/40 mins – Q&A plenary session – Debate

The webinar will last approximately 1.5 hours.

4 – SUGGESTED READINGS AND LEARNING MATERIAL FOR PARTICIPANTS

- 2015 Humanity & Inclusion – Advocacy briefing paper: [“Road Safety: Focus on vulnerable people”](#). *(English only)*
- 2015 CBM: [“Inclusion Made Easy in Eye Health Programs”](#). *(English only)*
- 2017 International Disability and Development Consortium – Inclusive health Task Group: [“Health workers, human rights and disability inclusion”](#). *(English only)*
- 2017 International Disability and Development Consortium – Inclusive health Task Group: [“Are we serious about leaving no one behind? Advancing on the SDGs with persons with disabilities, health and rights for all”](#). *(English only)*
- 2017 CBM: [“Ensuring Access for All”](#). *(English only)*
- 2018 United Nations: [“Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities”](#). *(English only)*



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- 2018 International Disability and Development Consortium – Inclusive health Task Group: [“Universal health coverage is impossible if persons with disabilities are left behind!”](#). (English only)
- 2018 European Commission: [“Inequalities in access to healthcare A study of national policies”](#). (English only)

5 - LEARNING OBJECTIVES (SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES)

At the end of this session, participants will be able to identify the major barriers to health services and therefore making considerations on how removing them.

The webinar training-cycle issues a Certificate of Attendance only those whom will attend at least 75% of the webinars (i.e. 9 out of 12 webinars) and respond to the evaluation survey.

6 – LANGUAGES AND SCHEDULES

The webinar will be conducted in English, French and Spanish in separate sessions:

Language	Date and time	Speaker	Moderator
English	April 18 2019 at 3:30 pm CET (Brussels Time)	Alessandra Aresu , HI US, Inclusive Health Policy Lead. IDDC Health Task Group Co-chair	Alessia Rogai , BtG-II Knowledge Management and Learning Coordinator
Spanish	April 24 2019 at 4:00pm CET (Brussels Time)	Antonio Jiménez Lara , Disability Observatory of Spain – Expert	Carmen Serrano , BtG-II Communication Officer
French	April 17 2019 at 11:30 am CET (Brussels time)	Davide Olchini , HI - Head of Prevention and Health Unit	Federico Martire , BtG-II Director

7 – REGISTRATION

To register to the English session please [click here](#).



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United Kingdom: **+44 330 221 9922**

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the webinar

Webinar ID: 895-026-531

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8 – ACCESSIBILITY

The webinar is live captioned. The link to access the captioning page will be shared together in two reminder emails (respectively 1 day and 1 hour before the session) and in the chat box at the beginning of the webinar.

To improve the visual accessibility of the online training platform GoToWebinar, we recommend to download the smartphone or tablet free application by [clicking here](#).

9 - WHAT IS BRIDGING THE GAP?

Bridging the Gap II (BtG-II) is an initiative funded by the European Union coordinated by the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) in partnership with the Spanish Agency for Development Cooperation (AECID), the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (IADC), the European Disability Forum (EDF) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC). It aims to contribute to the socio-economic inclusion, equality and non-discrimination of persons with disabilities through more inclusive and accountable institutions and policies.

Bridging the Gap is a targeted thematic response to the requirement to make development cooperation accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities, which is an obligation for the European Union (EU) and Member States as parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and which can have a significant impact in improving the social inclusion and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities.





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BtG-II supports the mainstreaming of disability in international cooperation and the efforts of five partner countries (Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan) in planning and implementing inclusive public policies and services.

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All the recordings of the previous webinars are available on our [YouTube Channel](#). You can find them in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

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