Persons with Disabilities: Two Decades of Experience প্রতিবন্ধী ব্যক্তিদের নেক্ বিকাশ না ঘটানো মা

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What is disability?

Disability is an evolving concept

Charity Model

Medical Model

Economic Model

Social Model

Human Rights Model

- recipient of care, cure or protection
- requires 'fixing or changing'
- seen as less productive
- the environment creates 'disabling' barriers
- takes universal human rights as a starting point, is a part of human diversity

None of the previous concepts were wrong for their times

Key statistics

- 1.3 billion people 16 per cent of the world's population have a disability. 80 per cent live in low and middle income countries where the climate crisis is accelerating
- It's estimated that one in five women has a disability
- People with disabilities <u>are up to four times more likely to be</u> <u>injured or killed</u> in emergencies.
- As of June 2023, approximately 3.03 million persons with disabilities have been officially registered under the DSS's Disability Information System (DIS)
- The 2010 Household Income and Expenditure Survey indicated a disability prevalence of 9.1% (~15 million people)



Legal & policy landscape for people with disabilities

The Constitution of Bangladesh

United Nations Convention on Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD)

Rights and Protection of Persons with Disabilities Act 2013

Disability Welfare Act 2001 repealed, and rights-based act enacted.

Rights and Protection of Persons with Disabilities Rules formulated in 2015

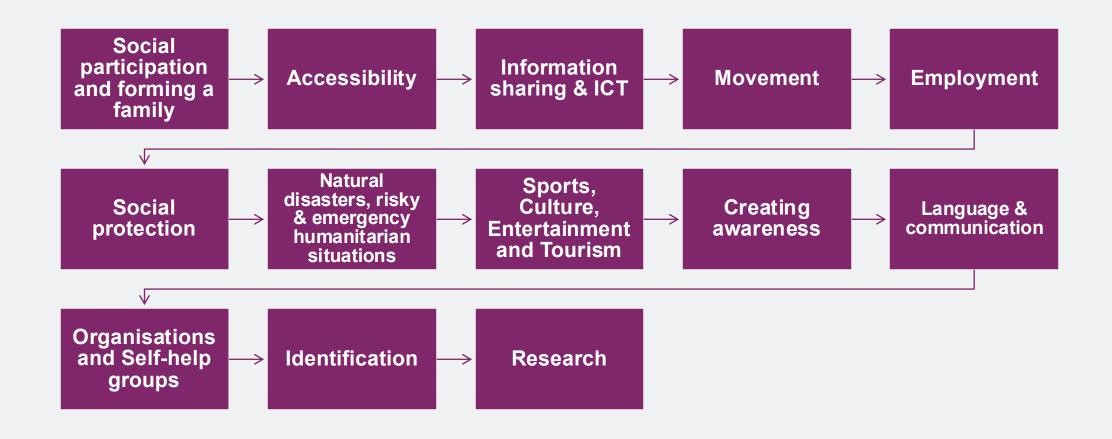
National Action Plan on Disability 2019

Sustainable Development Goals—Leave No One Behind

Commitments in the Global Disability Summits



National Action Plan on Disability





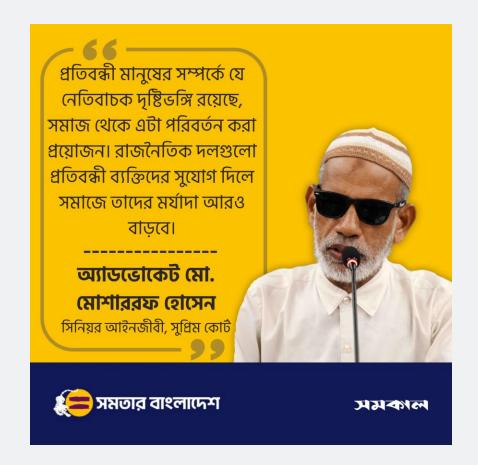
Progresses made

RPPD Act, Rules, NAP

Increased monthly allowances improving financial support.

Formation of committees and governmental focal points aimed at implementing disability rights

Expansion of disability allowances from about 100,000 beneficiaries in 2005 to over 3 million in 2025.



Gradual progress in—

Removing stigma

Inclusive education

Social protection coverage

Policymakers and duty-bearers sensitised

Accessibility needs felt

Organisational arrangement





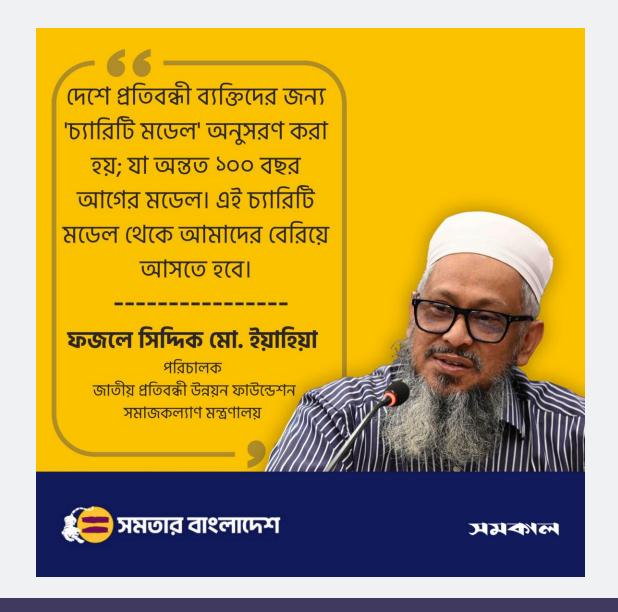
Persistent challenges

Incomplete and inconsistent implementation of laws and policies.

Lack of coordination among ministries and agencies.

Insufficient disability data for proper monitoring.

Social stigma and discrimination persist.



Specific barriers

Less-implementation of the law due to absence of accountability and transparency

OPDs and people with disabilities failed to raise a 'united voice'

Lack of awareness about the Disability Act (Govt officials, general mass etc.)

Lack of budget for the NAP implementation

Disability is often considered a business of MoSW solely

Charity/welfare and medical approach followed

Stigma and discrimination





Specific barriers

Absence of an active national platform like NFOWD

Law implementing agencies inactive and lack human resources

Responsible ministries lack coordination greatly and overlook disability issues

Understanding about disability issues is not clear to many government officials

Absence of a strong monitoring mechanism

Many other laws such as BNBC refer to disability issues, but disability overlooked

Absence of quality reporting





Specific barriers

Inadequate data and research works Despite strong media presence, media hugely lack disability sensitization & knowledge

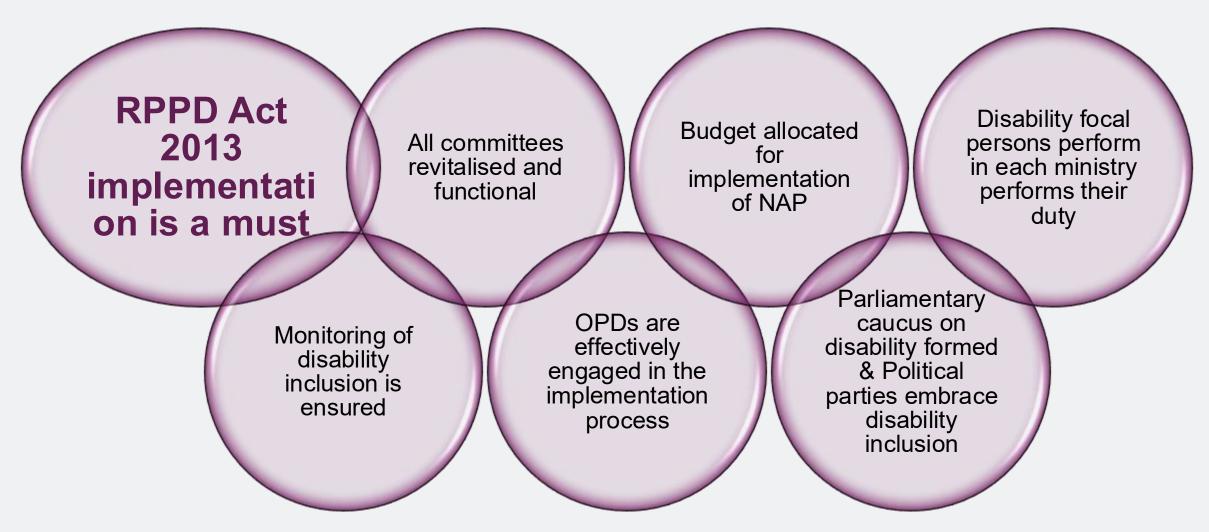
People with disabilities have little representation in political space

Most political parties haven't included disability in their election manifestos and inclusive elections

OPDs lack funds



What Bangladesh must prioritise now

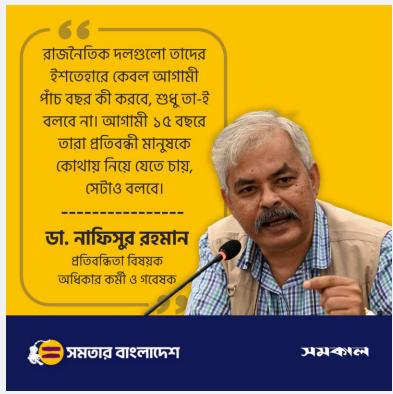






Expectations of the disability sector











Don't wait for change to happen—be the change!

Join our Somotar Bangladesh campaign and let your voice be heard in support of implementing the Rights and Protection of Persons with Disability Act.

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