



Youth Advocacy in East Africa

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Welcome Note

- ADD has been an ally of the Disability movement for the last 35 years.
- Supporting OPDs to deliver on their mandate
- In 2022 deliberate move towards shifting the power to OPDs,
- In 2023 our vision is for a world in which ableism no longer exists and disabled people can participate fully in society

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Welcome Note

- Our mission is to support **disability rights activists** and **organizations** to tackle **ableism** and advocate for disability justice through grantmaking, leadership strengthening and movement-building
- Here in Africa and Asia, we have supported the disability rights movement to take collective action; achieving significant results in policy and practice such as the ratification of the UNCRPD, national disability legislation, and greater disability inclusion in policy and development plans

So, what is ADD's new strategy?

Our new strategic direction comprises four components and can be summarised as follows:



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Welcome Note

Youth with disabilities are continuing facing major challenges

- In accessing education (under 1% 11m vs 55,758 children with disabilities)
- In securing employment
- In accessing economic opportunities
- In accessing sexual reproductive health services and training – hence subjected to GBV
- In getting opportunities to lead both within OPDs and in other mainstream organizations

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Welcome Note

- I want to thank you all for sparing time to attend the festival of Advocacy which aims at bringing the academia with practitioners.
- Special thanks to youth with disabilities who participated in putting the Bid together, Bournemouth Team, ADD Young Leaders Advisor/Coordinator and all who made this to be possible.
- To the young people I say that “Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn’t mean he lacks vision.” ..

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to Young
People with
Disability
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- ADD International has made Leadership for young people with Disabilities a core in its work because we believe that the Disability Movement to stay relevant young people with Disabilities should be supported now.
- The rights for People with Disabilities have been won due to Advocacy for decades. The Recognition of these rights have been documented since;
 - 1945 UN Charter was adopted, and key tenet was the commitment to human rights.
 - 1950 Economic and Social Council adopts resolution recognizing Disability.

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- 1960's The Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1969) affirms the fundamental freedoms and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and affirms rights for Persons with Disabilities.
- Skipped, the World Programme of Action, etc.)
- 2000's The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (2006) was adopted as an international treaty to promote, protect and ensure all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all persons with disabilities.

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- 2010 The General Assembly convenes a High-Level meeting on Disability and Development (2013) at the level of Heads of State and Governments who commits to achieving the MDGs and all internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, as well as to mainstream disability in all development efforts
- 2015 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is adopted i.e “ Leave no one behind”.

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My Ask

- Advocacy in the disability realm is the source of activism
- The struggle for our rights is the basis for advocacy.
- For people with Disabilities, there is no better world without Advocacy.

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- In East and Central Africa, countries recognize the rights of people with Disabilities through the enactment of;
 - Constitution
 - National Laws
 - Acts of Parliaments
 - Ordinances
 - Bye-laws
 - Institutional Policies
 - Organizational commitments

Where can advocacy take place

- Using the International, National, and Country laws Young People with Disabilities can amplify their advocacy voices in;
 - Education
 - Access to employment
 - Leadership
 - Political representation
 - Unfair practices
 - Health
 - Etc.
- Examples of advocates includes; Judy Huemman, Late James Mwandha, Ms. Nuru Awadh and Harun Maalim Hassan (Kenya)

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Understanding Advocacy

- It's a process/act Disability of promoting and protecting the rights of people with disabilities. Its about;
- Knowing your rights & and identifying instances of discrimination
 - It's about taking leading in upholding your rights through speaking with and writing to duty bearers to raise awareness of problems and seek a solution.
 - Its about processes aimed at changing the status quo in institutions and service delivery

Understanding Advocacy

- 4. It's about Writing submissions and lobbying government/agencies/ institutions to make changes that promote and protect the rights of people with disability
- 5. It's about campaigning for social change by speaking to the media to raise awareness and highlight situations where people with disability are treated unfairly
- 6. Etc.

Disability Rights Movement (DRM)

- DRM is a global/National social movement that seeks to secure equal opportunities and equal rights for all people with disabilities.
 - Made up of OPDs,
 - Disability Activists
 - Organizations that undress unfair treatment
 - Academia

Disability Rights Movement (DRM)

The DRM is anchored on addressing:

- Attitudinal barriers:
 - Environmental barriers
 - Institutional barriers
- DRM is premised on the human rights of people with Disabilities.

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Experience sharing from AYL



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VIDEO

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Questions and Responses

- Comment from the Young Leaders on the Video

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Conclusion

**Thank
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